

# Directory of Theta Chi Fraternity 

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## FRATERNITY AWARDS

 Present holder of Reginald Colley Memorial Trophy for Most Outstanding Active of 1930-1931 Ronald Johnson, Sigma, Oregon State College
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ACTIVE CHAPTERS
 Beta, Massachusetts Institute of Technology Gamma, University of Maine__............................................................................................ Maine Delta, Rensselear Polytechnic Institute_........................................................................... Troy, New York Epsilon, Worcester Polytechnic Institute......................................... Salisbury Street, Worcester, Mass.


 Iota, Colgate University
 Lambda, Cornell University _............................................................. Stewart Ave., Ithaca, New York Mu, University of California_......................................................... Conte Avenue, Berkeley, Califronia


 Pi, Dickinson College.
Rho, University of Illinois_
505 Chalmers Street, Champaign, Illinois
Sigma, Oregon State College
361 North 26th Street. Corvallis, Oregon
Tau, University of Florida_
1001 W. University Avenue, Gainesville, Fla,
Upsilon, New York University_........................................................... 12th Street, New York City
Phi, North Dakota Agricultural College_................... 1037 Thirteenth Street Nort, 507 Auburn, Alabama


Omega, Pennsylvania State College.-.
Alpha Beta, University of Pittsburgh_
Alpha Gamma, University of Michigan.
Alpha Delta, Purdue University
Alpha Epsilon, Leland Stanford Jr. University
Alpha Zeta, University of Rochester
Alpha Eta, University of North Carolina
Alpha Theta, Dartmouth College
Alpha Iota, Indiana University
Alpha Kappa, West Virginia University
Alpha Lambda, Ohio State University-
Alpha Mu, Iowa State College.
Alpha Nu , Georgia School of Technology
Alpha Xi, University of Delaware.
Alpha Omicron, State College of Washington_
Alpha Pi , University of Minnesota.
Alpha Rho, University of Washington-
Alpha Sigma, University of Oregon.
Alpha Tau, Ohio University
Alpha Upsilon, University of Nebrazka
Alpha Phi, University of Alabama-
Alpha Chi, Syracuse University
Alpha Psi, University of Maryland
Alpha Omega. Lafayette College.
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75th Anniversary Convention on the steps of Convention Hall, the Armory of Norwich University, Northfeld, Vermont, August 28 ,
19s1. They came from the East, the West, the North, and the South to pay tribute to Frederick Norton Freeman and Arthur Chase,
the Founders, to the pioneer engineering university that gave Theta Chi birth, and to Alpha, the mother of forty-seven chapters.

## THE RATTLE of THETA CHI

## Theta Chi Fraternity Observes 75th Anniversary By Most Unique Convention in Fraternity History

Seventy-five Years. Three-quarters of a century. When a college fraternity has proved its right to exist for that period because of a fine service to college youth it is fitting that the event should be appropriately observed, and that is exactly what the 75th anniversary convention did. Through it Theta Chi Fraternity paid beautiful tribute to the pioneer institution of learning that gave it birth, to the two young cadets who were its founders, and to Alpha Chapter, which through the years has carried on steadily, wisely, honorably, that forty-seven other chapters might share its notable heritage.

What seemed the impossible became pos-
sible in carrying out the most complicated convention program in Theta Chi's history because of the vision of those who did the planning, the efficiency of the various committeemen who carried out the plans, and the earnest loyalty of Alpha Chapter undergraduates who forfeited a week or more of their vacation in order to execute the requests of the committeemen, doing even the manual labor that was essential in order that the three hundred and more persons attending the convention might be comfortably and suitably cared for. Record Number Assisted
Never before have so many individuals and organizations not connected with the


Alpha Chapter, Official Hosts to Theta Chi's 75th Convention
fraternity contributed to the pleasure and success of a Theta Chi convention, and it is doubtful if as many have to any college fraternity convention. Two governors, two Episcopal bishops, an eminent portrait painter, the nearest relatives of the two founders, a university, a fraternity rival of 74 years, the editors of two newspapers, the officials of three communities, the motorcycle police of two states, the Chamber of Commerce and service clubs of Claremont, the American Legion organizations of two communities, theatre managers, granite companies, two country clubs, the $\mathbf{R}$. O. T. C. of Norwich University, and the business men of three communities all gave of their time, energy, talent, and equipment that the convention might be a successful event.

Theta Chi's 75th anniversary convention has perhaps the greatest claim to uniqueness in the history of conventions of Greekletter organizations. In the first place it was held in a village of fewer than two thousand inhabitants, which does not pos-


Present Home of Alpha
sess a hotel. Delegates and members were housed in barracks and fed in a mess hall. Reveille was sounded each morning at 6 o'clock, even if no one got up except the Alpha undergraduates, accustomed to military life. Business sessions were held in an armory-gymnasium, which proved not only well equipped with a suitable convention hall and organization rooms, but was beautiful as well with its handsome velvet curtained stage.

## Unveiled Six Memorials

Despite the seeming limitations of a small village there was a plentiful supply of attractive young women modishly dressed for the cabaret dance that followed the Thursday evening smoker. There were items on the program, such as a corn roast and a clambake, which were new experiences to many participants. The program events covered a circuit of six cities divided between two states, necessitating the employment of a special train and fleets of busses and private automobiles in three different places. One monument and three
memorial plaques were unveiled in as many different places with suitable ceremonies, as well as two oil portraits, all by descendants of the men honored. The attendance trophy was won by the host chapter, due to the numbers of alumni and actives who came from distances to attend the anniversary convention.
"The lure of New England," as described by the able publicity committee, together with the cordial invitations issued by Alpha Chapter at Norwich and Alpha Theta Chapter at Dartmouth, was intriguing, and, as a result, delegates and visitors started arriving Monday and Tuesday, although Thursday forenoon was the official time for the registration to open. Ideal weather greeted the early arrivals, brilliant sunshine, clear skies, and bracing air, and at night an atmosphere that demanded heavy blankets for comfort.

Thursday afternoon brought rain, but the weather man redeemed himself Friday, only to have a relapse of bad judgment Saturday forenoon. Sunday was again perfect.

Despite its small size, there was no doubt that Northfield was the convention city. Across every highway leading into Northfield were hung cloth banners in red and white, bearing welcoming greetings and the names of the forty-seven visiting chapters. The business section streets were lined with American flags on standards, and numerous private residences were decorated with flags. Practically all business places had arranged suitable window displays, all having a welcoming note to Theta Chi. Neatly printed signs aided arrivals to find their way to convention headquarters. Every incoming train was met by a reception committee.

Convention Program Lively
The moment registration was completed the conventionite was plunged into a lively program of activities. Excellent riding horses were provided, and in charge of competent guides, groups cantered off to jaunts so numerous around Northfield. There was a sporty golf course available for the devotees of the Scotch pastime. Tents had been erected near an inviting swimming pool to provide an opportunity for bathers to change their attire. The Alpha Chapter's first class court attracted racquet weilders. The armory itself offered sport in the way of target shooting and handball.

Evening brought added pleasures. There was "mess call," those registering eating in two divisions in the well appointed mess hall of Norwich University. The smoker in the evening opened with a cheery greeting from the Hon. Stanley C. Wilson, governor of Vermont, who officially welcomed the fraternity to the state of its birth. He was introduced by George Vietheer, president of Alpha Chapter, who presided throughout the program.

Governor Wilson stressed in his welcome


Governor Stanley C. Wilson

the genuineness and the friendliness of the people of Vermont and gave a most positive demonstration of those characteristics in his own attitude toward the convention. The response to his address was expreased with equal sincerity by National President Frederick W. Ladue.

Told of Alpha's Early Days
Glimpses of the infuence of Alpha Chapter throughout the years, of its present needs and hopes, and of its struggles through the lean years of Norwich University were given successively by Dr. Robert L. Irish, '89, Dr. John H. Judkins, '90, and James M. Holland, '83. Dr. Irish dealt on the significance of the fraternity, his talk reflecting the loyalty, the enthusiasm, and the strong idealism which have made him worthy of the title "the Grand Old Man of Theta Chi." Dr. Judkins told how persistent efforts against handicaps gave Alpha Chapter a home years ago and made possible the purchase of a fine large building lot for a more suitable and adequate structure. He expressed the hope that when Alpha built, the fraternity as a whole would participate so that the house would be truly a memorial to the men who gave Theta Chi Fraternity life. Brother Holland, who shared with Fred S. Parker, '84, the distinction of being the oldest member present, told of the days when he was the only active in the chapter and of the initiation which brought Judge Phil S. Randall, '86, and Col. Henry B. Hersey, '85, into membership, thereby starting the upbuilding of the chapter, which from that time was never threatened with extinction.

Other speakers included Convention Chairman Harry W. Steere, Professor Charles B. Woodbury of Norwich University, and George Starr Lasher, editor-inchief of The Rattle.

Then followed proof that Theta Chi Fraternity does not need to employ professional entertainers, for the maritime sketch furnished by Dr. Ignatius Agaga and Dr. Homer Zilch and their director took its place among the unforgettable features. Williard V. Merrihue, Pennsylvania, '25, Fred McChesney, Colgate, '18, and Robert Muller, Pennsylvania, 27 , are sure of repeated engagements on Theta Chi programs.

## Girls+Music=Good Time

The floor space in the armory is great, permitting one-half to be used for the smoker, while the other half, separated by heavy curtains had been transformed into a ballroom, a canopy of vari-colored paper ribbons giving a decidedly festive appearance. Small tables around the sides of the hall permitted a cabaret effect to be carried out. And when the final number of the smoker program was concluded, the conventionites adjourned through the curtains to the ballroom to find seated at the tabies "a bevy of beautiful young ladies attired in the height of fashion," to quote a village society editor. Anyway, Kenneth Thomas, president of Alpha Chapter of last year, proved that Northfield and adjoining communities, together with nearby girls' camps could supply most desirable dance partners. There was dance music of the modern variety furnished by a popular orchestra, cabaret stunts of the usual type, welcome refreshments, and a general spirit of joyousness usually found when youth is interested in having a wholesome good time. "Taps," as usual on such occasions, came all too soon.

Not the least of the attractive features of the convention was "life in the barracks," the delegates and other conventionites being housed in the university halls, which, while comfortable, permitted a greater degree of informality than hotel accommodations and thereby aided in the development of acquaintanceships. The state of Vermont had been ransacked to provide an adequate supply of bed linen for the registrants, but like all other of the numerous problems which were inevitable in holding a convention in a small village, it was auccessfully solved by the committee.

Found Time for Business
Friday was devoted largely to business sessions, a record for recent years being established by having all reports, legislation, and the election of officers taken care of in two sessions, final adjournment being voted shortly after five o'clock. There was practically no legislation of outstanding importance scheduled for convention consideration. Following a report on the survey of finances of active chapters, authorized by the 74th convention, the convention


Dr. Robert L. Irish
voted to instruct the National Council to employ a man as traveling secretary who could qualify as an auditor and have him devote his time to checking closely the finances of chapters which need attention and devise a system for financial supervision of all active chapters and building corporations. Under this plan, the usual work of the traveling secretary will be suspended for a year.

It was unanimously voted to continue the annual conventions of the fraternity. The National Council was authorized to publish an attractively bound booklet containing exterior and interjor views of all Theta Chi chapter houses. Alfred H. Aldridge, Pi, '12, was elected to succeed himself as a member of the National Board of Trustees. Two amendments were passed by the convention and will be referred to the active chapters for final vote. Both deal with the National Endowment Fund. The first would place in that fund all life subscriptions to The Rattle heretofore or hereafter received, as well as national initiation fees and other contributions to it. The second would permit the National Board of Trustees by unanimous vote to use part of the Endowment Fund to protect Theta Chi Fraternity and its constituent chapters in case the National Council by unanimous vote should declare an emergency exists in the affairs of any active chapter.

Dr. Irish Gives Valedictory
An amendment preventing members of the National Council from being elected or appointed to succeed themselves if they have served three consecutive terms immediately preceding such election or appointment failed to secure the necessary two-
thirds vote. Other defeated legislation included an amendment that would have permitted expansion into Canada.

Even the business sessions, in harmony with the convention as a whole, had their moments, which aroused the deepest feelings. Not soon will those present Friday forenoon forget Robert L. Irish's valedictory as he withdrew his name as a nominee for the National Council, after having completed twenty years of splendid service on that body. In a voice that revealed his deep feeling he affirmed his loyalty to the fraternity, declaring "It has been esteemed a happy privilege to have served the fraternity for twenty years as a member of the National Council," and then he told why at the convention held at his home chapter, "the realization of the dream of a lifetime," he wanted to end that official relationship. As he took his seat with the statement, "I ask you from my very heart to eliminate me as a candidate," the delegates rose in spontaneous tribute, the applause developing into an ovation that lasted for several minutes, expressing appreciation for the one who has become so definitely "The Grand Old Man of Theta Chi." The act of self abnegation, for his re-election was assured, so indicative of the spirit of the man who has been an inspiration to the entire fraternity through his intense devotion, served as a benediction to the first session of the convention.

Officers Elected
Theodore Christianson, Minnesota, '06, ex-governor of Minnesota and vice president of the 0. B. McClintock Company, manufacturers at Minneapolis, and William W. Drummey, M. I. T., '16, architect of the firm of W. W. Drummey, Inc., of Boston, first alumnus adviser of Beta Chapter and president of the National Board of Trustees, were elected for the first time to the National Council, while George V. Catuna, Rensselear, '13, was re-elected to begin his sixteenth year and George Starr Lasher, Michigan, '11, to begin his fourth year on the National Council. The latter was elected national president and Governor Christianson national vice president.

Following the elections, National President Lasher, National Vice President Christianson, and William W. Drummey briefly addressed the convention.

Just previous to the election, National Chaplain Frank H. Schrenk announced that he would retire next year, when he will have completed his thirteenth year on the National Council.

A rising vote of thanks, accompanied by emphatic applause, was given Chairman Harry W. Steere and his convention committee for their exceptional work in making the anniversary convention not only possible, but such a pronounced success.

It was shortly after five o'clock when the business session of the convention was adjourned, permitting brief meetings of the National Board of Trustees, the National

G. C. Vietheer, Alpha's President

Council, and the alumnus advisers, as well as mess call before the Friday evening program, which was featured by the exemplification of the second and third degrees by a degree team made up of delegates from various chapters, headed by George Vietheer, president of Alpha.

