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The Readers Write

He Learned About Brothers

The Rattle arrived last evening, and I do want to thank you for such an interesting issue. When I read Time's Greenewalt story, little did I realize that this industrial leader was a fraternity brother. The story was most interesting, as most Time character studies are. Mrs. M and I saw John Holm's "Gramercy Ghost" on television before its Broadway debut, enjoyed it immensely for its novel treatment; often we've since remarked that we hope the sponsor who first presented it would give a repeat performance. Being athleticallyminded, I naturally appreciated the material on Thor Olson, not to overlook the story on Kubly. All in all, I think it was a darn good issue.

I suspect you are changing your policy and are going to lean more to "richer" stories and are going to confine the fraternity chit chat to the *Theta Chi News*. I think it's a good thing, for, with the growth of the fraternity and the high cost of newsprint you have quite a problem making ends meet.

WILLIAM MOKSRAY, Rhode Island, '29

Finds Theta Chi Is National

Let me impress upon you the enjoyment and satisfaction The Rattle has brought to me while being in the service. Incidentally, I have been most fortunate in that I have been located near fine chapters such as Gamma Lambda and now Alpha Lambda, thereby remaining close to Theta Chi, So, "as the reader sees it," congratulations on a job well done with The Rattle.

J. RANDELL SMITH, Bucknell

The President's Message

The lessons of successful fraternity operation are lew and simple to define, yet profoundly significant in their inevitable bearing on chapter prestige. They warrant endless repetition by our leadership in Theta Chi Fraternity, both alumni and active,



First, there is solvency. An outfit has to pay its way. There is no such thing os o free lunch. Once a deadbeat always a deadbeat. No chapter con thrive with free riders. And solvency goes further than money and finances. It extends equally to the fields of decent and creditable scholarship and active, vigorous, and ag-gressive acquisition -mun etoupebo lo bers required to keep the chapter progressing uniform-

ly year after year. Second, there is solidarity. This implies a cahesive outfit. Such a group functions as a unit. This does not imply

a lack of individuality among the membership. It does imply a constructive team spirit—an endless and spirited contention of how best to work together and agree under an atmosphere of justified mutual approval.

With such a spirit of brotherhood prevailing in a sound, solvent chapter no competition need be feared from rivals. When it is lacking no luxury of housing or furnishings will for long stave off a well deserved low rating among fellow chapters on the campus.

There came to me recently a vivid illustration of the impact of these fundamentals. A year or two ago I visited a chapter for the first time. It was a well established group in a house equal to any on the compus with a fair scholastic rating and no trouble apparent in its finances. Yet there was obviously no wormth and group friendliness in the group, either mutually among the members or evinced to the stranger in the gates. There was no interest or hospitality, no pleasure or pride in being host to a guest, or in any other chapter activity.

Not long ago I read the report made by one of our official lamily who visited the chapter almost two years after I did and who had no knowledge of my reactions stated above. I quote from his nates:

"The lack of real fraternity spirit sticks out like a sore thumb here. We have a boarding house---not a fraternity. Even the freshmen this year saw through the sham of the rush parties; we didn't pledge a single man in the rush season."

Stuart H. Kelley

National President

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Roster Reaches 107 <u>Chapters at Gettysburg and Valparaiso</u> Are Added to Theta Chi's Unbroken Roll

WITH THE INSTALLATION of Delta Xi at Valparaiso University, a new field for national fraternities, and Delta Omicron at Gettysburg, where nationals have flourished since 1855, Theta Chi increased its unbroken chapter roll to 107. The age of the two chapters, however, was in reverse. The group at Gettysburg had been organized less than two years, being designed to meet a need in a school that has been for many years national fraternityminded. On the other hand, Sigma Delta Chi had functioned as a local fraternity since 1914.

Both chapters are in schools supported by the Lutheran Church. Gettysburg, the oldest Lutheran college in America, was chartered in 1832. Although Valparaiso opened September 21, 1859, it had a somewhat uncertain existence until 1925 when it was purchased by the Lutheran University Association. Since then it has steadily grown in numbers and prestige.

By IRA GEISELMAN, Gettysburg

THE INSTALLATION CEREMONIES for Delta Omicron Chapter of Theta Chi were held in the auditorium of Weidensall Hall on the Gettysburg College campus, March 8, beginning at two o'clock. In the evening a banquet at the Gettysburg Hotel was enjoyed as a climax to the installation program. About one hundred and twenty-five attended.

Serving as toastmaster was Philip C. Campbell, Bucknell, chairman of the installation ceremonies. Melvin Shaeffer, chaplain of the newly installed chapter, said grace. Toastmaster Campbell, who is acting counselor for Region III, first presented his deputy counselors, Murrell Mc-Kinstry and William Lange, after which he introduced the banquet speakers.

Robert J. Emery, president of Interfraternity Council and a Lambda Chi Alpha, welcomed Theta Chi to the family of fraternities on the Gettysburg College campus. Dr. Frank Kramer, adviser to the Interfraternity Council, discussed the standards of the fraternities. John H. Austin, president of Delta Omicron, presented a plaque to Dr. Kramer in appreciation of his advice and assistance in helping the chapter achieve its goal. Dr. Wilber E. Tilberg, dean of men, principal speaker of the evening, told of the important role played by the fraternities in developing a well-rounded personality. Also he emphasized the close relationship between the fraternities and the administration of Gettysburg College.

The final speaker at the banquet was George W. Chapman, executive director of Theta Chi Fraternity. He expressed his satisfaction of having a chapter of Theta Chi established at Gettysburg.

At the banquet, William Goodling, president of Alpha Psi Chapter of the University of Maryland, led the group in singing. Among those present were Theta Chis from that university, Dickinson College, Pennsylvania State College, Bucknell University, Susquehanna University, and New York University. Five from New York University drove more than 250 miles to attend the event. Other guests were Robert Bearson and Winifred C. Beacom, presidents of other fraternity chapters at Gettysburg.

On Sunday morning the members of Theta Chi Fraternity attended, in a body, services held at Christ Lutheran Church.

The members of the installation committee are as follows: Philip C. Campbell, Bucknell; Francis H. S. Ede, Dickinson; Ralph H. Griesemer, Dickinson; William Lange; Murrell McKinstry; Lt. John Williams, Penn State, AROTC; James R. Humer, Dickinson; and George W. Chapman, Penn State.

Twenty-five undergraduates and one faculty member were initiated. The chapter has eight pledges.

Alpha Theta Chi

As GETTYSBURG has been a strong fraternity college almost from its founding and there had not been an increase in chapters to harmonize with the increase in enrollment, on the night of October 4, 1950, three students met with the intention of forming a new social fraternity on the campus. They were John W. Lafean, Hanover; John Muth, Haddon Heights, N.J.; and Edward F. Stauderman, Mt. Vernon, N.Y. The constitution was written and the name, "The Star and Crescent Club," was adopted at this meeting. Officers elected were John Muth, president; John W. Lafean, treasurer; and Edward F. Stauderman, secretary.

October 10 marked the forming of the first pledge class, which consisted of the following: George Carl, Old Zionsville; Richard Carr, Toledo, Ohio; Edward Grant, Pearl River, N.Y.; Ira Geiselman, Hanover; Robert Ramsay, York; Howard DeCamp, Collingswood, N.J.; and William Storch, Mt. Pocono. These men were formally initiated on November 15, 1950, and were recognized as the charter members.

The aim of these men was to form a local fraternity and later to affiliate with a national organization; work



Dr. Frank Kramer of Gettysburg at Installation Banquet Tells of the Fraternity's Place in College Life. At Dr. Kramer's left is Dean W. E. Tilberg, Principal Speaker of the Evening.

began immediately towards the realization of this goal.

The coat of arms, bearing the motto, "Ego Vexili Se," was adopted, a badge was designed, and Alpha Theta Chi chosen as a name.

The second pledge class consisted of: Frederick Almy, Teaneck, N.J.; Earl Alwine and Melvin Shaffer, New Freedom; Jack Nightingale, Garden City, N.Y.; Manyard Northup, Roselle Park, N.J.; and Richard Terenzini, Rutland, Vt.

THE FRATERNITY continued to grow as John Austin, Aberdeen, Md.; George Fandrick, Camden, N.J., and Neal Morschauser, Carroll Park, were pledged on April 18, 1951. It was at about that time that correspondence was begun with Theta Chi.

The fraternity's final act of the scholastic year 1950-1951 was the initiation of Richard Greene, Cristobal, Canal Zone; Stanley Joseph, York; Joseph Lansberry, Clearfield; Lowell Repp, Scottsdale; Charles Sanders, Abbottstown; Wayne Shaffer, Seven Valleys; and Robert Stewart, Hazelton.

The following officers were elected for 1951-52: John Austin, president; Melvin Shaffer, vice president; William Storch, treasurer; Richard Terenzini, recording secretary; and Harold Carr, corresponding secretary.

The social events of the fraternity for the year were a Fathers' Day banquet, a buffet supper and formal dance at Christmas week-end, a spring formal, a tea for the mothers, Mother's Day Week-end, and various closed fraternity parties.

Members took over a 12-room, 3bath house located at 339 Carlisle Street, directly across the street from the Gettysburg College Commons. The first floor has two living rooms; a rumpus room, soon to become a dining room; a kitchen and pantry; and a bedroom, which will become either the chapter room or the housemother's quarters.

The second floor consists of five bedrooms, providing study and sleeping quarters for fourteen men; and two washrooms, one being the shower room. On the third floor there are two rooms.

Oldest Lutheron College

GETTYSBURG COLLEGE, the oldest Lutheran college in America, was granted its charter April 7, 1832. A majority of its faculty and students are Lutheran, but many other faiths are represented at the college, the original name of which was Pennsylvania College of Gettysburg. The name was changed in 1921 to Gettysburg College.

In its earliest days the college was housed in a single building, now used as a private residence. It received from the state a grant of \$1800, but had no endowment. The first building erected on the present campus was Pennsylvania Hall, the "Old Dorm." The physical equipment of the college now includes twenty buildings, valued at more than two million dollars: the student enrollment has increased from sixty-three to twelve hundred; and the original staff of five professors has grown to a faculty of more than ninety. In the past twenty years, the resources of the college have been increased by more than a million dollars in endowment and buildings. Among the buildings constructed within this period are the Library; the Breidenbaugh Science Hall, and the Eddie Plank Memorial Gymnasium. The area of the campus



Undergraduate Members and Pledges of Delta Omicron Chapter at Gettysburg College, Installed on March 8, Who Makeup Theta Chi's Ninth Unit in the State of Pennsylvania.

has been increased to one hundred acres.

The education services and academic reputation of Gettysburg College have kept pace with its material progress. Since 1923 the college has had a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa; it is fully accredited by important educational agencies.

The college has the oldest ROTC unit in a private college, it having been established in 1916. An air unit has since been added.

Here Theta Chi meets Alpha Tau Omega, Kappa Delta Rho, Lambda Chi Alpha, Phi Delta Theta, Phi Gamma Delta, Phi Kappa Psi, Phi Sigma Kappa, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Chi, Tau Kappa Epsilon, and a local, Phi Kappa Rho. Sororities on the campus include Alpha Xi Delta, Chi Omega, Delta Gamma, Phi Mu.

Delta Xi At Valparaiso

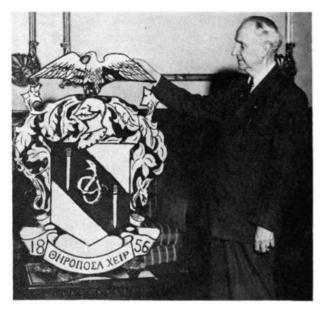
HIGHLIGHTED by the presentation of two alumni awards, the initiation banquet of Delta Xi Chapter took place at Hotel Lembke, Valparaiso, Indiana, the same day as the installation. Over 130 undergraduates and alumni, in addition to many Theta Chi guests, enjoyed the roast beef dinner and the quiet humor of the toastmaster, Sherwood Blue, national vice president of Theta Chi.

Mr. Blue introduced some of the many prominent Theta Chis present: George W. Chapman, executive director; Spencer Shank, counselor of Region 6, summer session dean of the University of Cincinnati; Robert Creber, field secretary; Robert Parsons, president of Chicago Alumni Association; Allan H. Warne, Jr., president of the Indianapolis Alumni Association, who stated that on Saturday, March 1, the Theta Chi All-state Jambouree would be held at Indianapolis, and invited Delta Xi to it.

Robert Uteg, '52, president of Delta Xi, extended a cordial welcome to the guests and stated in behalf of the chapter the pride of its members in becoming Theta Chis.

The president of Delta Xi Alumni Association, Milford H. Aggerding, said that the association will be incorporated and that the goal of the association will be to get all the 350 alumni of Sigma Delta Chi to become members of Theta Chi.

Marshall J. Jox, dean of men of



Governor Henry F. Schricker of Indiana Pledges Loyalty to Theta Chi When It Absorbed His Local Fraternity at Valparaiso.

Valparaiso University, spoke on the theme, "The Future Is Yours."

A^T THE CLIMAX of the successful dinner hour, Lewis Unnewehr, Purdue, '46, and Robert D. Lowe, Dickinson, '49, received the Alumni Award. The former was first secretary of his chapter, and then president in his senior year. After graduation he located in Des Moines, Iowa. He was appointed deputy counselor of Region 8 and worked with the colony at Drake University when it was first organized and after it was installed as Gamma Tau Chapter. He then joined the faculty of Valparaiso University, and immediately began efforts to bring Theta Chi to that campus. He was made a member of Sigma Delta Chi, a local fraternity, and his efforts resulted in the installation of Sigma Delta Chi as Delta Xi Chapter. His citation reads, "For his interest in Theta Chi Fraternity and particularly for his bringing a new chapter into Theta Chi, the Grand Chapter takes pleasure in presenting to Lewis Unnewehr, the Alumni Award."

Robert Lowe, Dickinson, '49, was the treasurer of his chapter. He later did graduate work at Northwestern University for an advanced degree and upon completion of his work, became a member of its faculty in the Department of Mathematics. Even before he matriculated at Northwestern, he was interested in the establishment of a chapter of his fraternity there.

By hard work and determined interest, he was able to form a group of interested undergraduates, secure necessary permission from the university authorities, and have this group initiated as a Theta Chi colony. of which he became the first president. Largely because of his efforts, this colony was installed as Delta Iota Chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity in 1950. Again, "For his service in the interest of his fraternity and for his successful efforts in adding a chapter of Theta

Chi, the Grand Chapter is happy to present to Robert D. Lowe, the Alumni Award."

TOASTMASTER BLUE then read the letter of congratulation from Henry F. Schricker, governor of Indiana, a member of Sigma Delta Chi, now an alumnus of Theta Chi. Unable to be present for the ceremonies at Valparaiso, he was initiated by a special team the previous day, Jan. 25.

The speaker of the evening was the dean of the faculty, Dr. Walter E. Bauer, He welcomed Theta Chi Fraternity to Valparaiso, both as the representative of the university and as an individual. He said in part, "I am generally against organization, especially the over-organization of our country today. However, when I was introduced to the aims of Theta Chi, I saw that this was an organization of good.

"Valparaiso is a school rich in tradition and heritage. We shall see how Theta Chi will affect this heritage. The progress of Valparaiso has been the greatest in the last twenty-five years of its history, in buildings, in teachers, in students. We look with even higher hopes to the next twentyfive years.

"Education at Valparaiso is more than mere professional schooling and acquirement of knowledge . . . it is based on the greater Christian ideals of the faith of its founders. I find the aims and objectives of Valparaiso and Theta Chi in strict accord."

Mr. Blue adjourned the meeting at 8:50, so that all might attend the Butler-Valpo basketball game at the gymnasium where a section has been reserved for Theta Chis. Valpo lost a squeaker, 58-60.

After the game, the guests, alumni, and friends of Delta Xi Chapter were escorted to the new chapter house at 804 Union Street. Here they saw this beautiful home and were served with refreshments.

A Fraternity Since 1914

S IGMA DELTA CHI, one of the oldest paraiso University, was founded in 1914, but it was not officially recognized by the administration until 1919. The founders' principles were: brotherhood, truth, loyalty, and toleration.

In the early years an annual Prosperity Dance was held, which cli-



Theta Chis Who Initiated Governor Henry F. Schricker. (Names are given on page 8)

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maxed the year's social events. In 1921 the first permanent quarters of the fraternity were on the third floor of the since removed Rehabilitation Center. It was at this time that the annual Homecoming celebration was established by the fraternity.

Such prominent men as Howard Geselle, Harry Dorosh, and Paul Wachholz were among the early members. Sigma Delta Chi has been the only fraternity to win the annual Field Day six years consecutively.

In 1937 Sigma Delta Chi organized its Alumni Association, which has been functioning well since. It was primarily through the alumni that Sigma Delta Chi was able to remain an active chapter throughout the war, even with a membership of twelve.

Sigma Delta Chi has men in all types of campus activity. Its most oustanding man in athletics last year was James Ove, recognized as one of the best basketball centers in the nation. He was awarded All-American honors by the Helms Foundation.

House improvements have been a continuing project since the end of the war. The club room was paneled in knotty pine, and a large record cabinet and record player was added.

Sigma Delta Chi has worked in very close cooperation with the administration. Many of the brothers gave much time in soliciting funds through the newly instigated patron system. The fraternity's quartet has been invited to sing at numerous university functions.

Sigma Delta Chi recently purchased a beautiful home which was built in 1941 under FHA specifications from one of the fraternity brothers, Professor Schoenbohm. In the fall of 1952 the chapter will move into this new house. A complete outfit of new furniture is being purchased. Some features of the new house are a large modern kitchen, a club room with walls of knotty pine, and a beautifully landscaped lawn. The new residence will also house an additional dozen men.

Twenty-three alumni were initiated into Theta Chi at the installation. They are: Richard Burley, '49, Cleveland, Ohio; Hubert D. Wray, '21, Monmouth, Ill.; Milfred Eggerding, '40, Valparaiso; Gene Cox, '46, New Richmond, Wis.; Jerry F. Ocock, '40, Morengo, Ill.; Clarence Garwood, '43, Robert Boknecht, '47, Del Stevens, '44, La Porte; Louis Tromble, '45, Hobart; R. H. Schwarz, '31, Detroit, Mich.; Clancy Dick, '47, Downers Grove, Ill.; Otto Loeffler, '43, Albert Dorris, Valparaiso; Wilbur Schmidt, Robert Pangrac, '47, Hammond; Raymond Jirka, '31, Elgin, Ill.; George Behnke, '29, Lester Bergslien, '39, Gary; Paul Hess, '42, Howard Hackel, '41, Chicago, Ill.; Fred Hohenstein, East Chicago; William Leoschke, '48, Madison, Wis.; and Clarence Heller, Marinette, Wis.