## Real Initiation a Feature

The candidate who became a Theta Chi at the convention was appropriately a charter member of Delta Mu Sigma, the local at the University of California at Los Angeles, which since Founders' Day last April is Beta Alpha, Theta Chi's forty-eighth chapter. He is A. Kenneth McCartney, now Beta Alpha, '30, who is director of Boy Scout activities in Portland, Maine.

Then followed the awarding of various trophies, and the unveiling of the Charles Dole plaque, events which aroused much interest and were enjoyed by women visitors. Frederick W. Ladue, retiring national president, presided, and appropriately introduced those who participated.

In presenting the beautiful Sidney Ann Gilpin Lewis Trophy, the gift at the 74th convention of James Gilpin Lewis, Delaware, ' 12 , then national vice president, Captain Francis M. Van Natter, Illinois, '16, told what he declared to be "the most beautiful story in Theta Chi." He related how when the members of Upsilon Chapter at New York University were told by Dr. Robert L. Irish that the little daughter of Brother Lewis lay in a hospital dangerously ill and that the only hope for her life was a blood transfusion, every one of those members hurried to the hospital to offer his blood to save a fraternity brother's child. Despite the desired supply of blood, human medical skill was not able to save the little girl, but her father desired to rec-
ognize the expression of fraternal interest, and so, as Captain Van Natter insisted, the active chapter making the most marked progress each year will be given the custody not of a trophy, but a memorial. The first chapter to be so honored is Alpha Zets at the University of Rochester, which, despite the handicap of carrying on without a chapter house due to its building program, advanced from a $D$ to a $B$ rating among the chapters of the fraternity.

The Reginald F. Colley Trophy, given each year into the custody of the chapter which numbers among its membership the active who is considered by the National Council the outstanding active among Theta Chis, was presented by National Chaplain Frank H. Schrenk to the representative of Sigma Chapter, Oregon State College, because of the splendid record of Ronald Johnson, '31.

Theta Chi has established a remarkable record among fraternities in the securing of co-operation of active chapters with its Executive Office. This year eight chapters had a perfect score and so on the Judge W. R. Bayes Phi Delta Theta Trophy will be engraved the names of Alpha, Beta, Zeta, Iota, Sigma, Omega, Alpha Gamma, and Alpha Sigma. As National Treasurer George V. Catuna pointed out in announcing the chapters honored, while the total number of chapters acoring 1000 per cent was smaller, the general scoring average throughout the entire list of chapters was higher.

The Dartmouth chapter of Theta Chi was awarded the Leland Scholarship Trophy in accordance with an announcement last spring.

Presents Replica of Founders' Badge
Retiring National President Frederick W. Ladue presented to each of the past national presidents present, Dr. Robert L. Irish, George V. Catuna, and Frank H. Schrenk, solid gold replicas of the Theta Chi badge of Arthur Chase, one of the co-founders, and announced that he had had similar badges made for the past national presidents who were not present. He then stated that it had been the custom for the original founder's badge to be passed on by the retiring national president to his successor, but, feeling that it was unwise to remove this treasure from the fraternity safety deposit vault, he was inaugurating the custom of presenting a replica to his successor. This he bestowed upon George Starr Lasher with a most gracious tribute.

Something new in the way of convention contests was the rifle competition, which furnished an unusual test of skill. That it was popular is proved by the fact that 14,500 rounds of ammunition were used. Gerald J. Ganser, Iowa State, 29 , made the remarkable score of 298 out of a possible 300 and was given the trophy by Convention Chairman Harry W. Steere despite the fact that the score was equaled by George $P$. Lovell, Alpha, '99, of Bellow Falls, Ver-
mont, who was disqualified because of being a member of the host chapter. He is 55 years young, which makes his marksmanship more notable.

## Charles Dole Honored

Concluding the program was the unveiling of the beautiful plague in memory of Charles Dole, savior of Norwich University in the lean years of the eighties and hence savior of Theta Chi Fraternity. Horace A. Clifford, Norwich, ${ }^{77}$, the oldest Theta Chi


Charles Dole, '69
at the convention, presented in the name of the fraternity the plaque to Alpha Chapter, paying a fitting tribute as he did to the man who while serving as vice president of Norwich University sacrificed his personal fortune to keep the institution alive. He said:
"In looking back over a period of seventyfive years since our fraternity was founded by Freeman and Chase, there is one whose memory more than any other aside from them should be honored and to whose untiring zeal and efforts we are indebted for our preservation and existence.
"In the dark days of Norwich University with which our fraternity has always been closely identified, there came a time in 1873 and 1874 when the very existence of both was threatened.
"lt was at that time that Charles Dole of the class of 1869 , out of his great love for his alma mater and his fraternity, came to the rescue, and, putting aside all other hopes and ambitions, gave his time, talents, and finances towards the upbuilding of the university.
"Knowing him as I did, I have always felt he had in mind at that time as well the
saving of our fraternity for future generations. In this I think our older brothers who knew him will agree, and it is a great pleasure to see a number of them here.
"Again in 1880 when our active membership was reduced to one, he put his shoulder to the wheel and assisted Brother Holland in starting it on its upward march from which it has never turned back.
"Coming here today and seeing the many beautiful buildings and improvements and the progress made in the University and our fraternity since the dark days in which he had so important a part, I cannot help but feel glad he was spared long enough to see and appreciate the results of his labor and sacrifices.
"We are fortunate in having had him as a brother as he at all times exemplified the true spirit of our fraternity.
"It seems fitting that at this time we as a fraternity should show in some permanent way our appreciation of what he has done for us.
"With this thought in mind the National Council has had made a plaque for presentation to the Alpha Chapter to be given a prominent place by them in their chapter house that it may be an inspiration to all those who see it to have the same high ideals and love for their fraternity that he did. At their request I take pleasure in presenting this to his son, Charles Paul Dole, for final transfer to Alpha Chapter."

The plaque was received by Charles Dole, Jr., one of the sons of Professor Dole, who spoke feelingly of his father and his father's interest in the fraternity, referring to him as "the first of seventeen," as there are seventeen members of the Dole family who are members of Theta Chi Fraternity. He gave the key to his father's character when he said, "Whatever he did for Norwich University was done without thought of possible future praise."

The seven-year-old grand-nephew of Professor Dole, Malcolm Dole, himself the son of a Theta Chi, unveiled the heavy bronze plaque, which some day will find its place in the new chapter house of Alpha. On it is inscribed the following:

In fraternal memory of Charles Dole, Alpha, '69, October 22, 1843, November 5, 1928. His life exemplified the power
of an ideal. Norwich University and
Theta Chi are the better for his having
lived.
The singing of "It Is to Thee, Dear Old Thets Chi' closed another impressive program, one that also made those present more conscious of the ideals of the organization, and how those ideals have found and are finding expression.

## ALUMNI HOLD DINNER

The annual dinner of the Alpha Epsilon Chapter Alumni Association was held April 18, at the Cliff Hotel. It was announced at the dinner that the Association has a present capital of $\$ 8,400$.

## Theta Cbi Marks the Place of Its Founding

 $\rightarrow$AGAINST a leaden sky stood a shaft of the finest Vermont granite shrouded with white cloth, the folds of which were gathered at the top with a ribbon of military red. At one side was the simple, dignified Episcopal church, on the other a large level field, once the proud parade ground of Norwich University, the first civic-military institution of the United States, even in its early days recognized as a peer of West Point. In the rear and somewhat to the left was a clump of trees, around whose roots are found today the foundation stones and bricks of Old South Barracks, the actual birthplace of Theta Chi Fraternity. Still further to the left and also facing the former parade ground was the village schoolhouse, built on the site of the North Barracks, the building which housed the chapter room of this pioneer Praternity at the time Old South Barracks burned to the ground. This fire resulted in the removal of Norwich University to

Northfield from Norwich, where it had been established in 1819 by Captain Alden Partridge as the American Literary, Scientific, and Military Academy, the pioneer engineering college of this country, antedating all others by at least eight years.

Here in this small typical New England village by the quiet banks of the Connecticut River came the three hundred Theta Chis making a pilgrimage in honor of the men and the institution that gave their fraternity life. In a roped-off enclosure were placed chairs for the representatives of the families of Frederick Norton Freeman and Arthur Chase, the founders, for officials of the fraternity, for honored guests, including the sister of the late Rear Admiral George Albert Converse, Alpha, '61, Miss Elizabeth Converse, who in deeding land to the Episcopal diocese of Vermont made provision for the permanent care of the site of the Theta Chi Monument. Around the ropes were crowded


Inscription on the Theta Chi Monument, Norwich, Vermont
those attending the convention and residents of Norwich and Hanover, New Hampshire. At the right were active delegates of the forty-eight Theta Chi chapters, ranged in the order of chapter instaliation.

After the invocation by National Chaplain Frank H. Schrenk, Frederick W. Ladue, retiring national president, stated effectively the purpose of the pilgrimage and introduced Captain Francis M. Van Natter, Illinois, '16, who gave the inspiring dedicatory address printed elsewhere in this issue. It was Captain Van Natter who first suggested erecting a suitable memorial for dedication at the 75th anniversary convention.

Then as a representative of the National Council, Dr. Robert L. Irish placed in the vault of the monument a copper chest containing historical records, articles sent by the forty-eight active chapters, and the list of more than a thousand Theta Chis whose voluntary contributions made the monument possible. Using a trowel, designed for the occasion, he applied the first mortar. Each of the active delegates followed his example, a specially designed trowel being used by each, these trowels being retained by the delegates so that they may be included in the historical relics of the active chapters.

After the representative of Beta Alpha Chapter, the last of the forty-eight, had added his mortar to the sealing of the chest, Miss Elizabeth Converse Colt, granddaughter of Rear Admiral Converse, pulled the silken ribbon revealing the beautifully proportioned monument cut from the finest of Vermont granite. On its face had been chiseled the crest of Theta Chi Fraternity and beneath the crest these words:

On a site 200 feet northwest of this
monument in the Old South Barracks
of Norwich University, Frederick
Norton Freeman, '57, and Arthur
Chase, '56, founded Theta Chi Frater-
nity at 9.p. m., April 10, 1856.
In fitting words, the Right Reverend Samuel B. Booth, bishop of the Episcopal diocese of Vermont, accepted the monument and pledged the diocese to its proper care.

After the singing of "It Is to Thee, Dear Old Theta Chi," the Right Reverend John Thompson Dallas, bishop of the Episcopal diocese of New Hampshire, pronounced the benediction.

Thus Theta Chi Fraternity marked, presumably for all time, the place of its founding.

## FURNISH LIBRARY

Through the combined efforts of parents, alumni, and actives, the construction and furnishings of the new card room and library at Alpha Epsilon Chapter, Leland Stanford, have been completed. The room is furnished with attractive drapes, new furniture, linoleum, the Freeman-Chase Memorial Library, and a collection of chapter trophies.

## Given Highest Honor

President of his chapter, which under his leadership won the campus championship in intramural athletics and at the same time maintained its position in the upper fourth of fraternity scholarship standings;


Roland L. Johnson president of the Memorial Union at Oregon State College; lieutenant colonel, ranking cadet officer in the $R$. $O$. T. C.; prominent in class activities; winner of varsity letters in track; recognized by his own chapter as "the most valuable man to the chapter in the past year," Ronald L. Johnson, '31, was given the highest recognition accorded by the National Council when he was named "the outstanding Theta Chi under graduate of 1930-1931." As a result, the Reginald F. Colley Memorial Trophy, presented by Frederick W. Ladue several years ago, will be given into the custody of Sigma Chapter for the ensuing year.

Despite the extremely active role Ronald Johnson played in campus affairs, covering a wide range of activities, he met his obligation to his fraternity chapter fully, giving to the group a leadership that enabled it to win added recognition. Before his election to the presidency, he had served as chapter marshall. In both offices he contributed to the success of the chapter.

Besides the activities previously noted, his record includes the following: third vice president, Student Body; Election Board; junior class finance cominttee; senior class gift committee; Minor "O" Association, secretary and president; Varsity "O" Association; Interfraternity Council; cross country; student member Memorial Union Board of Governors; chairman Noise Parade; chairman Military Ball programs committee; Sigma Delta Psi; Scabbard and Blade; Sigma Alpha; Industrial Arts Club.

## MODELS IN SNOW

During the Winter Carnival party at Colgate University, Theta Chi won the cup for the best modelling creation in snow. The display was in the hands of Edwin Prondecki, '33, and consisted of five snow dogs and a snow sled against a background of colored spotlights. The cup is annually offered by Gorgon's Head, campus honorary.

# Captain Francis M. VanNatter, World War Hero, Dedicates for Theta Chi Its Founders' Memorial 

Guests and Brothers in Theta Chi:
We have met here today to mark the site of the founding of Theta Chi Fraternity. It is most fitting that, in a large measure, the preserving of this site was made possible through the kindness and generosity of Miss Elizabeth Converse, sister of our late and honored brother, Rear Admiral George Albert Converse. Miss Converse, ten thousand Theta Chis appreciate and thank you for your generous act.

Seventy-five years have passed since Theta Chi Fraternity was founded here in the old South Barracks of Norwich University, 9 p. m. April 10 , 1856. A period of seventy-five years is only five years longer than the Biblical allotment of a man's span of life. No period throughout the ages has been more fraught with scientific achievements than the last three quarters of a century. When Frederick Norton Freeman, Alpha, '67, Arthur Chase, Alpha, '56, and Egbert Phelps, designer of the Theta Chi badge, labored over the fraternalistic plan of Theta Chi, mankind for many decades had regarded the candle as a comfortable means of illumination. Horse-drawn carriages and wind-propelled vessels were the common means of transportation. The world was well-nigh an unexplored area. It had been so since creation.