The 46 undergraduate members are: Donald Paul Bielke, St. Paul, Minn.; John B. Bradfield, South Bend; Carl Theodore Brighton, McKeesport, Pa.; Irvin Klaus Day, Edward O. Dregalla, Richard F. Wult, Cleveland, Ohio; Robert Winter Doering, Battle Creek, Neb.; Charles Walter Droege, Granite City, Ill.; L. William Ehrett, Kirkwood, Mo.; Francis Kenneth Friedemann, Orange,

PICTORIALLY PRESENTED: at speakers' table, I. to r., Lowis Unnewehr, deputy counselor; George W. Chapman, executive director; Dr. Walter E. Bauer, dean of the faculty; Robert Uteg, president of Delta Xi Chapter; Marshall J. Jox, dean of men; Sherwood Blue, national vice president and toastmaster; Robert Lowe.

Ball State delegates arrive: Richard Servis, seated; I. to r., Thomas Jackson, Daniel Gallohue, Howard Faust.

National Vice President Sherwood Blue presents Alumni Awards to Robert Lowe and Lewis Unnewehr.

Installation committee, alumni and undergraduates from various chapters, Undergraduates compare notes: I. to r., James Larry, Delta Iota, Northwestern; Arthur Dallman and George Meyer, Delta Xi, Valparoiso; Charles McDougal, Alpha Psi, Moryland; John Wendt, Valparaiso; Thomas Blumenthal, Northwestern.



Calif.; Roland G. Schultz, Vernon Frederick Frank, Lansing, Ill.; Alfred E. Happel, Latimer, Iowa; Richard Martin Hollman, Fort Wayne; Robert Edgar Holland, Niagara Falls, N. Y.; William Adolph Hunger, Lakewood, Ohio; Jerome August Karstend, La-Grange, Ill.; Richard John Kofsky, Crystal Lake, Ill.; William Koert Kopp, Kewanee, Ill.; August William Braun, Edward W. Poe, Jr., John William Wendt, Donald John Kovach, Chicago, Ill.; Paul Gerhard Krentz, LaPorte; Robert David Uteg, Edward Charles Kurt, Dundee, Ill.; Roland Lach, Orland Park, Ill.; Richard John Larson, Arlington Heights, Ill.; George William Meyer, Algona, Iowa; Robert Frederick Muller, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Charles Samuel Ochs, Lancaster, Ohio; Robert Dale Reed, Thomas James Oliver, Valparaiso; Glen William Piotter, Spring, 1951, Melrose Park, Ill.; Donald Augustine Pohlig, Richmond, Va.; Ronald D. Rosenthal, Waukegan, Ill.; Larry Paul Schieb, Antigo, Wis.; Donald Ernest Schietzelt, Sioux City, Iowa; Theodore Elmer Schmidt, Toledo, Ohio; Daryl Emerson Scott, Ketchikan, Alaska; Charles F. Sprung, Arthur Carr Dallman, Buffalo, N. Y.; John M. Stivers, Corning, N. Y.; Robert William Stout, Hartford City; Karl William Wikelski, Leavenworth, Kans.; Clarence J. Wollslager, Hudson, N. Y.

Valparaiso University

THE HISTORY of Valparaiso University begins in the days before the Civil War. On September 21, 1859, the Valparaiso Coeducational College opened. The fact that it was a coeducational institution at a time when women were rarely admitted to college marked it as a pioneer. The college prospered at first, but reverses resulting from the Civil War caused classes to be suspended in 1869.

On September 16, 1873, the college was reopened as the Northern Indiana Normal School and Business Institute by Henry Baker Brown, who was joined in 1881 by Oliver Perry Kinsey. When the School of Law was organized and added in 1879, the institution grew rapidly in size and in influence. In 1900 its name was changed to Valparaiso College and in 1907 to Valparaiso University.

A new chapter in the history of Valparaiso University began in the summer of 1925, when the university was purchased by the Lutheran University Association, an Indiana corporation composed of men and women affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Synodical Conference of North America. It is located in Valparaiso, Indiana, a city of 12,000, about 45 miles southeast of Chicago.

Its original 46-acre campus has been increased in the past decade to 152 acres. The value of the buildings and grounds has been greatly increased in the last five years because of extensive renovation and improvement. The present physical plant, which consists of 54 buildings, is valued at \$4,000,000. The university has already started construction of buildings on the new campus. A gymnasium was built in 1939, and two dormitories were

Newly installed officers of Delta Xi: front row—Donald Kovach, librarian; Richard Kofsky, historian; Rabert Reed, vice president; Rabert Uteg, presi-dent; Carl Brighton, secretary; Robert Doering, chaplain; Glen Piotter, first guard; back row—William Hunger, treasurer; William Kopp, second guard; Ike Dey, assistant treasurer; Gus Friedemann, marshall.

Robert Uteg, president of Delta Xi Chapter and Carl Brighton, secretary, sign Governor Schricker's membership certificate. Executive Director George W, Chapman and Field Secretary Robert

Creber look over Delta Xi's charter.

Delta Xi undergraduates decide a little music might liven things up: standing-I, to r., Robert Reed, Carl Brighton, Robert Muller, William Kopp; seated: Donald Kovach.

Delta Xi undergrads—Donald Bielke, Ronald Rosenthal, Lawrence Schieb, and Paul Krentz look over the many congratulatory messages.



State of Indiana OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR Indianapolis, Indiana

January 25, 1952

Mr. Robert Uleg President Delta Xi Chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity Valparaiso, Indiana

Dear Brother Uteg:

Across the miles I extend to you and the brothers of Delta Xi Chapter the helping hand of Theta Chi in commemoration of and with congratulations upon your installation into the fellowship of our froternity.

With pride we look forward to the expansion of academic horizons and accomplishments in our new founded affiliation with the strong brotherhood of Theta Chi.

My warmest personal greetings to you all.

Sincerely yours, Henry F. Schricker Governor

finished in 1946. An engineering laboratory was completed in 1949, the entire project being handled by students, both financing and construction. At the present time a new engineering class room building is being constructed on the new campus. Within the next few years more buildings will be added.

Valparaiso is developing a unique financing system. A patron plan has been established through which the university will have a yearly working fund of \$500,000, this being equal to an endowment of \$15,000,000.

Valparaiso has a faculty of one hundred and fifty, who are divided among four schools: College of Arts and Sciences, College of Education, College of Engineering, and School of Law.

Many student organizations are found at Valparaiso University such as choirs, vocational clubs, and student government organizations.

Tau Kappa Epsilon was the only national social fraternity to precede Theta Chi. There are six local fraternities and seven local sororities, as well as three national law fraternities. With the exception of two of the last named, all groups have houses.

UNABLE TO ATTEND the installation of his old local fraternity at Valparaiso University as Delta Omicron Chapter of Theta Chi, Henry F. Schricker, governor of Indiana, was initiated into the fraternity by National Vice President Sherwood Blue, Dean Spencer Shank, counselor of Page Eight

One of the World's Greatest

ONE OF THE WORLD's greatest engineers, according to the Los Angeles Evening Herald Express, Helmuth C. Gardett, California, '04, died December 24, 1951, of perintonitis at the age of 73.

Former chief electrical engineer and general manager of the Los Angeles Municipal Water and Power Department, he had built projects to supply water for the city of Los Angeles at a cost of more than \$300,-000,000. After 40 years of executive service for the municipality he retired Oct. 31, 1943, but was retained as consultant until two years before his death.

Mr. Gardett was the engineer in charge of designing the transmission line from Hoover Dam to Los Angeles, the largest voltage transmission line in the world at the time of its construction. He directed and assisted in the direction of the city's systems in the Owens Valley, the huge power plants in San Francisco Canyon, the hydraulic plants in San Fernando and Franklin Canyon. He also planned the \$100,000,000 water and power development in the Owens River Gorge, a project now nearing completion.

He had taught at the California Institute of Technology and the University of California. He was a member of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers.

A charter member of the Unity Club, he was made a member of Theta Chi Fraternity when that group became Mu Chapter. He was also a charter member of the Los Angeles Alumni Chapter, which he served as president. He was actively interested in Beta Alpha Chapter at UCLA, being one of the donors of the chapter house. His son, H. Warner Gardett, UCLA, '34, is also a member of Theta Chi Fraternity as is his nephew, Peter Gardett. One of the pall bearers at his funeral was Manley H. Sahlberg, national counselor of Theta Chi Fraternity.

World Famous Naval Architect

INTERNATIONALLY NOTED as a naval architect, Professor Emeritus James R. Jack, MIT, '88, died January 6, 1952. He was the retired head of the Department of Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. A native of Scotland, he had designed more than 400 naval and merchant vessels and attained world renown before he accepted the headship at MIT in 1919. His ship, King Edward, launched in 1901, was the first merchant vessel powered by a steam turbine engine. King George V person-

Region VI, and Donald Snoke, deputy counselor of Region VII, assisted by members of the Indianapolis Alumni Association. This took place the evening of January 25, the day previous to the installation ceremonies. Those present, shown in the picture on page 5, were: left to right, bottom row, Joseph Nelson, A. D. Wiles, W. E. May, A. B. Cameron; middle row, John Roscoe Davis, Harry O. Byers, Kenneth G. Baker, Earl Williamson, Allen Warne, Sr., James W. Ferguson; top row, James Smith, Spencer Shank, Donald Snoke, Gov. Henry F. Schricker, Sherwood Blue, Allen H. Warne, Jr., John M. Heeter.

ally presented the award of the Order of the British Empire to Professor Jack for his outstanding work in World War I as a designer and architect of British naval craft.