During the past seventy-five years man has harnessed electricity. That made possible the incandescent light, the automobile, the airplane, the telephone, the radio, each of which has helped to bring far-off people close together, has reduced vast distances, has illuminated dark corners. With the


Francis M. Van Natter, Illinois, '16
coming of steel, finger-like skyscrapers arose where mounds of wood, brick, and stone once existed. Presently the phonograph began recording man's voice and the moving picture his gestures so that the inhabitants of the earth found themselves not in an unknown world, but in an interesting neighborhood.
Standing on the very threshold of this phenomenal era, Frederick Norton Freeman and Arthur Chase wrought not in material things but rather in idealism. They sought to spread abroad throughout the land the highest ideals of honor, charity, tolerance, and patriotism. So well they performed their task that the Theta Chi ritual has come down to us practically untouched by later hands. Freeman and Chase saw beyond the horizon of time; they founded an enduring brotherhood.

These ruins of the Old South Barracks here in this village are the fountainhead of Theta Chi Fraternity. Here the spirits of the Foundcrs eternally hover. Here Alpha, the mother chapter, underwent hardships, sorrows, and discouragements known only to pioneers. Here the bonds of Greek-letter fraternalism were strengthened, the Theta Chi plan of brotherhood quickened. It is significant that even though Theta Chi's birthplace is now a plot of scattered bricks, the spirit to build is manifested on college campuses from Maine to California, from Washington and Oregon to Florida by forty of Theta Chi's forty-eight chapters owning their own homes. It would appear that the same fire which here destroyed our fraternity's birth-
place fused so thoroughly the brotherhood's principles of tenacity and continuity that Theta Chi, since its beginning, has enjoyed uniqueness in an unbroken chapter chain.

The motto of Theta Chi Fraternity is "Alma Mater first, and Theta Chi for Alma Mater." The inspiration for these words of unconditional loyalty springs from the loins of distinguished old Norwich University. It teaches the lessons of both war and peace. There are now American citizens who would have America forget the lessons of war, do anything except face the possibilities of war. They would totally disarm America and make her a prey to the greed of all the world. There are other American citizens who, having experienced the horrors of war and the blessings of peace, thank God for such institutions as Norwich. Theta Chi Fraternity is fortunate in having been founded and nurtured at Norwich University.

Since 1856, ten thousand college men have reverently pronounced the names of Freeman and Chase. They have turned their eyes toward this Vermont shrine to which we are making a pilgrimage.

Grouped roundabout are delegates who have journeyed from the Pacific Coast, the

Middle West, the South, the East to do homage to a fraternal ideal conceived and furthered by two sons of New England. The hopes of these two sons lay beyond the grave. They hearkened to the advice: "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth." They quailed not from the inevitable moment when the "doors shall be shut in the streets, when the sound of the grinding is low . . because man goeth to his long home." To Freeman and Chase the silver cord has been loosed, the pitcher broken at the fountain, the wheel broken at the cistern. Their dust has returned to the God who gave it, but their spirits forever live on this site, are constantly felt in the uttermost parts of America promoting those highest of ideals, honor, charity, tolerance, and patriotism.

Because these two New England sons understood the fraility of man, they prepared for us a guide to our feet and a lamp to our path; they painted for us in everlasting truth the beauties of a life spent in communion with the Almighty. It is proper we here now pay humble tribute to Freeman and Chase by marking with granite and bronze this site where they founded Theta Chi Fraternity.

## Guest List Includes Many Notables

Theta Chi's guest list for the anniversary convention was not only the longest in the history of conventions, but it contained most distinguished names, adding importance to the occasion. The list follows:

Cabaret dance, Thursday evening: Governor and Mrs. Stanley Wilson; General and Mrs. H. T. Johnson, Colonel and Mrs. Campbell, of the Governor's Staff of Vermont; Colonel Ernest W. Gibson, Sr., U. S. Congressman, Alpha, '95; Colonel and Mrs. Charles Plumley, the former the president of Norwich University; Mr. and Mrs. MacMinn, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Edgerton, representatives of Alpha Sigma Pi of Sigma Alpha Epsilon; Major and Mrs. Tully, Colonel and Mrs. Roberts, Captain and Mra. Parker, Captain and Mra. Dodge, Captain and Mrs. Selby, all United States Army stationed at Norwich University; Professor and Mrs. Spencer, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Hartwell, Mr. and Mrs. Boudreau and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Scholl, Mr. and Mrs. Boswell, all of Norwich University; Mr. and Mrs. John Mazuzan, the former the editor of the Northfield News.

Saturday: The Right Reverend S. $\mathbf{B}$. Booth, bishop of Vermont Episcopal Diocese; The Right Reverend John T. Dallas, bishop of the New Hampshire Episcopal Diocese; Miss Elizabeth Converse, donor of site for memorial in Norwich, Vt., sister of the late Rear Admiral George Converse of Alpha Chapter, in whose memory the site was presented; Miss Edith Converse Colt,
who unveiled the monument, a granddaughter of Rear Admiral Converse; Board of Selectmen, Norwich, Vermont.

Miss Blanche Daniels, Plainfield, New Hampshire, descendant of Frederick Norton Freeman's grandfather, Benjamin Freeman; Mr. and Mrs. J. Willard Whitney, the latter a sister of Miss Daniels, and children, Mary and John; the Rev. Arthur Chase, son of Founder Arthur Chase, and his daughters Eleanor Carlton Chase and Alice Elizabeth Chase, from Ware, Massachusetts; Miss Alice Chase, of Ware, daughter of co-founder Arthur Chase; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Chase, the former a son of Founder Arthur Chase, and daughters, Alice Arnold Chase and Margaret Chase, of Bristol, Connecticut; Professor Eugene Chase, a member of Alpha Omega Chapter at Lafayette College and grandson of Arthur Chase.

Councilor MacInnis, representative of Governor John G. Winant of New Hampshire, and of his council; Mr. Howard I. Ball, chairman of Claremont Chamber of Commerce; the Rev. L. Chase, as representative of Claremont Board of Selectman and the community, rector at the church formerly held by Bishop Chase, father of Founder Arthur Chase; Mr. and Mrs. William S. Langdon, the former the editor of the Claremont Daily Eagle; Mr. Glenn Merrill and family, of Norwich, Vermont; Mr. Paul King, Sr., artist and donor of the oil portraits of Freeman and Chase; Mr. and Mrs. Paul King, Jr.

# Traditional Banquet Is a Fitting Climax To Theta Chi's Memorable 75th Convention 

By Willard V. Merrihue, Penneylvania, '25

$\mathrm{T}^{\mathrm{o}}$BARRE they came - hundreds of them-men of Theta Chi with their wives, sweethearts, and guests, for that memorable banquet that brought to a glorious climax "the convention that couldn't be missed."
Saturday at 8:30 p. m. by the Barre town clock, the huge gathering was assembled in Quarry Bank Hall-speakers to the front, brothers to the right, guests to the left, and an orchestra to the rear.
Dinner over, Frederick W. Ladue, a toastmaster of real ability, called upon the "Three Doctors from Schenectady," who had spent idle moment between the serious sessions of the convention improvising skits to see if they could extract any more laughs from the delegates. Up upon the tables they clambered, and W. V. Merrihue, Pennsylvania, '25, introduced Dr. Ignatius Agaga (Fred McChesney, Colgate, '18) and Dr. Homer Zilch (Robert Muller, Pennsylvania, '27), master ventriloquist, and his amazing dummy who proceeded to rake the National Council fore and aft amid howls of laughter from the assembled throng.

## Laude Founder of Norwich

This good natured fun having put the gathering in a relaxed mood, Toastmaster Ladue called upon Colonel Charles A. Plumley, president of Norwich University, who, in sketching the history of Norwich University and its illustrious founder, Captain Alden Partridge, necessarily sketched the history of Theta Chi, for Norwich and Theta Chi are of the same identical cloth and pattern. A most enjoyable address it was and gave the convention delegates a clearer conception of the character that enabled Theta Chi to weather the many vicissitudes that beset it from its founding until its transformation into a national fraternity.

George Stary Lasher, national presidentelect, then presented the attendance trophy, and, to the delight of everyone, it was won by none other than the hosts, our Alpha Chapter. It was indeed fitting that this chapter, which worked so hard to surmount the many difficulties entailed in playing host to a national convention away from all metropolitan centers, should have won the attendance trophy on the historic occasion of the seventy-fifth anniversary of its origin.

Theta Chi's Floyd Gibbons Speaks
The second speaker of the evening was

Maxwell E. McDowell, Iota, '16, past National Council member and at present secretary of the National Board of Trustees. He was fittingly introduced as "one who has been constantly in the service of Theta Chi since his initiation nineteen years ago." Many readers will recall that Brother McDowell is no newcomer to the fraternity's post-prandial lists, since he has been on the programs at the Chicago, Harrisburg, and Philadelphia conventions as well as at numerous installations and Founders' Day dinners.

He can always be relied on to waken the back row sleepers. With a staccato of words flowing in almost Floyd Gibbonsic intensity, he launched into his subject "Which Seventy-five Years?"

He first told of his own personal analysis of the place and importance of Theta Chi in his life and the reason for his continued interest and loyalty long after departure from the active chapter. The answer for him had not been found in Theta Chi's enviable material progress, in owned chapter houses and increasing endowments,as closely as he was related to and took pride in these accomplishments. Nor did the fraternal bonds bring him business as an alumnus; it usually cost money when viewed from the material angle. The importance of Theta Chi to him was not its sound numerical expansion into new importance and power in the fraternity world with all the strong central organization and endowed financial soundness which has been collaterally necessitated. These problems have been nicely solving themselves in a few transitory years as they have arisen, he said. After diacarding these and many other points as having had little lasting effect on him, Brother McDowell declared that the real importance to him had been the spiritual training in the basic ideals received during the four most impressionable years of his youth and which now stand as an instinctive bulwark and guide to right and honorable action in any contingency of life.

Why a Fraternity Is Important
It was the kind of training he covets for his lads. Not akin to the fear or emotional fervor of religion, not enforced as are the laws of morality, the teaching of the fundamental ideals of truth and fouraquare manhood through Theta Chi was imperceptibly absorbed through the rub of brotherly el-
bows in group action for each other. No other institution, he insisted, as effectively had filled that function in his life, and he declared that the real importance of the organization to its members, the colleges, and the country lay in the self same reason which justified its large place in his personal activities.

The fraternity, he said, must be equally introspective and have a sound appreciation and understanding of this, its real function of launching young men into an ever more complex existence with a correct sense of evaluation of life's fundamentals. If it swerves from the beauty and strength of that main undergraduate purpose and function to passing phases of fad or administrative growth, he argued, it is liable to disaster.

He concluded: "In an era of change - the passing of monarchies - the propogation of great social states - the rumors of modified capitalism the remoulding of creeds - the modification of curricula, 1 am sure of but one thing. Whatever changed conditions or new order may emerge in the future, they must and will be based on the same rock foundations of true and virtuous manhood taught in the ritual of Theta Chi's founders. There will be, in the centuries ahead, changes in its form and procedure, but in whatever form, Theta Chi will still flourish in the hearts of its selected true students of life. And with that conclusion I give you my sincerely certain answer to the interrogative subject of my talk tonight.
"Which seventy-five years? Any seventyfive years with our ideals."

Few who heard the sincerity of Brother McDowell's tribute and the clean logic of his prediction will soon forget or doubt the future destiny of our Theta Chi.

In opening his thoughtful address on "Seventy-five Years Old, But Always Young," Theodore Christianson, Minnesota, '06, for six years governor of Minnesota and the newly elected national vice president of Theta Chi, said in part:
"We have come to the rugged hills of New England, where Theta Chi was born. There is sjmbolism in this pilgrimage. For here, in the place of beginnings, is the home of that culture which, transplanted, found its growth in every part of the land. Some of us come from the region where fields of

## STIMULATING THOUGHTS

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wheat and corn stretch toward unending horizons; others live among the pines of the last Northwest where 'rolls the Oregon,' and many are here from Pacific shores where the Golden Gate only a year ago offered us hospitable welcome. But wherever we come from, we come as those returning home, bringing greetings and tidings from spiritual kinsfolk who acknowledge with gratitude the debt they owe to New England.
"But men have come here not only from the East, the Middle West, and the Far West, but from the Southland as well. In Theta Chi the Cavalier tradition has been mingled with the Puritan to form a better synthesis. * * * If we were to sum up the qualities which constitute the new synthesis, what word could we find that would better express it than the word that has brought us together - fraternity?
"While our society has had no definite objective except that of promoting a fraternal spirit and comradeship among its members, it would be wrong to say that it has not had a character that has deeply mfluenced the men whose rames have been upon its rolls. That character was largely determined by the conditions which prevailed in the institution in which it had its roots, and which furnished nourishment for its early growth. As we look back upon the last seventy-five years, it seems fortunate that the decision to establish chapters in other schools, provision for which appears in the first copy of the Constitution, did not bear its first fruits until half a century later. During the fifty years of slow growth at Old Norwich, the tree had a chance to become tall and strong, and to make its own the qualities which inhered in its early environment."
He then paid tribute to Norwich University for its development of patriotism and cited the facts that practically every member of Alpha Chapter enlisted in the Civil War, that Theta Chis were conspicuous in the War with Spain, and that in the World War 63 per cent joined the colors. He next showed how the fact that Norwich University was the first engineering school in America had influenced in an important way the character of the fraternity and then raised the following question:
"Is it not possible to find in these two trends which in large measure have formed the character of Theta Chi, some signifi-
cance? Engineering and patriotism - is there a possible connection between the two; and if so, do the two, joined in a partnership of service, have some special meaning to the people of this country, or of this age?"

He continued in part: "The engineering mind thinks realistically. It is accustomed to deal with tangible things, like calipers, test tubes, and thermometers; - (things with which to weigh and measure accurately, things with which to determine stresses and velocities.) I cannot help but think that one of the reasons for the confusion that exists in the world today, our hesitations and vacillations, is our proneness to think in terms of abstractions which we do not fully understand, and which we do not take the trouble to define. Our political leaders have been feeding us on slogans, shibboleths, and epithets - recently mostly epithets; and we have been mistaking catch-words for ideas. Spell-binders have been prating about liberty and equality, disregarding the obvious fact that there is no equality, and cannot be, in a world where the law of variation is universal, and where men are born neither free nor equal. My Jiberty is a sacred right - society's inalienable debt to me-but the other fellow's liberty is license!"

In conclusion he said: "I said that engineering and patriotism are the two words which epitomize the Theta Chi tradition, and I have indicated how these two ideas may have a new interdependence. For as engineering at one time concerned itself largely with the means and instrumentalities of war, so it now devotes itself mostly to the tasks and responsibilities of peace. Even patriotism has acquired a new meaning. Once a patriot was a man who fought for his counrty. Today he is generally one who works for his country.
"lt should be apparent therefore that the ideas which Theta Chi has fostered and cherished for seventy-five years have taken on tremendous significance. In combination they hold the secret of the solution of today's most nearly fundamental problem. We are not presuming to have originated those ideas, for they are as old as humanity. We are not saying even that we were the first to discover their relationship. All that we say is that our society, old as Greek-letter fraternities go, at the very beginning build-
ed its structure upon a foundation that still suffices; and that for three quarters of a century it has presented an ideal of science and sentiment, of planning plus patriotism, that will serve the needs of our civilization in the present and the future. In that gense 'Thela Chi, although it has lived long, is still youthful - 75 years old, but always young!
"Conscious of the possession of renewed youth, proud of the past but eager for the future, we can put more zest into the lines written long ago:
'A glorious past is ever telling
Of friendship that shall never die,
Within us peace and union dwelling,
While honor crowns the Theta Chi.' "
From the very start of the banquet, interested, curious, expectant glances had been cast by all at two veiled portraits hung directly in back, and at the two extremes of, the speakers' table. Toastmaster Ladue introduced Paul B. King, Sr., the father of Paul King of the Delta Chapter, and an artist who had so graciously offered to execute, for the first time in the history of the fraternity, oil paintings of the two founders. Mr. King told briefly the pleasure that the work had brought him and expressed the wish that his paintings would be pleasing to the fraternity.

Two charming young ladies stepped forwand and were introduced as the Misses Eleanor Carlton Chase and Alice Elizabeth of Ware, Massachusetts, daughters of the Rev. Arthur Chase, a son of Arthur Chase, co-founder of Theta Chi Fraternity. What could have been more fitting than that they should unveil these two history-making portraits, and this they did amid the emphatic applause of the entire gathering.

The paintings were accepted on behalf of the fraternity by Alfred H. Jacobs, national historian, with brief, but extremely well chosen remarks.

There had been school and fraternity songs throughout the evening, but when "It is to Thee, Dear Old Theta Chi" was sung, one was conscious of deep feeling.

Thus was a realization of the significance of the occasion brought to a climax three days in which a great national fraternity paid honor by a series of tributes and dedications to its two beloved founders, Frederick Norton Freeman and Arthur Chase.


## Pilgrimage to Graves of Freeman and Chase Made Impressive at Claremont and Plainfield

MEMORABLE among memorable events was the afternoon spent at Claremont, New Hampshire, the boyhood home of the founders, Frederick Norton Freeman and Arthur Chase, by those who made the historic Theta Chi pilgrimage August 29. As the occupants of the special train swung off at the Claremont Junction station, they were greeted by newsboys distributing souvenir editions of the Claremont Daily Eagle, one of New
quickly formed and headed toward Claremont, where at Depot Hill it was met by the bugle and drum corps of Claremont American Legion Post No. 29, winner of many honors. Through the flag-bedecked streets, the World War veterans led the procession into Tremont Square. It then went past the spacious old Freeman home, birthplace of Frederick Norton, the building once known as Claremont Academy, where Freeman and Chase were schoolboys


Memorial of Arthur Chase in Claremont Cemetery

England's most progressive community dailies. "Claremont Welcomes Members of Theta Chi" read the emphatic streamer, and throughout the paper were found up-to-theminute news stories, feature articles, and numerous engravings dealing with Theta Chi Fraternity and its activities.

There was also waiting a fleet of automobiles and buses, provided by the Rotary, Kiwanis, and Lions Clubs and the Chamber of Commerce of Claremont. The parade was
together, the former home of Bishop Carlton Chase, where Arthur spent his boyhood days, the church where his father served as rector in addition to his duties as bishop of the diocese of New Hampshire, Boand Street, which Arthur Chase laid out and preserved to the city of Claremont, and finally reached Moody Park.
Here was enjoyed a novelty in convention events, an old-fashioned clambake. There was plenty of food in addition to the hot
steaming clams, and all was enjoyed picnic fashion around conyenient tables. A friendly greeting was extended by Councilor McInnis, a member of the official family of Governor John G. Winant of New Hampshire. Sunshine had followed the rain of the earlier forenoon, adding pleasure to the picnic.

Members of the National Council and special guests of the day left the grounds early to enjoy a private showing of the oil paintings of the founders, paintings that were to be officially unveiled at the banquet that night.

The special ceremonies held in connection with the unveiling and dedicating of the memorial plaques at the graves of the founders followed At the Pleasant Street Cemetery in Claremont chairs had been provided for a considerable number. Here Frederick W. Ladue, retiring national president presided. Following the invocation by Frank H. Schrenk, national chaplain, the Rev. Leland Chase, rector of Trinity Episcopal Church where Arthur Chase held various church offices while his father was rector and bishop of New Hampshire, gave a cordial welcome as the official representative of the Board of Selectmen of Claremont. William W. Drummey, president of the National Board of Trustees and newly elected member of the National Council, delivered the dedicatory address, in which he suggested as a memorial to Arthur Chase a dedication of Theta Chis to the task of preserving the principles of democracy as exemplified in the Norwich Military Institute by defending the United States Constitution against the assaults of sovietism.

Then at the grave of Arthur Chase, two of the founder's granddaughters, Margaret, aged 13, and Alice Arnold, aged 11, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Francis Chase


Freeman Memorial Plaque


Chase Memorial Plaque
of New Britian, Connecticut, unloosed the flags, thus unveiling the memorial plaque.

At the aame hour in the little Freeman burial ground near Plainfield, New Hampshire, was enacted a similar ceremony, equally impressive. Here Alfred H. Burton, retiring national vice president, paid a high tribute to Frederick Norton Freeman, declaring that the fine things that Theta Chi Fraternity is doing today were all embodied in "the ides and plan" of the man directly responsible for the organization, stating in conclusion:
"The perfection of his plan is what makes Frederick Norton Freeman a great man and gives him a place among the real contributors to the welfare of our nation. His influence grows broader as time goes on. Today it is a thousand fold what it was in the beginning. In the years to come it will continue to grow."
Mary E. Whitney, granddaughter of Willis K. Daniels, a flrst cousin of Frederick Norton Freeman, unveiled the bronze plaque in the presence of the few living relatives, a number of townspeople, and the delegation of fifty who made the trip from Claremont by special buses and rejoined the special train at Windsor.

The setting for this small family cemetery is one of rare beauty. On it looks down the homes of Maxfield Parrish, the artist, and Winston Churchill, the novelist. From it one gets a fine view of the famed Mt. Ascutney.

With the right of way granted it, the Theta Chi special train made record time in bringing back to Northfield in time to prepare for the banquet at Barre those who had made the pilgrimage to the graves of Freeman and Chase.

## Theta Chi's Historic 75th in Brief

Event-The 75th anniversary convention of Theta Chi Fraternity.
Time-August 27-28-29.
Place-Norwich University, Northfield, Vermont, with special ceremonies at Norwich, Vermont; Hanover, Claremont, and Plainfield, New Hampshire; and Barre, Vermont.
Registration-Approximately three hundred actives, alumni, and guests participated in the various events. Each of the forty-eight active chapters was represented.
Historic features:
Dedication of a monument marking the site of Theta Chi's founding at Norwich, Vermont.
Unveiling of bronze plaques at the graves of the co-founders, Frederick Norton Freeman and Arthur Chase, at Plainfield and Claremont, respectively.
Presentation of plaque to Alpha Chapter recognizing Charles Dole, '69, who as vice president of Norwich University saved the institution and Theta Chi Fraternity from extinction.
Unveiling of oil portraits of the founders.
Important legislative actions:
Approved constitutional amendments placing all life subscriptions to The Rattle as well as all national initiation fees, alumni endowment contributions, and directed gifts into the National Endowment Fund and the giving to the National Board of Trustees jurisdiction to loan endowment to meet an emergency when the National Council by unanimous vote declares such an emergency exists.
Authorized the National Council to employ an auditor to supervise chapter finances as a substitute for the visits of a traveling secretary this year.
Authorized the publication of a booklet showing exterior and interior views of chapter houses.
Defeated resolutions to change the convention from an annual to a biennial meeting, to modify the expansion policy to permit consideration of Canadian chapters, and to limit the consecutive terms of National Council members to three.
Officers elected: George Starr Lasher, Michigan, '11, national president; Theodore Christianson, Minnesota, '06, national vice president; members elected to the National Council for a two-year term, George V. Catuna, Rensselear, '12, re-elected, Theodore Christianson, William W. Drummey, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, '16, and George Starr Lasher, re-elected. The appointment of Alfred H. Aldridge, Dickinson, '12, to the National Board of Trustees for a five-year term was approved.
Convention firsts:
First national convention at Alpha Chapter since the fraternity started expansion.
First convention to use a special train to carry out its program.
First awarding of the Sidney Ann Gilpin Lewis Trophy for the chapter making the greatest advancement.
First time a host chapter ever won the attendance trophy.
First rifle shoot as a part of the convention program.
First bona-fide initiation as a part of the exemplificatiton of degrees.
First cabaret dance, first corn roast, and first clambake to be scheduled on social program.
First presentation of gold replica of the Founder's Badge to incoming national president.
First convention to be enjoyed "without benefit of hotels."
First time a university served as host to the convention.
First song to be written for and especially dedicated to a convention.
First complete movie record made of the convention, including business sessions and banquet.
First time commercial newspapers issued special convention editions.

The Convention in Pictures


Norwich University Encircled by Vermont Hills


Present and former members of the National Council of Theta Chi Fraternity at the grave of Arthur Chase in Claremont: Left to right-Norman $R$. Clark, Hartford, Conn; Maxwell E. McDowell, New York City; Governor Theodore Christianson, Minneapolis, Minn.; Albert H. Jacobs, San Francisco, Calif.; George Starr Lasher, Athens, Ohio; Dr. Robert L. Irish, New York City; Frederick W. Ladue, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Capt. Francis M. Van Natter, Galena, Mo.; Frank H. Schrenk, Philadelphia, Pa.; James G. Lewis, New York City; Major George V. Cutuna, Brooklyn, N. Y.

## Honor Founders



Founder
Arthur Chase

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1835-1888
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Brilliant Student, Able Editor, Earnest Churchman, Courageous Citizen


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Founder
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Social-minded Student, Inspiring Teacher, Outstanding Business Executive


Top and bottom of the handsome bronze paperweight designed as the 75th convention souvenir by Robert H. Hoge and Jack Huddleston, both Jlinois. A few of these desimble additions to one's desk equipment may be secured for $\$ 2.50$ each. Orders should be sent directly to the Executive Office.


Alpha Men, Old and Young, Who Made the Convention Possible


Left to right-Actives placint mortar at monument; each active delegate receives his own trowel; trowel line-up; the Rev. Leland Chase welcomes Theta Chi to Claremont; Councilor McInnis welcomes Theta Chi for Governor Winant; descendants of Arthur Chase at his grave; Theta Chi's special train; Captain Van Natter, at the grave of Arthur Chase.


Left to right-Kenneth McCartney, convention initiate is "pledged"; Dr. J. H. Judkins, Alpha's mentor; Lewis Sims, delegate of "baby" chapter; Major Barber, who housed the conventionites; Harry Steeve, convention chairman; one of the welcomes; the monument and the church; another welcome; J. M. Holland, Horace Clifford, R. L. Irish, three of Alpha's oldest brothers; three of Chairman Steeve's efficient office staff; a post-convention Canadian quartet; marker of Norwich University site; clam eaters; McDowell gets his clams; George Vietheer, Alpha's president; the Freeman memorial plaque; Cadet Major Vietheer; Wyatt May, Hoosier, tries New England clams.

## One Who Justified His Fraternity Motto

Readers of The Rattle will remember how Norwich University was saved by the financial sacrifices of Charles Dole, Alpha, when he was vice president of Norwich University. The death of Dr. Clarence L. Hathaway, Alpha, '69, recalls how another Theta Chi in serving as vice president of Norwich University sacrificed for his alma mater. The following is from the Norwich University Record:

Dr. Clarence L. Hathaway, 84, a Norwich ' 69 graduate, vice president of the institution in the early eighties, an internationally known astronomer and a doctor of medicine, died Dec. 20, at his home in South Cabot.

Elected vice president of Norwich Dec. 31, 1880 , he served in that office until June 20, 1883. Times then were none too prosperous at the military college. Students were scarce, so was money. The duties of president fell largely to Dr. Hathaway, and he gave much time and labor without compensation that his alma mater might live. Elected a trustee of Norwich in 1880, he served with the board until June 24, 1891.

Born in Calais Nov. 19, 1846, Dr. Hathaway was a son of Tilnus and Lois (Blake) Hathaway. He entered Norwich in 1866 after preparing for college at Barre Academy and Newbury Seminary. He was a member of the Theta Chi Fraternity. He graduated with the degree of B . S . in 1869, received an M. S. in course in 1874 and a Ph. D. in 1883.

Dr. Hathaway became an astronomer of world-wide repute. He took special work at Harvard the year following his graduation from Norwich and then was appointed assistant astronomer to the Argentine Na tional Astronomical Observatory located at Cordore, Argentine, South America. The records of his observations and computations over a three-year period were embodied in the "Uranometria Argentinea" and atlas. This work gives the brightness and position of every fixed star down to the seventh magnitude within 100 degrees of the South Pole. Published in both Spanish and English, it became the recognized authority in Siredeal astronomy of the Austral heavens.
Resigning from his work in astronomy in 1874, Dr. Hathaway turned his brilliant and versatile mind to medicine. He was graduated in 1876 from the College of Medicine and Surgery in Cincinnati. and the following year he studied medicine at Columbia. He oracticed in Boston until 1884. It was during this period that he made great personal sacrifice to give his services to Norwich during a time of trial that threatened the life of the institution.
In 1884 Dr. Hathaway became surgeon and paymaster for the United States and Brazil Steamship Co. He made numerous
voyages to Rio de Janeiro. He was a close student of Central and South America affairs. He won recognition as one of the first to advocate reciprocity between American republics to promote extension of commercial relations.
Dr. Hathaway cut short an active and successful career some 40 years ago when he elected to retire to his old home in Cabot to spend the rest of his life. He never married.