Born near the River Clyde in Scotland, he was educated at Helenburgh, near the shipping center Greenoch. As a special student he attended the University of Glasgow and in 1882 began an apprenticeship as a naval designer with William Denny Brothers, a Scottish shipping firm. In 1901 he was placed in charge of designing at the Denny shipyard. He had teaching experience at the Dumbarton School of Science and Art and the Royal Technical College at Glasgow.

He was a member of the Institution of Naval Architecture in London, the Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers in New York. and the Institute of Engineers and Shipbuilders of Glasgow. He was also a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. Before his retirement in 1936 he took a keen interest in Beta Chapter and with his wife, who survives him, attended many of the social functions at the chapter house. His interest continued after his retirement. As a result, he will be long remembered by nearly all alumni members of the chapter.

Fraternity and PR

<u>Panel at NIC makes need for public relations</u> clear and offers sensible suggestions as well

DUTSTANDING among the program features of the 43rd session of National Interfraternity Conference was the panel discussion on "Fraternity Public Relations," conducted by Clifton W. Phalen, Phi Gamma Delta, chairman of the NIC Committee on Public Relations. Members of the panel were Richard Powell, a Princeton graduate, assistant to the president of N. W. Ayer & Son; John W. Vann, worthy grand chief of Alpha Tau Omega; and Clyde S. Johnson, executive secretary of Phi Kappa Sigma, who replaced J. H. Newman, dean of administration of the University of Alabama, who was not able to be present because of illness in his family.

Asked to give the basic reasons for the existence of college fraternities and to show how they concern public relations, Mr. Johnson stated that the Interfraternity Criteria places fraternity men under obligation to help members grow intellectually, physically, and socially; to be loyal to the colleges; to stand for conduct consistent with good morals and good taste; to be concerned with scholarship; to be interested in sound business practices, including the payment of bills; and to provide wholesome, safe, and sanitary housing for students.

Mr. Vann emphasized scholarship as one objective and added the training of a man to live with his fellow man and to be a good citizen on his campus, in his community, and in his state, following the real American way of life. He suggested the entertainment of foreign students in chapter houses so that they might secure a better understanding of the people in this country.

Then Mr. Phalen turned to Mr. Powell, asking what effect would these points have on fraternity public relations, and the panel give and take was on.

Mr. Powell: Certainly scholarship and good conduct are tremendously important. However, we shouldn't overlook the great importance of participation in community affairs. That not only is excellent training in good citizenship, but it is also extremely newsworthy and produces good public relations.

Mr. Phalen: Mr. Vann, it is my understanding that in the past year many of your chapters have been actively engaged in various community projects as a part of your fraternity's national help week program. Would you tell this group about that program?

Mr. Vann: It started one day when a young chap in our Indiana chapter saw pledges of one fraternity pick up stones, load them into wheelbarrows, and roll them over to one side of the road and then another group loaded them back into wheelbarrows and brought them back to where they had been. He walked into Dean Schwartz's office and asked, "Dean, isn't there some way fraternities on this campus could utilize that manpower and put it to better operation?" The dean threw the challenge right back, saying, "Bob, you're pledgemaster in your fraternity; why don't you come up with a program for your men that might set the pace on this campus for the fraternities?" That is just what Bob did. He took on two or three projects for the Indiana chapter. One was bringing in firewood that a truck unloaded at the end of a one-mile road for a family on relief, composed of a woman and several small children. The pledges also painted a community house that had been used by several churches in that town.

This idea spread on the Indiana campus so that practically all fraternities adopted it. It then spread to Purdue and other Indiana schools. It was amazing how quickly it spread to other campuses.

Mr. Phalen: Did you get much favorable publicity with this program?

Mr. Vann: I found if you go into the local newspaper office with a real story the editors will give it good space. It was amazing what happened in local press coverage and what has happened both editorially and in news stories through the Associated Press, the United Press, and other agencies sending this story across the country. It came out as news. It came out as editorials. Guide Posts had an excellent article. That was picked up in the September issue of Reader's Digest. We had excellent publication in all campus papers because we found editors of the local campus newspapers certainly are looking for something of this type to tell their campuses.

Bob Lawlor, who started this program on Indiana's campus, and Dick Goff, chapter president, were called to New York recently to appear on a coast-to-coast television telecast of "We, the People" and tell just how this project started and how it is sweeping the fraternity world.

What a contrast to the Wittenberg incident! We hang our heads with shame when we feel that maybe we had to have a tragedy in our own fraternity to wake us up, and I'm telling you gentlemen every one of you can have a tragedy; we didn't think it would ever happen to us, but it can happen to every one of you. There our boys thought a little playful Hell Week initiation would be to take two pledges out on a trip and let them walk back some fifteen or twenty miles. They had been up late the night before. They got tired. Foolishly they sat along the side of the road. They fell asleep. A big truck killed one of them. That helped our national convention to put teeth into our laws doing away with Hell Week. This action has done more to build good public relations than anything we have ever done.

Some of the different types of things we have done are: work for an orphanage for underprivileged children; help to needy families; help to YMCAs; improvements on churches; campus landscaping improvement; improvement on community centers; help to hospitals; blood donations to the Red Cross; renovation of recreational facilities to boys' clubs; renovation of boys' clubs; and improvement in student unions.

Mr. Phalen: What can we do to get this idea to really take root, not only in Alpha Tau Omega, but in many other fraternities?

Mr. Vann: Alpha Tau Omega certainly is not the only fraternity that is doing things like this. Just the other day I noticed that the Phi Kappa chapter at Emory University is providing crutches for persons who have no money to buy them. In order to get a unified program going the best approach is on the local level, through interfraternity councils and with the support of the deans on the campuses. I think you will find it will also spread within each fraternity. This year we will have from seventy-five to one hundred of our chapters participating in projects of this kind, whereas last year we had around fifty.

Mr. Phalen: Mr. Johnson, how can fraternities best cooperate with the colleges?

Mr. Johnson: The thing to do is to encourage our chapters to get acquainted with their local college public information services and to work with them.

When Life, Look, Peek, or Pix come to our chapters and want to take sensational photographs let's each get the chapters to refer those men to the college public relations man. He is right in their own backyard. Don't refer them to a national fraternity office. We can count on these college public relations people on their own campus to deal with these problems effectively and to prevent some of the things that are negative.

Mr. Phalen: Mr. Powell, what sort of a press have fraternities been receiving?

Mr. Powell: As I didn't want to come with guesses as to what sort of a press fraternities have been getting, we actually made some fact surveys on the matter. We checked all the clippings in the libraries of the Philadelphia Inquirer and Philadelphia Evening Bulletin covering fraternity mentions in those newspapers between the years 1940 and 1950. Those clippings are 60% unfavorable to fraternities. The unfavorable stories were much longer than the favorable ones, and generally on the front page, whereas the favorable ones were on inside pages. The unfavorable stories were highly dramatic and had undoubtedly a tremendously greater impact on the public than did the favorable stories. So the press that fraternities have been receiving for the past ten years has been quite unfavorable. In 1951 you have had the worst press of those ten years as far as fraternity hazings and Hell Week are concerned.

Mr. Phalen: What kind of fraternity activities are most apt to result in a bad press and what can we do to get a good press?

Mr. Powell: The unfavorable stories primarily concern Hell Week. The second most common type is the discrimination story; that is, men arc refused admission to fraternities on account of race, color, or creed, or chapters are disciplined by their national organizations for admitting men whom the national organization does not feel should be admitted.

If I could expand the definition of press, there was a movie released last summer called, "Take Care Of My Little Girl." It was primarily concerned with sororities, but fraternities played a part in it, a very unfavorable part. Fraternities were pictured as condoning and even encouraging cheating in examinations. That is not the least of what is going to be happening to you in the movies. There is another movie coming out, and it is called "For Men Only." It deals exclusively with fraternities and is based on Hell Week hazings. I think you are going to have quite a public relations problem as a result of those two movies, as well as the result of stories that have been in the newspapers.

As to the stories which win favorable comment, let me say that in the past three years for the first time there have been many stories published about fraternities engaging in worth-while civic projects, Help Week projects. That has been a very encouraging thing to see in the records. However, I think it is very much worth while to remember that a favorable story does not balance an unfavorable story, as far as you are concerned. An unfavorable story, let's say one about a pledge being injured, mistreated, or even killed, as a result of hazing, goes out from the

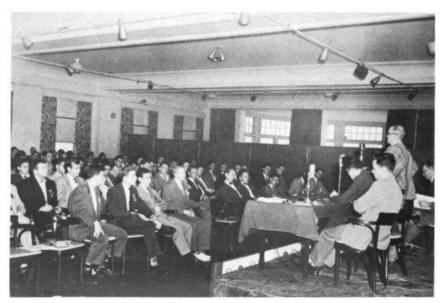
wire services all over the country. We have 1400 evening newspapers and almost 500 morning papers. You are likely to get a story like that in 1500 to 1900 newspapers. Your favorable story dealing with Help Week is likely to appear only in local papers. Just one unfavorable story far outshadows a great many favorable stories.