## ZETA MEMBERS SECURE HIGH HONORS AT NEW HAMPSHIRE

Zeta Chapter made a sweep of spring term honors at the University of New Hampshire. Charles Hanna was elected captain of the baseball team, Richard Sproul captain of freshman track team, Harry Wood, a three-letter junior, president of the student council, and Robert Augustinus one of the senior members. Howard Hanley, another three-letter man and also a junior was president of the Student Athletic Association.
Four members of the junior class received bids to the Senior Skuils, senior honorary, and two received bids to Blue Key, another senior honorary. David Stafford was elected to an office in Senior Skulls.
Bartlett McKinney was chosen editor-inchief of the 1933 Granite, the university yearbook. This makes the sixth consecutive year that a Theta Chi has been editor. Two other members are on the board.

## FORMER HOUSE MOTHER DIES

Mrs. Bertha Hall Moulton, widow of Captain J. H. Moulton, died August 16 at her home in Bowdoinham, Maine, at the age of 72 from apoplexy, after a few weeks' sickness. Mrs. Moulton was matron of the Gamma chapter house at the University of Maine from 1908 to 1916 inclusive, having previously been matron at the Phi Kappa Sigma house. Later she returned to the house for one year in 1926. Mrs. Moulton had a very great affection for Theta Chi and was devoted to Gamma Chapter, and she endeared herself to all who lived in the house. Much of the early development and progress of Gamma Chapter was due to the wise counsel of Mother Moulton and her efforts in making the house a home for the boys. Harold E. Cooper, '15, and Raymond E. Randall, '16, both of Gamma, were two of the bearers, while Harry 0. Beale, 05 , also attended the funeral. The floral tributes, including a Theta Chi pillow, were beautiful.

# Theta Chi Loses a Gallant Figure, Donor of the Shuttleworth Sabre 

NEWS COLUMNS and editorial pages throughout New England told of the death and made laudatory comment concerning the achievements of Colonel Edward A. Shuttleworth, Norwich, '91, last June. Sorrow was everywhere expressed, but, outside of the immediate home circle, in no place was his loss felt more keenly than in Alpha Chapter, as since his initiation he had been an active and ardent Theta Chi. He loved his fraternity devotedly, and, in turn, was held in great affection by Alpha alumni and actives.

Six actives of Alpha Chapter in full dress uniform served as pall bearers at the military funeral in Northfield, where since his retirement from the U. S. Army two years ago he had made his home An escort of Norwich University cadets, representatives of the United States Army, Norwich University officials and trustees, the entire Northfield contingent of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion corps, and other organizations attended the services at St. Mary's Episcopal Church and the burial at Elmwood Cemetery, where after the sounding of taps, a firing squad fired a salute.
The following article from the Norwich University Record sketches Colonel Shuttleworth's colorful and significant career:

Col. Edward Aiken Shuttleworth, for 38 years an army officer who served in all parts of this country, in Porto Rico, in the Philippines and in Hawaii, a Norwich University 1891 graduate, and a trustee of that institution, died suddenly at his home in Northfield June 8 at the age of 65 years.

In apparent good health, he had worked as usual about his home and garden during the morning. He was seated in a chair at his home when he died. His wife and a neighbor, who had been working with Col. Shuttleworth, were present when the end came. The colonel slumped in his chair and was dead when assistance reached him. Heart trouble caused his unexpected death.

Col. Shuttleworth came to Northfield to reside two years ago following his retirement from the army after thirty-eight years of service. He was elected a trustee of Norwich four years ago. In 1896 he established the Shuttleworth sabre, awarded annually to the Norwich cadet best in military work.

For five years prior to his retirement in 1929, Col. Shuttleworth was chief of staff of the 78th Division, with headquarters in Newark, N. J. Before that he had been in command of the First Infantry at Fort Sam Houston, Tex. During the World War he was in command of the 65th Pioneer Infantry at Camp Funston, Kansas, and was under orders for overseas duty when the Armistice was signed.

His service as a lieutenant when he first entered the army in the nineties included command of the Indian scouts at Fort Apache, Ariz., in the campaign against the notorious renegade known as the Apache Kid; participation in suppression of the Chicago strike in 1894, and assistance in the installation of the American civil government in Porto Rico in 1898. Later in the Philippine Islands he was in the campaign against the Moros, and after that he was in Hawaii in charge of the national guard. In 1905 he was constructing quartermaster at Fort George Wright, Wash.
Col. Shuttleworth, the son of John and Lorana (Tupper) Shuttleworth, was borm in Boston, Mass., Sept. 15, 1865. In 1880 his parents moved to Bellows Falls, where he graduated from the high school in 1886. He entered Norwich Jan. 8, 1888, and graduated with a C. E. degree in 1891. He was a corporal, sergeant, first lieutenant, and captain in the cadet corps while a student. He was also business manager of the Reveille and a member of Theta Chi. He was given the degree of M. S. in course in 1897.
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# Pleasure of Anniversary Convention Was Not Limited to Masculine Sex 

By Mrs. Maxwell Erwin McDowell

THE seventy-fifth convention of Theta Chi Fraternity will long remain for the women fortunate enough to be present, a delightful and cherished memory. It was a happy combination of pilgrimage and pleasure. It was an opportunity for us to share in what had hitherto been to many of us merely a word often heard, never really comprehended, a convention.

The "ladies' convention" opened delightfully with a dinner at the Sigma Alpha Epsilon house - courteously made our social headquarters during the whole time - where the local Theta Chi wives acted as our hostesses. Dinner was followed by a bridge party, a good bridge game, yet not such good bridge that it prevented an exchange of home addresses and ideas. After the distribution of prizes so good looking that we wished we had had better concentration and - of course - better cards, we walked a few yards, entered the sacred portals of Convention Hall, and stepped back to those dear delightful prom days, a trifle remote now for many of us. Half of the Armory not in use for convention sessions had been transformed into a ballroom. Vari-colored paper ribbons fluttered over our heads and swayed with the motion of our gay steps. Lining the dance floor were many small tables where we sat to
enjoy the supper, the cabaret performance, and, most of all, the reunion of old friends.

Friday was a busy day for us. After our pictures had been taken and the customary "Did you see how I was looking?" exchanged, several cars of us drove to the Barre Vermont Country Club, a club literally among the mountain tops. From its porches we saw range after range of mountains, hazily green in the noon day sun. From ita tables we ate delicious food, while once more, as a group, we became better acquainted.

Afterwards we were conducted to the granite quarries, interesting and new to most of us; then we motored to Montpelier, where we visited the state capitol and reveled in the simplicity and charm of a really beautiful building.

Dinner in mess hall was a novelty to us. [t was followed by an informal gathering in the S. A. E. House. At this time we were each given a most attractive favor, a blue and black enamel pin of futuristic design, surmounted by a silver Theta Chi crest.

At nine we were summoned to the Convention Hall to witness the presentation of various medals and prizes and the unveiling of a memorial tablet. We appreciated the opportunity to attend a session of the


The Fair Division of the Convention Pilgrims
convention. Its aspect of dignity and seriousness was impressive.

Friday had already contained more variety and enjoyment than one finds ordinarily in many days. More was to come. The whole convention group gathered in a wide field around three fires, whose blazes, beaconing us as we approached them, had died down to glowing coals. Over these we toasted frankfurters, corn, and marshmallows. And if the marshmallowa were a trifle cindery and the corm not thoroughly cooked, the fires gleamed cheerily, and everywhere abounded that radiance of good comradeship which is at the heart of the fraternity.

Saturday's program the men shared with us in its entirety. It would be repetitious to detail each event, elsewhere described in this issue of The Rattle. But I am sure the women would join me in voicing admiration for the beauty and solemnity of the aervices. At Norwich, as a representative of each of the chapters placed his trowel full of mortar on the chest, wherein we too had been privileged to place our personal mementos, we comprehended as never before the national spirit of the fraternity and the vision and fellowship of those two of so long ago which had made possible such a gathering seventy-five years later.

Again, at Arthur Chase's grave, we looked back into the past. Beside his stone stands another, that of Garafelia Davis Chase, that first Theta Chi wife, who had attended no conventions, no fraternity banquets or dances, but who must have felt a glow of pride in her husband and in his achievement.

Saturday was not altogether a solemn occasion. At the clambake the ladies took their turn at initiating the neophytes into the mysteries of eating clams dipped in drawn butter sauce. Few among us, save Governor Christianson perhaps, are accustomed to riding through a city preceded by a motorcycle escort and a band. But how natural it soon seemed to us. And how easy to capture that gracious inclining of one's head when "on review." Queen Marie could have done no better. The ride back to Northfield afforded needed rest, and a chance to enjoy again those gloriously wooded slopes of Vermont. May I say parenthetically to the husbands that to provide a special train is to set a dangerous precedent. Nothing but a private car will seem quite right again!
Then came the final event - the banquet - where we saw our men, lost in the zest of cheers and songs, become boys again. We shared their enjoyment of the program - the speeches, the dedication of the beautiful portraits. We heard more about the past and the future of the fraternity. Another favor, a beautiful copy of a masterpiece, attractively and unusually framed, and decorated with the fraternity crest, surprised us. We voiced once more our appreciation of the thought, time, and effort
of those who had planned our part of the convention.

A final song, and the seventy-fifth convention had joined the legion of past joys. "See you at next convention," we said, with a sidelong look of appeal at our respective husbands. It had been perfect. It lives a glorious memory. And, I am sure, many of us, as we started homeward the next day, resolved that in the pre-college training of our children we would strive to embody some of the principles of loyalty and fidelity that are the soul of Theta Chi.

## New York Next

Before the 75th anniversary convention had come to its memorable close, the National Council voted to hold the 76 th convention in New York City, September 8-10, and the 1933 convention in Chicago, thus participating in the World's Exposition of Progress that will be held at that time.

As a result of elections, the National Council is organized as follows: President, George Starr Lasher; vice president, Theodore Christianson; secretary, Frederick W. Ladue; treasurer, George V. Catuna; bistorian, Albert H. Jacobs; marshal, William W. Drummey; chaplain, Frank H. Schrenk; counselor, Alfred H. Burton.

George P. Woodward, Pennsylvania, '31, a graduate of the Wharton School of Finance, was appointed auditor. He had established an unusual record in conducting the financial accounting for Kappa Chapter for two years. No one will do the usual work of the traveling secretary this coming year.
Park C. Livingston was appointed national scholarship director and will have charge of the fraternity scholarship improvement program. He was recently appointed assistant dean of men at the University of Illinois, at which institution he did his undergraduate work.

The National Council was informed that Mrs. William E. Langdon of Claremont, New Hampshire, had given the fraternity the fraternity pin wom by her father, Harry Simmons Denny, '88, when he was a member of the chapter at Norwich University. The pin will be placed with similar articles of value in a safety deposit vault until the erection of fraternity headquarters, which will provide a museum.
"Girl of My Theta Chi Dreams," a song written by two of its members, was presented the fraternity by the Indiana University chapter. This song and the convention song written by Roger H. Burrill, Dartmouth, 31, were referred to the songbook committee.

Appointments of alumnus advisers included Charles H. Harris, Jr., Massachusetts, State, '30 to the Massachusetts State chapter; Glenn Nichols, Alabama, '30, to the Alabama chapter; Bryan Smith, Minnesota, '25, to the Minnesota chapter.

# Many Theta Chis Win Letters in Spring Sports; Some Bring High Honors to Their Institutions 

By Charles Densmore, Alpha Tau, 'sz

SUCCESSFUL spring sport seasons at many universities and colleges resulted to no little extent from the effort of Theta Chis. Four track squads were led by wearers of the swords and serpent, three men of Theta Chi captained their respective baseball teams, and one was elected head of his university's crew. Another Theta Chi was named captain of his nine, but injuries prevented him from competing in baseball.

Theta Chi men, last spring, won 56 letters in track, baseball, lacrosse, tennis, and crew. Honors in track were evenly divided with several men vieing for the limelight. Donald B. Gilman, Beta, made a creditable record for M. I. T. in the two-mile event, though cross-country is his specialty. He finished first in the dual meet with the University of Maine; second, in the meet with the University of New Hampshire; third, in the New England intercollegiate meet; and fourth, in the Greater Boston Intercollegiates. He is expected to take the place of Francis Lindsay, Gamma, as Theta Chi's cross-country luminary.

One of the most unusual records established this spring by a Theta Chi was that of Roderic Ballard, Sigma, who finished three years of college baseball without dropping a fly ball. The centerfielder of the

Oregon State College team was a consistent hitter as well. He will be remembered also as an outstanding basketball player on the Pacific coast.

Theta Chi's outstanding contribution in rowing was Dickson L. Barnhart, Brooklyn, captain of the University of Pennsylvania crew. The Kappa athlete was appointed captain by Coach "Rusty" Callow before the start of the Blackwell Cup Regatta in New York.

Coach Templeton, of Stanford, believes that Frederick Zuger, Alpha Epsilon, is one of the most promising javelin tossers that he has encountered for some time. Although a wrenched back held Brother Zuger from much active competition this spring, his toss of 182 feet won him third place in the meet with California, thus assuring him of his letter.

Among the freshmen, George Tyler, Eta, set the outstanding record. The Rhode Island State College yearling starred on the first-year football and basketball squads and won numerals this spring in track and baseball. His closest rival is another Ets man, Thomas Wright, who, in addition to playing on the basketball and football teams, gained first places in the 100 and 220 -yard dashes, and in the high jump and shot-put, proving himself a versatile asset.

G. Van McKay

Managet Cornell Soccer


Barrett Veon Manager Ohio University Baseball


Joseph Tansey
Manager Cornell Lacrosse

Standing 6 feet, 4 inches tall and weighing 175 pounds, William Pleasants, Paoli, Pa., is destined to be stroke of the crew for M. I. T. next year, according to William Haines, mentor at the Boston school. The Deta oarsman rowed number 3 position against the Navy, Princeton, and Harvard. He was number 7 in the Jayvee races Collumbia, Cornell, Syraclse, and Harvard. He served as varsity sub at the Poughkeepsie Intercollegiate Regatta. Randy Binner, of the same varsity boat, earned his third leticr this spring.