If you want a good press you are going to have to put tremendous emphasis on getting favorable stories. The Help Week story is fine. Antidiscrimination stories seem to be pretty good. Aid to scholarship, emphasis on scholarship, aid to foreign students, and help in all kinds of community projects will produce valuable publicity.

Mr. Phalen: Mr. Vann, you have mentioned to me that an important thing is for fraternities to help in emergencies in the community. Have you anything to say on that?

Mr. Vann: Life magazine pictured how all the fraternities on the University of Kansas campus had pitched in and done real community service in regard to flood relief. This is another instance where a widely circulated magazine gave good publicity to something they thought was extremely worth while. There are other ways in which chapters can do good work in case of emergency, such as giving blood for blood plasma in the event of fires and aiding in various other real community level projects.

One thing we have to guard against though is to make certain that none



Theta Chi's Col. Joseph A. McCusker Talks to Undergraduate Conference about Blood Donors

of these things ever smack of publicity. We should keep this program dignified. Otherwise we are defeating our purpose.

I'd like to ask Mr. Powell why would a so-called good magazine carry a story on which they have not verified the facts?

Mr. Powell: It is a very sad fact that newspapers do not check a great many facts carefully. They rush things very hastily into print and do not consult the proper sources. I wish I could give you some formula for dealing with that. When you have worked with individual papers long enough so that they know what you are doing they will automatically get in touch with you when a story in your field comes up.

Mr. Vann: I am thinking of magazines which have to plan their articles several months ahead.

Mr. Powell: When magazines don't check a story carefully it is because they haven't been educated to check stories in that field carefully. If magazines knew that there was somebody with whom they could get in touch who knows all the problems of fraternities and can give them facts and real background on a story, and if they were educated to get in touch with that person or group, they would do it. Lacking knowledge of a group to clear stuff with and from whom information may be obtained, they are likely to publish without getting their facts properly cleared and without getting the full story.

Mr. Phalen: What would you say that the local chapters could do to establish better relations with the press?

Mr. Powell: The first thing would be for the local chapter to set up a public relations or press relations committee. The fraternity press representatives could go to the college publicity bureau and get technical advice as to how to conduct a public relations program, how to get stories into the papers, what are newsworthy stories, and what is the proper channel for getting a story in a local publication. The channel will vary in local cases: the campus correspondent for a newspaper; the college publicity bureau; direct contact with the newspaper, radio station, or television station concerned.

Mr. Johnson: I had the unhappy experience of being in a dean's office when a story broke at UCLA of a fraternity which was alleged to have

d. had its pledges kill and eat a dog as part of the initiation procedure. That story made very black headlines, not only in the United States, but all through the world. One of the mistakes there was the failure of the boys of that particular chapter to check with the college press bureau; instead they insulted the press. The reporters began to swarm around that chapter pretty rapidly. The boys had no background of how to deal with these press 'men; they angered them by locking them out of the house. I am sure the story got an exaggeration all out of proportion to the situation.

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Mr. Phalen: Mr. Powell, do you think fraternity members do a good job of press relations at the chapter 4.000 2. 5 level?

Mr. Powell: We have done a survey on this. We sent a questionnaire to the city editors of 40 newspapers in cities and to the city editors of 10 newspapers in small towns where colleges are located. We had 39 answers, representing 27 states. There were no significant geographical differences in one area as against another area.

Ninety-five percent of the city editors said that college fraternities make little or no effort to call to their attention newsworthy stories; 37% that colleges in their area get some or a lot of bad publicity; 65% that local fraternity chapters get little or no good publicity; nearly 70% that college fraternity chapters in their area are not showing greater maturity or a sense of responsibility and another 8% that fraternity men still act like a bunch of untrained kids; 81% that college fraternities are of little importance one way or another in their communities.

There are two places in the country where fraternities got a very high rating from city editors, Memphis and Indianapolis, the only two areas of the thirty-nine where city editors say that many college fraternity chapters make an effort to bring to their attention newsworthy stories.

Twelve other city editors gave an almost completely unfavorable report from their areas. In these twelve areas very, very few fraternity chapters ever make any effort to bring a story to the attention of the city editor: Philadelphia, Columbus, Atlanta, Miami, Fla., Albuquerque, St. Louis, Los Angeles, Seattle, San Francisco, Washington, and two small

college towns, Hanover, N. H., and Charlottesville, Va.

Mr. Vann mentioned Karl Detzer's article in the Readers Digest on "The Metamorphosis of Hell Week." Responsibility for that I learned from Mr. Detzer can be credited to Indiana University's publicity bureau. The fraternity chapters reated the original events, but they were not going orwands, thing the national photo and the tring the they had no idea how to do it. The college news bureau did the job in that case, but I am sure that every college has an excellent news bureau and that the fraternities can always rely on the collection news bur-eaus to do all of their and for them.

Mr. Phalen: Mr. Johnson, what is the value of open houses on the campus and the value in particular in cementing relations with college

tendency to think of public relations chiefly in terms of the press, but there are other media concerned. We need to analyze our job in terms of the various publics that we are interested in reaching. There is the public of parents. When fraternity chapters do a good job of opening their homes to the parents through mothers' clubs and parents' affairs, letting them come in and see fraternity life as it is, I am certain that that will have a very good effect for positive community relations. We should be doing more along that line. The alumni relations program can also be mentioned.

We are enormously concerned with that public which is the faculty and the administration of the college itself. Yet we are doing far less than we should in entertaining and welcoming into our chapter homes the administrators and members of the faculties at fireside programs and other affairs.

If we also invite into our chapter homes through open houses community leaders, newspapers, pubhshers, ministers, public officials, men who are in key positions in the community, to get acquainted with the boys in the chapters, and to observe fraternity life, and to be shown through the house. They will remember that experience, they will tell their friends about it, and they will have a more realistic appreciation of the truth about fraternity life than they can gain by reading the press. We ought to swing open the chapter home



Theta Chi's Representatives at the 1951 National Interfraternity Conference: seated 1. to r.— George Starr Lasher, Michigan, '11, member Comity Committee; Col, Joseph A. McCusker, Maine, '17, treasurer NIC; Executive Director George W. Chapman, Penn State, '20; Earl D. Rhodes, Rensselaer, '21; standing—Carl A. Kollgren, Colgate, '17, dean of men, Col gate University; Robert Hunter, '52, president Alpha Tau Chapter, Ohio University; Kenneth A. Grigg, Wake Forest, '54; William C. Marlin, Bradley Institute, '52, president Gamma Upsilon; Dr. Robert W. Bishop, dean of men, University of Cincinnati,

doors and let some of the public come in and see us as we are.

Mr. Phalen: John, do you have any comment on the value of opening houses?

Mr. Vann; In the last two weeks I have spoken at three Dads' Day meetings. At the University of Illinois we had sixty dads back; at Monmouth College fifty or sixty fathers; at Emory, forty. They were amazed at some of the constructive things I told them fraternities were doing.

We might single out on our campuses some outstanding men, perhaps members of the faculty, and have an open house to honor them, inviting townspeople, the chapter's prominent local alumni, the mayor, and the press.

I think we should take advantage of the visits of national officers or outstanding alumni. I recently visited our University of Nebraska Chapter, which has a public relations officer responsible for doing things for the good of the chapter and his campus. He got a photographer and a reporter on the job. As a result, on the front page of the Lincoln Star appeared a three-column story with a two-column picture under the heading, "No More Hell Week," with a subhead, "ATO Plugs For Help Page Twelve Week." We are planning to get this over: service instead of savagery; help instead of hell.

Mr. Phalen: Mr. Powell, I have two questions: What can we in the college social fraternity learn from the public relations efforts of some of the large fraternal organizations not in the college world? What kind of a public relations program would you recommend for a fraternity?

Mr. Powell: There are a great many similarities between the Masons, the Elks, the Eagles, the Lions, Rotary, Kiwanis, and college fraternities: they are men's organizations; they are all selective in choosing their members; all were originally formed to get certain very practical social or economic advantages for their members; they have all in the past met a great deal of hostility and public criticism.

Now these non-college fraternal organizations have an excellent reputation with the public. The change has come as the result of their discontinuing whatever activity used to bring criticism and starting to engage in huge activities in the public interest, projects that cover almost every field of service from hospitals for crippled children and homes for the aged through education, health, safety, and citizenship. In almost very case the project is directed from the national level. Five of the organizations use full-time paid public relations staffs.

My first recommendation would be that you install some kind of a national program, thus giving direction and continuity to public relations activities and to a solution of your problems. It should be handled on a full-time paid basis because you can't expect volunteers to give the amount of time that would be necessary. The extent of such a program naturally depends on how much money you have available.

A minimum program would involve your hiring one public relations man and a secretary. A more extensive program might involve building up a staff, or assigning the job to an agency with public relations experience. Even with the minimum program I am sure you could do a great deal starting from the national level.

Your minimum program could provide direction and continuity to the efforts of fraternities and their local chapters to get good public relations. It could, among other things, publish a bulletin to sell fraternities and local chapters on the need for their program. Such a publication could bring them news of what other fraternities and chapters are doing, tell them of projects that could be undertaken, outline the projects for them, and instruct them in detail how to get publicity and how to get full public relations value from their projects.