Annong the high scorers of Theta on cinder paths this spring was Meredith Flook, Miaryland, who runs the dashes. In the dual meet with Jonns Hopkins he won first in both events. Jamming of the starter's gun prevented calling the runners back on a false start, and Brother Flook was forced to win the race the second time.

Norman Norbert, star miler and half miler of the University of Rochester track team, was named captain of the "cinderstompers" for 1932 . Sigma had one of the outsianding middle-distance men of the Pacific Coast last spring in Ronald Johnson, Claremont, Calif., a letter winner for three years He has won points against the fastest 440 and 880 men in the country.

The loss of Leo May, Aberdeen, S. D., will be keenly felt by North Dakota State this vear. Second place in the shot put and third in the discus event in conference competition were the last athletic contributions of Leo before graduation. He has won three varsity letters and numerals in basketball, football, and track.

Breaking a record which had stood since 1925, Herbert Seipel, Newburgh, N. Y., has been capably nanding the pole vault job for Rensselaer. However, Theta Chi's record in this event gnes to Freeman Webb, Gamma, who holds the state record of twelve feet, ore inch. He was second in the New Fingland Intercollegiate meet with a mark of twelve and a half feet.

Theta Chi men also hold college track records in other events. Cushman Rowley, Richford, Vt., holds the Norwich records in both dashes. In three dual meets, Cushman took first in both events. Vental Waggoner, Alpha Kappa, holds the West Virginia mark for the 70 -yard dash. Howard Hanley, Zeta, is holder of the University of New Hampshire discus record of 136 feet, 2 inches.

Down on the new River Campus at Rochester, N. Y., Theta Chi has two captains of major sports. The second is Jerome Bishop, star hitter and fielder of the University of Rochester baseball team. In the game with Hamilton College, he hit two runs. The third contribution of Alpha Zeta is Joseph Morissey, who has been running the dashes for Rochester.

Pitchers were not plentiful among Theta Chi baseball players this spring. Edward Perlowski won two games for the University of Richmond. He pitched four innings
against the Navy nine and allowed but two hits. Perlowski hits .400 and is the only three-letter man on the campus. David Stalford, New Hampshire, was robbed of a shut-out game against Worcester Tech by an error which allowed a ron to be scored.

Earle Culbertson and Pledge Brown, Beta Alpha, won circle C's on the U. C. L. A. gym team, the former as manager.

Other Theta Chi's who have won letters in spring sports and the number of years on the varsity are:

BASEBALL
Captain Charles Hanna (3), Edward Hanna (1), Harry Lane (2), Malcolm Chase (2), and Karl Smith (2), at New Hampshire; William Cottrell (2), Colgate, and James Leach, Worcester.

## TRACK

Stewart Dunn (3), Colgate; Ronald Austin (2), Maine; George Branham, HampdenSydney; George Kalista, Chester Werme, and Albert Bellamy, Worcester; Robert Hubbard, North Carolina; Albert Vreeland, New York University; Raymond Lawrence, Syracuse; Garold Duplisea, Maine; Roy Clark, New Hampshire; Roland Ritchie, Pennsylvania; Pledge Howard Smith, Oregon State.

## TENNIS

William Grafton (3), Oregon State; James Brusick and Charles Bridell, Maryland; Walter Clifford, Colgate.

LACROSSE
Harvey Waite, Colgate; Thomas Sears and Albert Orr, Massachusetts Tech.

## HONORS GO TO EPSILON

ATHLETES AND LEADERS
At the final Worcester Polytechnic Institute assembly in June, devoted to a meeting of the Athletic Association, Epsilon carried off a large share of the honors. Werme, Kalista, and Bellamy received varaity letters for track and Leach for baseball. Of the eight cups awarded for interfraternity sports Epsilon won three, bowling, swimming, and track. Among the eight fraternities in competition only one other was awarded two cups. At the end of the assembly the Skull Tropy and Honorable Mention were awarded, the latter being given to an Epsilon man, Gordon Kelly. These are awarded annually to the freshmen who have done most for their alma mater during their first year. Kelly was one of the stars on the cross-country team which went through the season without a single defeat; he also ran the twomile event in track. He is prominent in class activities.

At the last meeting of the student branch of the A. S. M. E., Stanley Swipp was elected president and Payson Whitney treasurer. William Pearson is the retiring president. Wesley Reed was elected secretary at the annual meeting of the Musical Association.

# Theta Chi, Pioneer in Observing Mother's Day Welcomes New Mothers' Clubs at Honor Events 

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THETA CHI, the college fraternity which through its University of Michigan chapter was the first to celebrate Mother's Day, this year again paid tribute to its best friends. Various chapters observed the day in a variety of ways. Perhaps the most notable feature in connection with the observance was the formation of Mothers' Clubs at several chapters, thus increasing these highly valuable organizations. A partial report on the way chapters recognized the day follows.

Organize Mothers' Club
The annual observance of Mother's Day held at Rho Chapter (Illinois) May 8-10 was marked by a fitting banquet at the chapter house the evening of May 9, with about twenty-five mothers present. The feature was the formation of the Rho Chapter Mothers' Club. A mothers' club has long been the ambition of Charles T. Brooke, alumnus adviser, and he came to Champaign this year especially to interest the mothers in attendance with the idea of forming an association such as many Theta Chi chapters have.

After the banquet the mothers met with Brother Brooke, who outlined plans for the organization. The purpose of the club is to assure closer co-operation between the mothers and the actives of Rho Chapter. Membership is not limited to mothers of active members, as mothers of alumni are eligible. The project met with immediate favor with the mothers, who at once elected officers as follows: Mrs. C. B. Sawyer, of Kankakee, Illinois, who has three Rho sons, president; Mrs. J. W. Munch, Joliet, Illinois, mother of the retiring president of Rho, secretary; Mrs. R. M. Tenney, Decatur, Illinois, mother of the present president, treasurer.

At the banquet Warren Johnson proved an excellent toastmaster. Robert I. Tenney, chapter president, welcomed the mothers on behalf of the chapter. Mrs. J. W. Munch, gave a fine tribute to Theta Chi when she said, "I am glad that my son is associated with a fraternity that picks its men a little more carefully than most fraternities, whose standards are a little higher, and whose discipline is a little stricter." Mrs. C. B. Sawyer, stated that she was extremely happy to have three sons in Rho Chapter and was sorry there were no more to send.

Alumnus Adviser Brooke addressed the mothers and put before them the idea of the Mothers' Club. During the course of
his talk, Brother Brooke asked how many of the mothers read The Rattle of Theta Chi, and nearly every one responded that she did and praised the magazine as a fine publication.
Sunday, May 10, the mothers were entertained at the chapter house for dinner, and a general inspection of the house followed.

## Dinner Broke Record

Mother's Day was observed by Epsilon Chapter (Worcester) with its fourth annual Mother's Day Banquet. The fact that all of the banquets have been more than successful makes members believe that they have found one of the best possible ways of paying tribute to their mothers. Although the occasion is especially intended for the mothers, the fathers are equally welcome.
In spite of the fact that the weather was rainy, nearly eighty members and their parents were present, making a record for attendance at banquets held in the chapter house. E. R. Smith was toastmaster and outlined briefly what Epsilon had accomplished during the past year. Mrs. Sweetser spoke in behalf of the Mothers' Club, and Mr. Hawley expressed the appreciation of the fathers. The principal speaker was Donald Simonds, ' 08 , who told the parents of the interests Theta Chi has in their sons and of what it is doing to protect those interests.

Talk of Forming Club
Mother's Day, held in conjunction with the national observance on Sunday, May 10 proved to be an unusually well attended and enjoyable occasion at Kappa, University of Pennsylvania. Twenty-four mothers were present to enjoy the dinner and the inspection of house and grounds which followed. After the mothers had become acquainted with one another, and after chatting for a while on various topics, the subject of forming a mothers' club was discussed. Tentative plans were made, and it is probable that by next year such an organization will have materialized into something definite.

> Form Mothers' Club

Following the custom of the past few years, Theta Chapter again celebrated Mother's Day this year. Owing to the rainy weather, the main part of the entertainment took place at the Massachusetts Coilege Dining Hall where a record gathering of more than eighty mothers, fathers, and sisters of the brothers sat down to dine on roast chicken. This year a concerted drive
to foster the organization of a mothers' club was led by Lawrence Shepard, '31, the principal after dinner speaker. He was assisted by speeches from the following alumni: Ralph Gunn, '30, Frank Homeyer, and Arnold Dyer, '29. The enthusiasm for the project was so high that at a later gathering at the chapter house the mothers elected oflicers and Theta's new Mothers' Club became active with the following holding office: Mrs. Batstone, of West Newton, president; Mrs. Hormbaker, of Springfield, secretary; and Mrs. Fletcher, of Worcester, treasurer.

Its First a Sutcess
Beta Alpha Chapter's first annual Mother's Day celebration proved to be a great success with practically all the mothers and a large group of actives at U. C. L. A. attending. Entertainment on the occasion was provided by talent from among the members. Refreshments were served.

Mothers Attend Festival
Mothers of Sigma Chapter (Oregon State) were feted at the chapter house, Sunday, May 10, in observance of Mother's Day. In the afternoon, the annual spring festival was held on the lower campus. Creative dancing formed the first part of the program, and the story of Rip Van Winkle was featured in the second part as a dance interpretation. In the evening Dr. Kerr, president of the college, greeted the mothers at a banquet given in the Memorial Union ballroom.

## In Joint Celebration

Mother's Day was observed by Omicron Chapter (Richmond) in connection with the celebration of May Day at Washington College. Open house was observed, and the mothers and their friends were invited to spend the day with the chapter. In the evening from 9 to 12 a dance was held.

## Attend Special Service

On Sunday, May 10, Mother's Day was observed at Tau (Florida) by the entire chapter attending in a body the Mother's Day services at the Presbyterian church of Gainesville. All members assembled at the chapter house, where they received carnations.

## Present for Junior Week-end

Alpha Sigma (University of Oregon) observed Mother's Day, May 10, with a dinner served in the chapter house, which terminated Junior Week-End on the campus. All mothers were invited down for this event, which included the Canoe Fete, a banquet for mothers, the Junior Prom, and Sunday dinners at the various houses.

Pioneer of Mother's Day
Both mothers and fathers enjoyed the special Mother's Day dinner this year with Alpha Gamma at the University of Michigan, the chapter which was the first chapter of a college fraternity to observe Mother's Day. Following the dinner the new chapter house from topmost dormitory to basement was thrown open for inspection by parents and friends. The Mothers' Club,
organized in October, held its final meeting for the college year in the afternoon.

Hold "Absent" Dinner
It was found impractical to have the mothers at the Alpha Chi Chapter house. Syracuse, for Mother's Day due to the long distances which they would have had to travel. However, a special dinner was held. in their honor, appropriate flowers were provided, and each member sent either a card or a telegram to his mother.

Has First Annual Tea
On May 3, Alpha Psi Chapter (Maryland) held its first annual Mother's Day tea. Mrs. Kemp, wife of Dean William B. Kemp, faculty adviser, presided at the tea table. More than twenty-five mothers attended, and the function proved an enjoyable one toboth the chapter and its guests.

Alpha Rho Gives Dinner
Alpha Rho (Washington) celebrated Mother's Day Sunday, May 10, with a special dinner in honor of the mothers of all members. Clifford Armstrong, Alpha Rho president, spoke briefly in welcome. After the dinner, a general social time was enjoyed to get the mothers better acquainted with the members. The tables were decorated with red and white carnations. C. Lyle Boys and Ward Storrar were in charge of arrangements for the affair.

Twenty-four Present
Alpha Pi Chapter (Minnesota) again honored the mothers of its members with a luncheon at the chapter house, May 9. Although the day was a cold and rainy one, as has been the case for the past number of years, the spirits of the mothers were far from downcast, and every one present appeared to enjoy herself to the utmost. There were twenty-four mothers present, some coming from considerable distances.

Many Mothers at Dinner
Invitations were sent to all Alpha Lambda mothers about two weeks prior to Mother's Day, and, in spite of the cool weather, nearly all the mothers of the actives and pledges were present. Following the dinner, which was served at one o'clock, a meeting of the mothers was beld. An enjoyable afternoon was spent in converse. A new set of porch furniture was given to the house by the Mothers' Club last week. It is an exceptionally fine-looking, sturdy set. Last Thankggiving, the club gave the chapter a set of fireplace irons, and at Christmas, a new mohair chair.

Thirty-five Mothers at Tea
Phi Chapter of Theta Chi honored its mothers May 10 by entertaining them at the chapter house. A short program by the members of the fraternity was followed by a tea. Thirty-five monthers enjoyed the annual event. The tea table was centered with a large silver vase filled with the fraternity flowers, the red carnation. Many potted ferns were placed about the room, and candelabra holding red and white candles aided in the decorative scheme. Mrs.
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## Though Committee Never Met, It Worked

Convention committees in the past have established high standards of efficiency in the way that the numerous convention details were handled, but unusual distinction goes to the 75th Anniversary Convention Committee, and especially to its general chairman, Harry W. Steere, New Hampshire, '26, who not only faced the usual problems, but carried out the most complicated program in Theta Chi history, involving six different communities. It cared for approximately three hundred persons in the village which served as headquarters, yet which possesses no hotel facilities. Despite the difficulties involved, there was no confusion in carrying out the many program events and in housing the convention visitors.
Captain Francis M. Van Natter, Illinois, 16, was of great assistance to the committee in planning the program, and practically every suggestion he made at the Indianapolis convention, where the 75th anniversary celebration was first proposed, was followed out in some form by the committee.
The General Convention Committee had representatives in every New England state as well as other states, like New York, in various parts of the country. As a result, it never met formally, all of its transactions being carried on in a most creditable manser by mail, telephone, and telegraph. Major Charles N. Barber, Norwich, 08 a member of the Norwich University faculty, headed the Northfield local committee, and he proved that a mastery of methods of military dispatch could do wonders in overcoming the handicaps the committee faced. Despite the fact that his position in the Statc National Guard includes responsibilities for all the properties belonging to that organization and that he had had charge of all the details of the National Guard encampment which closed only a week before the convention, he had every part of the convention work carefully organized, and all progressed in most orderly fashion.

Members of the General Convention Committee were:

General Chairman, Harry W. Steere, Zeta, '26; Charles N. Barber, Jx., '08, William L. Brockway, '11, Frederick J. Buck, '22, Arthur C. Cox, 30 , J. Edward Cuteliffe, Jr., '29, Halsey C. Edgerton, ${ }^{\prime 2} 26$, Frank W. Garron, '16, Ernest W. Gibson, Jr., '23, Allan W. Reid, '10, Allan F. Rice, '26, Kenneth Thomas, '31, George Veitheer, '32, of Alpha; F. Dayton Bartlett, '31, Harold G. Crossman, '24, Frederick B. Mitchell, '28, Morey Miles, '34, of Zeta; Robert B. Collins, '19, Charles W. Harris, Jr., '30, Frank F. Homeyer, '28, of Theta; Theodore F. Fitch, '22, of Alpha Zeta; Tracy Higgins,
'21, of Alpha Theta; Jackson N. Huddleston, '30, Francis M. Van Natter, '16, of Rho; John G. MeGowan, '31, of Gamma; Willard V. Merrihue, '25, of Kappa; and Earl D. Rhodes, '21, of Delta.

The Northfield Local Committee members were: Chairman, Charles N. Barber, Jr, Alpha, '08; Bert F. Allen, '00, Richard N. Allen, '32, Max G. Ayers, '13, Perley D. Baker, '20, Norman P. Bate, '32, John E. Brooks, '32, Charles S. Carleton, '96, Edward B. Caswell, '32, Francis A. Chase, '32, Charles M. Davis, '81, William S. Duncan, '32, Francis A. Eaton, '91, William H. Foster, '32, Francis W. Harrington, '21, Jason B. Hart, '17, Earl C. Hayden, '09, James M. Holland, '83, Phil S. Howes, '96, John S. Judkins, '90, Leroy E. Knight, '07, Richard A. Knowiton, 32 , Harold March, '34, Louis L. Morse, ' 30 , Clarence D. Philbrook, '27, Howard H. Reid, '12, Donald S. Rice, '34, G. Max Sanborn, '13, Welsey C. Stevens, 32 , and Carl V. Woodbury, Honorary, of Alpha; Lawrence C. Campbell, '22, of Alpha Theta; and Bernard V. Funk, '24, of Alpha Beta.

## Dollars Still Come

While the Theta Chi Memorial at the site of the founding of the fraternity was appropriately dedicated, contributions toward it are still being received by the Executive Office, or Chairman H. W. Steere, 11 Water St., Amesbury, Mass. This is due to the fact that several hundred dollars are needed to complete the landscaping and to provide for the satisfactory upkeep of the grounds around it. The number of contributors to date is well over a thousand. Most of the contributions are one dollar, the idea teing that a large number of contributors is desired.

Contributions have come from practically every state and many foreign countries. Some chapters subscribed one hundred per cent, but the great bulk of contributions came from individuals as the result of the appeal broadcast by Willard V. Merrihue, Pennsylvania, '25. They have been recorded by Conrad F. Peterson, New Hampshire, '32.

The design for the monument was submitted through Allan F. Rice, Norwich, ' 26 and was executed by Allan Reid, Norwich, ${ }^{10}$, of Calder \& Reid, Barre, Vermont, from the finest Vermont granite which he personally selected. The building of the foundation, placing of the monument, and grading were done by Earl C. Hayden, Norwich, '09. The copper chest, which was sealed in the monument, was prepared by F. Dayton Bartlett, New Hampshire, '31.

## What Convention Meant to a New Theta Chi

## By Lewis B. Sims, Beta Alpha, '32

THE convention was over! Reluctantly we strolled out from the banquet hall Saturday night, bidding goodbye to the friends, the pals, we had made during the three days just past, the boys we had learned to know as brothers. Only three days since we had met; yet it seemed like months!

When asked, as the delegate from the baby chapter, to write my impressions of the convention, I wondered where to start, for words, in themselves, cannot express


Lewis B. Sims the feeling of inspiration, of education, of true emotion which struck me and made me realize even more than ever the true meaning of our great fraternity. To see, to hear - to meet personally - the brother who "saved" Theta Chi; to learn to know the outstanding men of Theta Chi and to realize the tremendous feel of fraternalism; to come to the very spot where Theta Chi was first founded (seventyfive years agol); to see the house that Frederick Norton Freeman once called home; to stand at the graves of our founders - those men that made Theta Chi possible - to have had all these experiences and to harbor the memory of them will be to me a joy and an inspiration forever!

Down at Norwich that Saturday morning, after the beautiful monument had been dedicated and after Dr. Robert L. Irish, in few but impressive words, had paid tribute to our founders, he and a few of us younger men were waiting for the bus to take us to Dartmouth College and to the Alpha Theta chapter house. We congratulated the doctor on his little talk and the spirit in which he gave it. Theta Chi's "Grand Old Man" replied: "In all my life I have never said what's in my heart - what Theta Chi really means to me. I don't know how." Beta Alpha's delegate will not soon forget that incident!

Many are the thoughts that flit through my mind now. The smoker with its brief talks - what an ispiring beginning! The dance! Girls - many of them from somewhere! The business sessions, handled so efficiently by President Ladue. The calibre of the National Council, that small
group sitting on the platform. Such splendid men! The initiation of Kenny McCartney, U. C. L. A., '30, one of the founders of the now extinct Delta Mu Sigmal The sentiment aroused at the graves of the founders. The clam bake at Moody Park, a novel experience for a Californian! And what a climax! The banquet over at Barre! Yells, songs! More yells and more songs! Kappa's funny-men! Speeches - good ones - inspiring ones! And then: Farewell: "See you next year in New York!"
The convention was morally elevating almost spiritual it seemed. It has spurred me on. What a break for me! Beta Alpha's first delegate to any convention. A trip clear across the country - to Old Alphal - to the 75th convention, the "convention that can't be missed!"
How cordial all the brothers were to mel Beta Alpha Chapter is welcome, I know. And Theta Chi is all that I had hoped it would be!

## WISCONSIN FRESHMAN DIES <br> THREE DAYS AFTER INITIATION

For the first time in three years death exacted its toll from the active ranks of Psi Chapter when A. Jess Lave, '34, died of acute encephalitis in the university infirmary at 12:07 a. m., April 8 .

Brother Laue and Lyman Moore, '30, were in the infirmary at the same time with the German measles when the disease atruck Brother Lave, paralyzing his spinal cord and cutting off his breath. His life was prolonged for twenty-four hours by supplying him with oxygen from a tank, but it was a hopeless fight. Brother Laue was one of the best liked of the new initiates. He had received his pin only three days before his death. The funeral took place in Alma, Wisconsin, Brother Laue's birthplace. The chapter was represented at the funeral by Donald Miller, who acted as one of the pallbearers.

## RECEIVES PLAQUE FOR WORK

Raymond Van Dusen, Alpha Iota, is the recipient of an honor plaque presented by Phi Delta Gamma, honorary dramatic society at Indiana University, as the outstanding actor on the campus during the past year.

## OFFICE IS A HABIT

Theodore Meyer, Alpha Psi, '32, has been chosen to a class office for the fourth consecutive year at the University of Maryland. He will be senior class treasurer for this year. Pledge Edward Quinn will be president of the sophomore class and Ralph Williams, vice president of the junior class.

## Convention Cracks, Wise and Otherwise

It was essentially a motor convention; the Executive Office arranged for fewer than thirty railroad tickets.

The only individual that didn't seem to function one hundred per cent was the weather man. Preconvention visitors had enjoyed perfect days for at least ten days, and then on Thursday afternoon and evening of the convention it rained and that was repeated on Saturday, though Friday and Sunday were ideal.

Never in the history of Theta Chi conventions had newspapers carried so mach copy concerning the activities of the convention, before, during, and after the event. Thers were two special editions printed, while Boston, Manchester, Burlington, Keene, Portsmouth, and other leading New England journals used numerous special stories, some illustrated. The Associated Press, United Press, and International News Service all carried a number of stories. Material publighed in various papers totaled more than a thousand inches.

A Northfield resident with a passion for statistics made a survey of conventionite antomobiles parked around the village common while the drivers were enroute to Claremont on the special train. He listed thirty-three cars from the following sixteen states: Connecticut, New York, Delaware, New Jersey, the District of Columbia, Rhode Island, Nebraska, Massachusetts, Indiana, West Virginia, Hllinois, New Hampshire, Virginia, Pennsylvania, Kansas, and Ohio. Additional states represented in the cars parked around convention headquarters include: Minnesota, Maine, Vermont, Michigan, Maryland, Indiana, North Dakota, and Florida.

> "No, I want to sleep in the barracks with the boys," wos the reply of Theodore Christianson, Minnesota, 'O6, for six years governor of Minnesota, when the housing committee started to house him in a private residence. The story found its way on numerous city front pages. Later the governor was elected national vice president.

A call to Claremont from the Alpha Theta House, at Hanover, assured Chairman Steere that it was still raining in Claremont but that they would have it all turned off by the time the convention party arrived. It worked, for the sun was out by the time the automobile parade had returned to the Moody Park.

One of the leading faculty men at Norwich a week after the convention stated that Theta Chi through its convention activities had been responsible for securing more desirable newspaper publicity for Norwich University than that institution had ever received previously in any one year. As a campaign is under way to secure increased endowment for the university, this publicity, be declared, would be of tremendous value.

Even the military tradition of punctuality and the six o'clock reveille couldn't break the custom of years; the convention opened thirty-three minuteg late.

The unusually, artistic place cards found at the speakers' table were the work of Karl M. Tomfohrde, Massachusetts State College, '30.

About the busiest individuals in all Northfield during the convention were the two tailors who constituted the village's pressing force.

New standards were set in advance publicity this year, thanks to having a trained publicity man at the head of that important work, W. V. Merrihue, Pennsylvania, 25, a member of the General Electric Staff at Schenectady. As a result, interest in Theta Chi Fraternity was stimulated throughout the country before, during, and after the convention proper. Great work.

The first telegraphic greeting to the convention came from the baby chapter at the University of California at Los Angeles and read as follows: "Best success to diamond anniversary. May fraternity cherish its splendid past, thus insuring a safe and marvelous future-Beta Alpha of Theta Chi."

The official photographer of the convention was B. Benton Barker of Northfield. Copies of the various convention pictures can be obtained from him directly.

Among the most interested at the convention were Robert N . Green, Rensselear, '11, of Batavia, N. Y., and his two sons, one of whom will enter his father's alma mater this fall, while the other will be ready for college next year.

The Convention Committee would have issued instructions on when and how to eat clams if they'd known that few except New Englanders had had the privilege (?) of previous contact with steamed clams.

At the installation of Beta Alpha Chapter at the University of California st Los Angeles, April 10, Edwin Huntley, Norwich, 07 , one of the most active sponsors of the new group, was presented with a very handsome looseleaf scrapbook. Since that time he has decorated a number of the pages with clever illustrations. At the convention Lewis B. Sims, Beta Alpha's delegate, secured a large number of signatures and pictorial material to further enrich the book, which Brother Huntley promises some day to present to the National Council for Theta Chi's historical museum of the future.

Max R. Hughes, Phi's delegate, made the longest long distance motor drive, covering the ground from North Dakota State College at Fargo in an unusually short time. The alumnus driving the greatest distance was Horace Clifford, Alpha, '77, who came from Minneapolis.

The prize song of the convention, sung to the tune of "Smiles":
"There are clams that make you happy,
There are clams that make you blue,
There are clams that give you indigestion
Like a dose of castor oil will do.
There are clams that have a fragrant odor,
Like the one around the barnyard door,
But the clams we had today in Claremont,
Were the prize of the whole damn lot."
Governor Christianson refused to be put up in a private home and was provided with a room in the barracks, as was his preference. It was an ambiguous title however, that the Boaton Globe attached to the story: "Gov. Christianson in Norwich Bunk."

The Legion Drum and Bugle Corps escort at Claremont is the prize winning corps that is known and recognized at all Legion conventions. The Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club, and Lion's Club of Claremont sponsored this movement and having done such a good job with the weather they are credited with that also.

National President Ladue and party of National Council members made an official call on President Plumley at his home Tharsday afternoon before the dinner engagement at the Mess Hall.

Theta Chapter loaned its chapter flag for the dedication of the memorial at Norwich, Vermont. Alpha Chapter was the only other chapter in New England with an of ficial house flag. Gamma Chapter loaned its American flag, which was in evidence at the ceremonies, even though it was missing at the banquet.

District Attorney Ernest W. Gibson, Jr., Norwich, '23, was in charge of the reception of Governor Wilson's party on the Thursday afternoon program.

The committee anticipated a little bill on repairs as the Northfield people greeted them with the words, "We hope the boys will tear down a few buildings, and make as much noise as possible." The summer months had been too quiet for them. The bill wasn't fortheoming, for no tearing was done, although numerous towels, sheets, and blankets disappeared.

The New England sunshine pine tree soap with a word of greeting was another unique feature of the 75th Convention.

Conductor Bill Merrihue of the special train was a feature that no other convention can boast of. Did you get one of those transfers?

A telephone system was arranged over night through the courtesy of the Northfield Telephone Company. The connections were made more reliably than through hotel service.

Two phones in plain sight and only one toll call entered that couldn't be aecounted for. There aren't many chapters than can boast of that record, especially when a dance is on the program and most of the girls come from out of town.
Eating in shifts was a new plan for the convention, but after the first two meals it worked out well. The decorations of the mess hall were contributed by the caterer.

Decoration of store windows in Theta Chi colors and with items of historical interest was unique and one of accomplishments of the Northfield Chamber of Commerce.
The Central Vermont Railroad not only started on time, but arrived ahead of schedule. If rain had not slowed up the program the train schedule would have been excellent. The convention delayed the railway, and, although the passengers didn't know it, the Theta Chi special was racing to beat the mail train at the Junction after leaving Norwich for Claremont. On the return trip the special had the right-of-way and all other traffic was put on sidings.

George Catuna suggested the corn-roast at the Schenectady Founder's Day banquet, and it surely was a hit. The boys from the West couldn't figure out what a corn roast was, but it is understood they had a good time, notwithstanding the fact that not all of the corn they had was roasted.

The annual golf tournament Sunday morning did not have many entries despite the ideal weather and the exceptionally sporty golf course available. Perley Baker, Norwich, '20, won the trophy at the 19th hole, having played eighteen holes to a tie.