There is one more thing that such a minimum national program could certainly do, and that is handle vour contacts with national news media, newspapers, magazines, the wire services, news and feature syndicates. radio and television networks, news recls, and so on. It would seem that is badly needed, and under such a program you could indoctrinate some publications to get in touch with you when they have questions dealing with fraternities.

Your program could include the problem and see then what needs to be done to solve it.

You could, of course, expand the program as much as possible. You could set up meetings on college campuses for fraternity representatives, college publicity bureaus, and faculty men to discuss local problems Quite often persons start out on jobs like this without knowing what the job is, what the problem is. So the first thing to do is to outline the preparation of a publicity kit for the local chapters of fraternities, listing and describing desirable projects and explaining how to publicize them. You have a national award. I have never seen any publicity on it. Certainly you could set up a national award for fraternities and for a chapter which does the most outstanding job in public service. You could arrange an award presentation event and make sure that it is properly covered by the press and by news reels. An event of that sort can win a great deal of publicity if it is handled in a professional way.

Another thing your expanding program could do would be to conduct surveys of fraternities and fraternity men to obtain facts which could be used in publicity to improve the reputation of fraternities.

You need a national program to provide coordination, help, encouragement, and, very important, a continuity of effort.

Mr. Phalen: It is interesting that the remarks of the various panel members really seem to boil down to this, that we should have an integrated public relations program that might divide itself into three parts: First, we have to be sure we do a good job, particularly, among other things, in the field of scholarship, good citizenship, and good moral conduct. Second, it is most important that we improve our techniques insofar as handling press relations is concerned, and I use the word press very broadly. And, third, that we at least ought to give scrious consideration to some kind of a national effort.

Although this panel was unrehearsed, it is interesting to me that the third point about making some kind of a national effort to supplement our local efforts got emphasis right at the end of our discussion. The reason for that particular interest is that I have a report here that was prepared by the Institute Committee of the National Interfraternity Conference of which C. Robert Yeager is chairman. He asked me to summarize it in connection with the panel discussion.

The report starts out by saying, "Fraternities will exist only as long as they serve a useful and constructive purpose." It further says, that "unless some foundation can be actively supported by the members of the Greek letter fraternities in order to improve the standards of public relations, the fraternity system as known today will slowly, but surely disappear."

the report continues:

"After much study it is our recommendation that there are ways all of us can help preserve the rich experience of fraternity living as we have known it.

"No. 1, to support an intensified effort on public relations through the National Interfraternity Foundation and to raise necessary money to improve fraternity scholarship, conduct, attitudes, and public acceptance.

"No. 2, each of us take an active interest in making ours a better fraternity, physically, morally, intellectually, and socially."

Then this report really gets down to brass tacks. It suggests all Greek letter publications give space about three times a year to promote the intent and recommendations of this report. This space might, for example, promote the idea of a National Interfraternity Week that would inaugurate and put a lot of steam behind various projects which would be helpful to the community and to the nation in general. This space might also be used to solicit funds for a public relations effort perhaps, as a start, a dollar from each fraternity member, undergraduate and alumnus.

The report concludes with the following recommendations:

1. That the National Interfraternity Conference, the National Panhellenic Conference, the Professional Panhellenic Association, and the Professional Interfraternity Conference, be asked to actively support this program on a trial basis for three years.

2. That if favorable action is taken by a majority of conferences they appoint a delegate to the next IRAC meeting to be held in 1952 and that steps be taken at that time to formulate plans to inaugurate this program.

3. That the first National Interfraternity Week be celebrated some time in the spring of 1953.

Dr. Shontz Dies

The death of Dr. Benjamin F. Shontz, Oregon, '24, on December 9, 1951, meant the loss of a former president of the Seattle Alumni Chapter. At one time Dr. Shontz was identified with the North Pacific School of Dentistry in Portland, Ore.

Is President of Canadian Consumer Loan Association



Edwin J. Hendrie, Middlebury

PRESIDENT of the Canadian Consumer Loan Association is Edwin J. Hendrie, Middlebury, ex-'37, elected this year at the eighth annual convention. The association is made up of 37 finance companies with approximately 300 branch offices, operating from coast to coast under the supervision of and by license from the Department of Insurance for Canada. Combined assets of the member companies exceed \$100,000,000.

Mr. Hendrie is secretary-treasurer of the Personal Finance Company of Canada, with headquarters in Toronto, Ontario. He entered the employ of this company as assistant manager at New Haven, Conn., in 1934, became branch manager for New Haven, Meriden, and Norwalk in 1937, and two years later was made district advertising manager for the Atlantic states. After serving as supervisor of credits in Boston for three years, he was made field supervisor of the Personal Finance of Canada in 1945 and was advanced to his present position two years later.

Before entering the employ of the finance company, Mr. Hendrie had worked for the First National Bank and Trust Co., of New Haven, and while there had completed a twoyear course with the American Institute of Banking given evenings at Yale University.



The Great Gildersleeve

A MONG THE CHARACTERS most familiar to radio listeners is Throckmorton P. Gildersleeve of NBC's "The Great Gildersleeve." A Theta Chi, Willard Waterman, Wisconsin, '36, is responsible for that characterization and with his well known associates, Leroy (Walter Tetley) and Marjorie (Marylee Robb), he keeps thousands throughout the country laughing at his exploits cach Wednesday night.

A big fellow, hale and hearty, Willard Waterman, seems a natural, even having little to do with his voice to make it sound like the listener's impression of the Summerfield water commissioner. In assuming the role, he somewhat fills a youthful ambition, because he once wanted to be an engineer, and "Gildersleeve" is a combination engineer and water commissioner of the mythical town of Summerfield.

• When he registered at the University of Wisconsin in 1932 he planned to take engineering, but as a member of Wisconsin Players and the National Collegiate Players he discovered the fascination of playing to an audience. Immediately after graduation he signed a contract to act on network radio broadcasts for NBC in Chicago.

For a time fate seemed to be playing him a trick. His first part, that of a lawyer on "Chandu, the Magician," ended with one performance when the character was killed off. A similar fate befell the next three characters he played. "I thought I was becoming typed—as a corpse," he says. However, he eventually played leading and "living" roles on "First Nighter," "Ma Perkins," "Mary Marlin," and other network shows.

A FTER TWELVE YEARS of radio acting in broadcasts originating in Chicago he went to California in 1946 to play the part of George Webster in "Those Websters." In the years since, he has become a popular player on such programs as "The Halls of Ivy," Cass Daley Show and the Joan Davis show, in addition to taking leading roles with Lux Radio Theater and the Screen Guild Players.

In motion pictures he has appeared with Bing Crosby in "Riding High" Page Fourteen



Willard (Gildersleeve) Waterman

and Barbara Stanwyck in "The Lie." Other pictures in which he has participated include MGM's "Mystery Street" and "Mrs. O'Malley and Mr. Malone," Universal's "Ma and Pa Kettle Go To Town," and "Fourteen Hours" for 20th Century-Fox.

Waterman is of Gildersleeve-esque proportions — 6 feet, 4 inches tall and weighing 225 pounds. A good golfer, he once made a hole in one. He lives in the San Fernando Valley with his wife, Mary Anne, and their two daughters, Lynne and Susan.

Recently Willard Waterman was hospitalized for an appendectomy, and



Gildersleeve, Marjorie, Leroy

thus had to be written out of a Gildersleeve program. In the script, as in real life, Gildersleeve was rushed to the hospital. A telephone call from the hospital was included in the broadcast, however.

A special on the Great Gildersleeve program in December was the reading by Waterman of Raymond MacDonald Alden's Christmas story, "Why the Chimes Rang." The setting was a family gathering around the Christmas tree in the Gildersleeve home. It was the second year that Waterman had presented this story on his program.

Indiana Alumnus Seeking Top Educational Position

CANDEDATE for superintendent of public instruction in Florida is Dr. C. Raymond Van Dusen, Indiana, '31, a speech professor at the University of Miami and vice chairman of the Dade County (Florida) School Board. He was the first to enter the race for the state school post. Elections will be held on May 1.

A resident of Greater Miami since 1946, Van Dusen has been active in political affairs of the community as well as in educational activities. He recently served as consultant to the State Department of Education in developing a program for education of exceptional children in Florida.

The educator was an infantry officer and personnel consultant for four years in World War II and is at present a major in the Officers Reserve Corps.

He holds a bachelor of arts degree from Indiana University, master's degree and doctorate from the University of Michigan, and in the summer of 1949 took advanced courses in school public relations, administration, and finance at the University of Chicago. At present, Van Dusen is chairman of the Department of Speech and director of the Speech and Hearing Clinic at the University of Miami.

The author of numerous books and articles, Van Dusen is listed in America's Young Men, Who's Who Among North American Authors, American Men of Science, and Who's Who in American Education. His professional affiliations include membership in the Speech Association of America, the American Speech and Hearing Association, and the Florida Speech Association. He is a 32 degree Mason and a member of the American Legion.

Second Call Lt. (jg) Bryant Reed, Rensselaer, '43, reports for duty, but leaves behind a family and a job with a future

A GAIN the Ladies' Home Journal turns to a Theta Chi family for another of its intriguing human interest documents, published in its How America Lives series. "Second Call' was written by Roger Butterfield, and a digest of it is reprinted by special permission from the Ladies Home Journal. Copyright, 1951, The Curtis Publishing Company. The photos are by Morris Engel, also reprinted by courtesy of the Ladies' Home Journal. The touching story of this college graduate and his problems follows.

The national emergency which President Truman proclaimed last December sixteenth, and which had been a fact ever since the Chinese Communists began fighting in Korea, did not cause any immediate change in the lives of most Americans, however much it may have disturbed their pocketbooks and their thoughts.

But for Lt. (jg) Bryant Bostedo Reed, United States Naval Reserve, and his wife Mary—and for thousands of other young couples like them —it was a real emergency which crashed into their everyday affairs with stunning force. In the case of

the Reeds, it broke up their home in Newton Highlands, near Boston, ended their happy evenings together with two year old Roger and baby Marcia, yanked Bryant out of his career and back into the Navy as a seagoing officer, and inserted a big question mark in all their plans for the future.

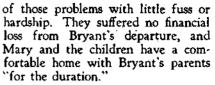
At the time this happened it seemed to the Reeds that most of their fellow citizens were still going about their usual peacetime jobs, making all the money they could, raising the price of everything, cleaning up on the stock market, and writing or reading editorials telling other people to fight.

Bryant Reed is a leveleyed young man of thirty who sorts out his thoughts with care before putting them into words.

"It looks as though just a few of us were singled out to start things off," he said, at the time. "That isn't fair. If you're going to single out somebody to actually fight a war, everybody else ought to fight at least a little bit, in a military or civilian way. In other words, mobilize the whole country and not just a few.

"Of course what happened to us is nothing to what happened to the men in Korea and their families. But they were singled out too. When the going got tough they had to stay there and take a beating. I'm not criticizing the fact that we went in there. But when you start a thing that big you ought to make sure you can finish it."

IF THIS SOUNDS a little bitter, it should be pointed out that Lieutenant Reed is not the kind who goes around telling his troubles to other persons. His ideas came out in a perfectly natural way during a discussion of the problems an average American family of 1951 must face when its breadwinner is suddenly called into service. The Reeds have solved some



But there are other problems which cannot be measured in dollars, or even miles. The main one is prolonged separation, which the Reeds have never had to cope with before. Bryant, who is handsome enough to pass at times for an undiscovered movie star, was a bit hard to pin down to marriage; but, once pinned down, he developed into an almost fanatical family man. At Newton Highlands and at Woonsocket, R. I., where they lived before, the Reeds went out to dinner no more than half a dozen times a year, nor did they especially enjoy movies, parties, or trips. What they liked most was dinner at home and a full evening of putting the youngsters through their baths and into bed, cleaning up the dishes, reading, listening to favorite radio programs, and just being together.

Bryant, who is both systematic and ambitious, spent some of his evenings boning up on chemical literature, and others going over his checkboard and accounts. He has a passion for paying bills on time, or ahead of time if possible, and the day before he was to report to the Navy he was still fuming because certain bills had not been forwarded in time for him to write

the checks himself.

In the weeks he was preparing to go away his small son was developing, for the first time, into a companion who wanted to be with him everywhere. When Bryant went down to the cellar to fix the furnace, Roger tag-ged along to help shovel ashes, and when Bryant was pottering with tools at his workbench, Roger dragged a packing box over, climbed on it, and tried to make things too. They also had one sledding and one snowman-making expedition together, and wanted more. But up to mid-January, when Bryant had to leave, the weather was disappointingly mild.

Sturdy Roger had inherited his father's brown eyes and ingratiating grin, along



The Reeds: Mary, Bryant, Roger, and the baby

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with his eagerness to get things done, and his habit of thinking for himself. He was late in starting to talk— Mary thinks he was just "too stubborn" to try—but once started, the words came with a gush. His favorites are "daddy," "huh-yo" (hello), and "bow-wow" which is delivered with gestures to every dog he meets. One thing that bothers Bryant a lot is the thought that he must be away while Roger is growing up so fast.

A^s FOR MARY, she frankly ad-mits that she shed copious tears when the notice first came for Bryant to report. "I was reared in a sentimental family, and I can't help being sentimental myself," she says. But she soon pulled herself together, and the long-drawn-out task of packing their belongings for storage, moving out of their apartment, and setting up new quarters with her hospitable inlaws-not to mention the intricate and endless process of caring for the children-helped to keep the pain dull. Mary isn't exactly a clinging vine, having earned her own living for several years before they were married. But anyone who has watched her eyes follow Bryant around a room knows where her heart and hopes are centered.

THIS IS BRYANT'S SECOND CALL to duty in the Navy. The first time he had nothing much to leave behind but some schoolbooks and skis and his boyhood collection of old guns at his parents' home in Troy, N. Y. That was in 1943, right after he received his engineering diploma from Rensselaer Polytechnic.

Since he had enrolled for a Naval Reserve officers' training course at Rensselaer and had done well in it, it was only natural for him to step off the campus into the war that was then going on.

He was sent out to the Pacific in a little wooden ship that was classed as a subchaser, but was so lacking in defensive armament that any Jap submarine would have been pleased to catch up with it. After serving in communications and convoy work, and preparing for the invasions of Okinawa and Japan (the latter of which did not come off, because of the atomic bomb), the SCC-999, as Bryant's ship was called, was wrecked in the great 1945 typhoon off Okinawa, and left stranded on a reef. The Navy lost nearly 1000 men in Page Sixteen

that storm, but Bryant, who was the skipper by then, stuck with his ship and saved most of his crew. He still treasures a snapshot taken from the rescuing lifeboat, showing the 999 as little more than a mass of lumber sticking out of the water.

Bryant was born in the old seacoast town of Newburyport, but he is strictly a landlubber in his digestive habits. For approximately two years in the Pacific he was seasick all the time. "The first week," he recalls, "the condition was acute, you might say, and the rest of the time it was chronic."

BRYANT AND MARY had met and gone together before his first hitch in the Navy. But at that time they considered themselves "just friends." Mary grew up and went to school in Troy, where her father, Henry Aird, is employed by the telephone company, and both her parents are connected with old-line families. Mary worked as a secretary in Pittsburgh Hall, the administration building at R.P.I., and Bryant had a parttime job in the same building on a student NYA project. R.P.I. at that time was strictly male, and the only girls on the campus were those who worked in Pittsburgh Hall; so they had a pretty wide choice for dates. According to Mary, Bryant stood out from the crowd even then.

They went to football and basketball games together, and to dances at Bryant's Theta Chi fraternity house. But Bryant was not considering anything serious; and, besides, his mother advised him against it. "Your father and I waited until the First World War was over," she told him, "and you can wait for this one."

Out on the Pacific, however, Mary's blue eyes and piquant face turned up often in Bryant's thoughts, and his "friendly" letters to her became more frequent — and more friendly — as the war went on. On Christmas Eve, 1945, just as she put on her coat to go to church with her parents, the telephone rang and Bryant was on the line. He announced that he was home and had to see her. After that there were weeks and months that neither of them seemed to want to see any one else.

They were married at the Ninth Presbyterian Church in Troy, and spent their honeymoon in the midst of a nurses' convention in a big hotel in Atlantic City. A few days later they moved to Woonsocket, where Bryant was working for the United States Rubber Company.

But after a while he decided he would get ahead faster with a smaller company. He spent some time looking around, and let it be known through professional channels that he was open to offers. One of these came from Stowe-Woodward, Inc., of Newton Upper Falls, near Boston, a small but highly successful firm which specializes in making big rubber rolls for paper and textile machinery and other industrial uses.

The work was interesting and offered plenty of chance for individual initiative. In fact, after Bryant took the job he worked out a system for scheduling and continuous control of the various chemicals used in working the rubber; this added to the speed and efficiency of the process.

EVERYBODY at Stowe-Woodward, from President E. W. Peterson on down, liked Bryant, and they all went out of their way to assure him that his job would be waiting when he next gets out of the Navy. On his last day at the office a couple of his colleagues asked him to stop at a nearby restaurant for a farewell drink, and when he got there he found the table set for dinner with the president, vice president, super-intendent, and everyone else on hand to bid him good-by. The president handed him a check from the company to tide him over the period until his Navy pay would begin, and the men at the dinner gave him another as their personal gift.

When Bryant came out of the Navy he had about \$1500 saved from his pay, but most of that went for furniture and rings and medical expenses during Mary's pregnancies and a 1941 DeSoto sedan which he bought from his father-in-law at a real bargain price. He kept on saving, however, even going so far as to buy a pair of clippers and give Roger his bi-weekly haircuts, at a saving of 75 cents apiece. Early this year he had about \$1000 invested in stocks, and nearly as much in the savings bank. Now that he is back in the Navy he can save even more, for his \$4800-a-year pay and allowances is more than he earned at Stowe-Woodward, and the family expenses are less. Also in the offing is a promotion to lieutenant, senior grade, of which he has already been notified this will boost his Navy income to around \$5500 a year.

After the last war Bryant did not join any veterans' organization---he thought they were all "too political." But late in 1945, while in Woonsocket, he signed up for the second time with the Naval Reserve. "The way things were going I thought I ought to keep in touch. Besides, they were willing to pay me \$10 for about three hours' work a week. That added up to around \$125 every quarter. The money was a real inducement."

He agrees that by joining the reserve he made made himself liable to be called among the first.

"I have no kick coming on that score," he says. "I knew what I was doing when I signed up."