Malcolm Dole, the little chap who so capably unveiled the Dole plaque, was the proudest wearer of a convention badge. He is the only person not $a$ Theta Chi that was privileged to attend the ritualistic work. He is seven years old and the grandnephew of Charles Dole.

The wording of the inscriptions on the Norwich memorial and on the Chase and Freeman tablets was the work of Captain Frances M. Van Natter, Illinois, '16.
"Say, young fellow, I'm an old Alpha man. What's going on here, a convention?" The undergraduate busily painting the porch floor of the chapter house Wednesday so that all might be ready for the great event, looked at his quesioner searchingly, for the serious tone of the question made him guess that his first impression that he was being "kidded" might be wrong. He soon discovered that at least one member of Theta Chi Fraternity had not been reached by the publicity committee and the first suggestion that a national convention was on had come from the welcoming banners that Alpha had hung across every road entering Northfield. That member is Frederick Joseph Noel, Norwich, '11, who returned to this country last fall from Santiago, Chile, after fourteen years' reaidence in South America and chanced to be visiting Barre, Vermont.

Those who are keen about statiatics would have probably enjoyed the cabaret dance Thursday night more had they known that ten miles of vari-colored paper streamers were used in the decorations.

Perhaps the most continuously busy place in Convention Hall was the office of General Chairman Harry W. Stecre, and this office was just as busy on Sunday following the close of the convention taking care of the aftermath, rounding up the tremendous mass of detait. That is where the real test comes, but the staff met it splendidly, working at high pressure and as enthusiastically as when the excitement was on.

Even the convention badges of military red and white carried out the anniversary theme in clever fashion, a bit of Vermont granite, one of the chips from the monument stone, being mounted on each badge.

Evidences of the friendliness that now exists among the fraternity groups on the Norwich campus were the courtesy of Alpha Sigma Pi of Sigma Alpha Epsilon in turning over its attractive chapter house to serve as social headquarters for the feminine guests of Theta Chi, its rival of 74 years, and the following telegram from Chapter President A. L. Toohey: "Vermont Alpha Sigma Phi Epsilon extends best wishes for a successful convention."

It was a most pleasant bit of hospitality that Alpha Theta Chapter extended the convention pilgrims when they stopped briefly in Hanover before returning to White River Junction. Gingerale and thinsies, served on the spacious veranda of the Dartmouth chapter house, proved refreshing. One of the unfortunate things about the rather tight schedule for the convention trip was the fact that it made possible only a limited glimpse of the Dartmouth College campus, justly recognized as the most beautiful in New England if not in the entire East.

Theta Chi Fraternity has a complete movie history of the 75th anniversary convention, including business sessions and the banquet, thanks to the expertness of Kenneth Kirwan, Cornell, '34, in handling the Theta Chi camera. It is planned to have several reels of Theta Chi movies, including those of the convention, available for use by alumni and active chapters soon.

Among the most interested guests at the Claremont exercises, was Mrs. William E. Langdon, wife of the editor of Claremont Eagle, whose relationship to Theta Chi Fraternity was discovered through the preliminary planning for the convention. Her husband noticed a similarity between the crest of Theta Chi and a fraternity pin that had been her father's when the latter was a student.at Norwich University. Reference to the Theta Chi Roster of 1925 revealed the fact that Mrs. Langdon's father, Harry Simmons Denny, '88, had been a member of Alpha Chapter. Later, Mrs. Langdon presented the National Council with her father's pin to be added to the collection of such pins that will be of great historic value. The pin is unusual, having been cut from a solid piece of gold rather than having been molded.

Alpha Chapter in winning the convention attendance trophy, registered s7 men, who traveled a total of 6,148 miles, establishing a quotient of 182.89. Epsilon (Worcester) was second with a quotient of 67 , resulting from 13 men traveling 4314 miles. Third honors went to Alpha Rho (University of Washington), two men traveling 4795 miles from Seattle.

Boy Scouts played a helpful part in assisting the committee in various ways throughout the convention.

One of the direct results of the convention was the stimulating of Alpha Chapter's campaign for a new chapter house. A large committee is being organized to make a drive for funds to erect a home worthy of the mother chapter of the fraternity.
A number of children enjoyed some of the activities of the convention. More and more this annual event is becoming a family affair.

The firgt song to be expressly dedicated to a convention was written by Roger Burrill, Dartmouth, 's1, and its catchy waltz air made a very real appeal to the conventionites when introduced to it under the direction of Theodore Fitch, Rochester, '22, the man responsible for the outstanding success of the glee clubs at the Eastman endowed University of Rochester. "Girl of My Theta Chi Dreams," a recent gift to the fraternity by the Indiana University chapter, also was sung with enthusiasm, promising to become one of the fraternity's most popular songs. Stuart A. Ludlow and Howard T. Batman, both Alpha Iota, '29, are the authors.

## LOSES A GALLANT FIGURE

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From 1913 to 1917, Col. Shuttleworth was an inspector-instructor with the Connecticut National Guard. He had been promoted to the rank of major Nov. 21, 1913. Following the entrance of the United States into the World War in April, 1917, he became a lieutenant colonel May 15, 1917, and the following August he was advanced to a colonelcy in the national army. He was made a regular army colonel Mar. 11, 1920.

On Aug. 4, 1917, he was placed in command of a mobilization camp in Niantic, Conn. He then organized and commanded the 321 st Infantry at Camp Jackson, S. C., until March 1, 1918. He commanded the 1st Infantry at Schofield Barracks, T. H., and Camp Lewis, Wash., until Oct. 30, 1918. Placed in command of the 65th Pioneer Infantry at Camp Funston, Kan., he was about to sail with his regiment for overseas when their embarkation orders were cancelled because of the armistice.

Mustered out of the 65 th , he went to Fort Custer, Mich., and commanded the 77th Infantry until it was mustered out of service in March, 1919. He was in command of recruiting in the Cleveland, Ohio, district until October, 1921, when he was given command of the 40th Infantry at Camp Sherman, Ohio, and Camp Knox, Ky.

He was with his regiment in West Virginia during industrial disorders in that state in 1922. In 1923 he was a student officer in the Field Officers' Class at the Infantry School at Fort Benning, Ga. Then he was placed in command of the First Infantry, this time at Fort Sam Houston, Tex. He became chief of ataff of the 78th Division at Newark, N. J., in June, 1924, and held this post until his retirement in the spring of 1929 .

Col. Shuttleworth was married, Dec. 16, 1891. His wife before her marriage was Miss Minnie Walling of Northfield. Besides Mrs. Shuttleworth, the colonel leaves a brother, John Shuttleworth of Belchertown, Mass.

## OBSERVES MOTHER'S DAY

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J. H. Sheppard, wife of the president of North Dakota State College, Mrs. Rathburn, president of the Mothers' Club, Mrs. Steve Birch, and Mrs. Clara Pearson poured tea. The program included a vocal selection, "Mother of Theta Chi," sung by Maxwell Steward, a violin solo by Jack Thysell, and a piano solo by Robert Connolley. Clark Fredrickson was chairman. Beta Has Parents' Banquet
Mother's Day at Beta Chapter was a matter of thoughtful simplicity. Nearly all the members wrote letters home and many sent telegrams and telegraphic flower orders. No dinner or banquet was given on Mother's Day because the week before there was a Parents' and Sons' Banquet. Nearly all the mothers and fathers of the brothers were present at this banquet, which was unanimously voted by all present a great success.

Mothers Provide Shrubbery
Mother's Day found twenty-two mothers and almost an equal number of fathers at Omega for the week-end. On Friday evening, a mystery thriller, "The Donovan Affair," was presented for the mothers by the Penn State Players. This was followed on Saturday by Scholarship Day exercises at which many awards were made, and Saturday evening was made more enjoyable by a Glee Club concert.

After dinner Saturday the annual meeting of Omega's Mothers' Club was held and the following officers were named: President, Mrs. Greiner; secretary, Mrs. Hammond; and treasurer, Mrs. Rodgers. The club inmediately began to function by donating more than fifty dollars to be used in the purchase of shrubbery for the house. Incidentally, this shrubbery has not only been procured, but has been planted, improving the appearance of the house and lawn immeasurably.

Members of Gamma Chapter at Maine celebrated Mother's Day by wearing flowers and by sending gifts and cards to their mothers.

## EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

No more emphatic demonstration of real fraternity loyalty is recorded in Theta Chi's history than that of Dr. Robert L. Irish, who at a convention meeting in the home of his own chapter and when his re-election was undoubtedly certain refused to permit his name to remain on the list of nominees for the National Council because of his honeat conviction that a younger man might be able to serve the fraternity better. This action was indicative of his high sense of responsibility to Theta Chi. Thus ended twenty years of earnest service on

## Theta Chi's "Grand Old Man" Bids Farewell to Official Life

 the National Council, years that included four years as national president, but by no means has Dr. Irish ended his service to Theta Chi Fraternity, for as long as life lasts the fraternity will continue to receive everything in the way of counsel and loyal support that this Grand Old Man of Theta Chi can humanly give. It could not be otherwise with one who has given so completely throughout the years since his initiation, for Theta Chi to Dr. Irish has not been merely an organization, it has been a religion, and its principles and ideals have found concrete expression in the way he has lived.It is because of the latter fact that unconsciously Dr. Irish has made a tremendous contribution to the fraternity. He has been an inspiration not only to the undergraduate who from his enthusiasm and his evident loyalty caught a vision of what a college fraternity might mean to the individual, but to the alumnus who might have become disillusioned, embittered, or merely indifferent in the years following college days. Here is a man who has found that a college fraternity can enrich a man's life not only during the carefree days of the campus, but throughout sacceeding years. He has found that through the fraternity he can serve youth, and through serving youth he can serve humanity. The influence of such a man does not cease when he severs his official relationship, nor even when he enters the Eternal Chapter. He has made for himself an immortality that is more permanent than granite or marble, an immortality that continues to widen its influence. Theta Chi has justified itself in Robert L. Irish. His life and his spirit will long continue to inspire others to live up to the principles and ideals of this fraternity.

Annual conventions of Thets Chi Fraternity have usually been made memorable by some one feature of emotion-stirring character, sometimes a planned event, sometimes an unforeseen situation. The 75th anniversary convention will take its place in fraternity history as unforgettable because of the series of events, some planned, some unexpected, which tugged at one's heart, caused

When a Fraternity Has Existed For Three Quarters of a Century lumps to come into one's throat, and brought tears close to the surface. Those who were a part of the three-day program left the little village of Northfield, which nestles in the granite hills of northern Vermont, with a feeling of having been close to something fine, something inspiring, something eternal. They had gained an appreciation of their fraternity that perhaps will belong to them alone in its fullness because of the uniqueness of their experience.

There is a sense of unassailable solidity, of earnest purpose, of quiet dignity about Vermont that impresses one as being as permanent as those hills of granite and marble which may have been the envirormental influence that has stamped the people of that state. Alpha Chapter through its seventy-five years of existence has reflected the characteristics of this state, small in size, meager comparatively in population, yet great in beauty, strong in essential character, and powerful in the influence it has wielded.

Perhaps the chance visitor to Norwich University has wondered why it is that Alpha Chapter, seventy-five years old, with more than five hundred names on its chapter roll, owner of its own house and a fine building lot besides, has not replaced its somewhat commonplace home with a modern, beautiful chapter house comparable with those that have been erected by some of the younger chapters in various parts of the country. The reason most frequently ascribed has been conservatism, that characteristic so generally linked with New England. The real reason, however, was brought out in the meeting of alumnus advisers when Professor Charles N. Barber, Alpha, '08, told of Alpha's plans for the future and added, "The reason why Alpha does not go ahead wwith its building plans at once is that we of Alpha feel that nothing must happen to the mother chapter of this fraternity." The actives and alumni are so conscious of the heritage of the past and of their responsibility both to the builders of the past and to the fraternity of the present that they do not want Alpha Chapter to face any menace caused by problems of house financing. Some day Alpha will build a house that will be a credit to itself and to the fraternity, and in the meantime it will continue to play a leading part in Norwich because of its splendid personnel, its high scholarship, its earnest, loyal spirit, and, most of all, because of its honorable record for three quarters of a century.

Because Alpha Chapter was for so many years Theta Chi Fraternity, convention visitors in their pilgrimage to the site of the fraternity's founding, to the graves of the founders, and to the institution which nurtured the fraternity until it had acquired some of the stability of the granite hills among which it stands came in touch with the essential qualities that have made Alpha Chapter and Theta Chi Fraternity what it is in the fraternity world today. If the delegates can carry back to their chapters some of the spirit, the wisdom, and the spiritual power of the mother chapter then this pilgrimage will leave its impress upon the entire fraternity, and Theta Chi will be finer, stronger, and wiser.

Colleges and universities this year will open their doors to a larger number of students than in years past. Increased attendance has always been recorded in years of depression. Students will come, however, in a different spirit than in years of general prosperity. They will be conscious of sacrifices in their homes that permit them to have the opportunity of higher education. They may be

The Challenge of the Present investing their own savings, garnered from hard work following graduation from high school. Many will face the necessity of supplementing their resources by work in their spare hours. This situation will prove a vital test for fraternities. Unless it is met squarely and wisely, it will mean that some chapters will disappear. Fraternity chapters must prove that membership is not a luxury to be enjoyed only by the well-to-do. They must restrict their budgets to prime necessities, eliminating all extravagance in service, in social affairs, and in property improvements. They must discourage foolish spending among individual members, that unfortunate "pace-setting" that often inspires men with limited incomes to spend unwisely. They must see that only competent persons handle the finances of the chapter, that those employed by the chapter give honest service for their wages, that purchases are made carefully and only when the chapter income warrants such purchases. There must be firm insistence that chapter members pay their bills promptly and completely. Income must at least equal outgo, and that income must be in cash, not in charges on the fraternity books.

There is no reason why a fraternity chapter should not be able to prove that a normal college life can be lived as cheaply within the walls of a fraternity house as on the outside. All that is necessary is good business management, common sense in planning a social program, and a development of wholesome recreation possibilities within the chapter house as a substitute for commercialized recreation outside.

Fraternity chapters must prove that they are not rich men's clubs, but institutions that offer to the college youth with average financial resources an opportunity for living together in the genial atmosphere of comradeship at a cost that he can afford.

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