Last November 21st Bryant got a fat Manila envelope in the mail. It was just regular mail, but it contained a receipt and return envelope which Bryant was ordered to fill out and send in at once. But the gist of it all was on the second page—LTJG Bryant B. Reed, USNR, 338888/-1105, was ordered to report within 72 hours for physical examination, and if found fit, was ordered to report for active duty to the Commandant, First Naval District, Boston, on January 6, 1951!

President Peterson of Stowe-Woodward wrote a personal letter to the chief of naval personnel in Washington, pointing out that Bryant's departure would reduce his technical staff by 25 per cent and "could not help but hamper our activities." Bryant wrote to the commandant, First Naval District.

The result was a fifteen-day deferment from the Boston authorities, a more or less routine matter for men with families to take care of. But from Washington came back word that the Navy wanted Bryant. "In view of the urgent need for officers possessing the qualifications of Lieutenant (jg) Reed, it is impracticable to comply with your request," said the letter to his company.

Bryant's parents offered to take the whole family in with them at Troy. The elder Reeds are well acquainted with war and separations--Bryant's ruddy-faced, athletic-looking father was a first lieutenant of artillery with the AEF in France during World War I, and when Pearl Harbor came, he went back and applied for the same job at the age of fortynine--and got it. Last December he tried to enlist again, but this time he was told, "Too old." Bryant's old double bedroom was

Bryant's old double bedroom was still available at the family homestead, along with a smaller room for Roger, and a second-floor study and sewing room which Mary and the children could have for a private sitting room.

THE WEEKS just before Bryant reported were too full of work and planning to leave much time for introspection. Most of their belongings had to go into storage, but some things, such as Bryant's bedroom dresser, some of the silver and dishes, and most of the clothes and baby furniture, were needed. That meant endless sorting and packing. Some of this came during the holidays, and the Reeds hurried through

> This is the Thing Lieutenant Reed Will Miss Keenly in His Tour of Duty

Christmas with one eye on the calendar and the other on Roger, trying to make sure he had a good time. (He did.)

Bryant personally packed all the dishes in the evenings after work, using big chemical barrels which he brought home from the factory. Each time he put something in a barrel he called it off to Mary, who wrote the items in a black notebook under headings like "D (for dining room)-Barrel-II," or "K - Barrel - III." This inventory, which extended even to the bureau drawers stuffed with linen and bedding, is so detailed that if the Reeds should want to get a single knife or glass out of storage they will know exactly where to look for it.

The movers came early on Friday the twelfth, and that afternoon the Reeds and all their worldly goods were on the road to Troy. Everything arrived safely, but it took two more days to unpack and get things stowed away in the proper rooms and closets. Bryant and Mary had saved out their old skates in the hope they could go skating again—it used to be one of their favorite sports. But the weather refused to cooperate, and the skates stayed in the cellar.

All their friends wanted to see them, of course, and they had invitations for almost every night of their final week. By Friday night, which was the next to last, the partygoing had become rather hectic, and Bryant announced that he wanted to stay home and enjoy some of his mother's cooking. After dinner the family sat around watching boxing bouts on television, and Bryant won a quarter from his dad on one of the bouts. It was a quiet evening, but pleasant to remember.

SATURDAY WAS THE LAST DAY, and there was much to do. Bryant got out his old black foot locker and sea bag and jammed them full of shirts and underwear and socks and keepsakes, including photographs of Mary and the children.

Late in the afternoon he went down to Kelly's tailoring factory and picked up the new set of blues he had ordered the week before. While in Kelly's he made a snap decision to buy a gabardine khaki uniform that he would need for warm weather. The khakis cost \$57.50, as compared with \$50 for the heavier blues, but Bryant figured they wouldn't get

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any cheaper. Kelly's threw in a khaki cap for nothing, and also attached two full stripes to the sleeves of the new blues. That was jumping the gun a little, for Bryant was still a jg. But it would save trouble later on.

Mary wanted to dance on their last night; so they drove up by themselves to Saratoga and had dinner at Newman's Lake House, a big Adirondack lodge-style place with an orchestra, and steaks at \$6.50 apiece. Bryant is a lively dancer and likes to jitterbug or polka, but Mary prefers the slower steps. They danced rather quietly until around midnight, and then they came home. As a final surprise the elder Reeds had some sparkling Burgundy on ice, and the evening wound up with festive corn popping.

The next afternoon, when Bryant got in his car and drove off to Boston alone, was almost an anti-climax. And right after that it was time for Marcia to have her bottle and bowl of baby food, and then Roger had to have dinner, and then it was almost their bedtime and both of them had to have baths. There was almost no time to feel lonesome. Through it all Mary kept thinking of something Bryant had said a couple of afternoons before, when they were out in the garden. Roger had run ahead of them and was digging around in the frozen ground with a tin sand-pail shovel.

"I guess," said Bryant, looking at their son's busy little form, "that there's the reason I'm going. I don't think we can ever change human nature enough to stop wars. But at least we can try to keep them far enough away so our kids can grow up.`

Three Alpha Alumni in the News

Clarence R. Andrew, Norwich, '06, has retired from his long service with the United States Engineers and is living in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Charles M. Hughes, '20, was elected a trustee of the Norwich University General Alumni Association in the 1951 election for a three-year term.

Officially retired in 1950 from the States Road Commission of Maryland, Clarence A. Tenney, Norwich, '06, formed the Tenney-Hanna Co., consulting engineers, which was immediately engaged by the state to take over two construction contracts totalling \$2,200,000.

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And Now It's Television

ELEVISION viewers I are becoming well acquainted with Lawrence Celsi, Oregon, '42, professionally known as Larry Chelsi. Recently with June Havoc, who has been starring on Broadway in "Affairs of State, he did the "Gladiola Girl" sequence on CBS. So popular was this feature, taken from the Broadway hit review, "Lend An Ear," it was repeated. Since then Larry has appeared on TV with Celeste Holm and Ann Sothern and is preparing for a new Broadway musical

which will be produced this spring. He also just auditioned for the summer season at the St. Louis Municipal Opera.

It is possible that these engagements may cause him to postpone his plans for making an operatic debut at the Opera Comique in Paris. Chelsi, who served Alpha Sigma Chapter as song director, librarian, secretary, and president, studied also at UCLA and Columbia University on the graduate level. His first position after graduation was as a chemist with the Technicolor Corp., Los Angeles. He became a baritone soloist for NBC and then joined the Fred Waring show. He has also done a great deal of concert work throughout the country and has made records for RCA Victor and Magic Tone. His career was interrupted by four years in the Navy, largely in the Pacific area. He left that service as lieutenant (jg).

Chelsi has long had ambitions to become a grand opera singer, and those ambitions have been encouraged by teachers.

Chelsi is enthusiastic about the television medium "because it is much closer to the stage." He insists, however, it is much harder work than radio because of longer rehearsals, makeup, and lights. In addition to all of his musical activities, he is studying for a Master of Arts degree at Columbia University,

Participate in Summer Cruise



June and Larry Being Televised in Their "Gladiola Girl" Series

Alabama Polytechnic Institute spent seven weeks together on the heavy cruiser USS Albany, which visited Denmark, Belgium, The Netherlands, and Cuba. Richard W. Reed, '52, and Frank H. Orr, III, '54, embarked on a summer cruise providing practical training for future naval officers. Both men are NROTC members.

Government Administrator Dies at Hialeah Race Track

CTRICKEN at the Hialeah race track **D**at Miami, Fla., with a heart attack, Roger R. Minker, Dickinson, '23, Delaware district governor of the Social Security administration, died January 21, 1952, within a very brief time. He was taken in an ambulance stationed at the track to the track's own dispensary where he was pronounced dead on arrival. He was identified from papers found in his pocket. The death was a great shock to his wife, daughter, and other relatives, because he had left Wilmington, Del., for a week's vacation in Florida, presumably in good health. It was not known that he had any heart weak-DCSS.

Mr. Minker had been associated with the Social Security Administration since the agency's Delaware office was set up in 1936. After attending Dickinson College and Cornell University he became a reporter for the Wilmington News. After two years in that occupation he became a salesman for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., serving in Wilmington washington, D. C., until he Two brothers from Chi Chapter at poined the federal agency.

Theta Chi Top Winners



PRIZE WINNERS were among Theta Chi chapters this year, starting with Homecoming displays and floats in the fall and continuing through the winter season with snow sculpture.

The most consistent winner through recent years has been Alpha Tau at Ohio University. Its Homecoming house decoration last fall won second honors, thus making the fifteenth year that it had won either first or second place. Its theme this year was "No Room for the Doomed." Kent State was shown on the way to the nether regions, electrical devices being used to make the descent realistic.

For the second consecutive

year, Beta Lambda Chapter won first prize for Homecoming decorations at Akron, using "Clear the Track for Victory" as its theme.

The front of the chapter house was decorated to represent a tunnel with a mountain background. Coming out of the tunnel was a huge locomotive and hand car. The locomotive was equipped with many wheels of various sizes, all of which turned. Curling from the locomotive's smoke stack was a chemically produced and very effective type of smoke. Confidentially, the power behind the mechanical features was not nuts, bolts, or electrical engines, but the world's cheapest labor, pledge power.

In front of the locomotive was a realistic handcar with a paper matche football player pumping the car's handle.

Frank Tansley, social chairman, was in charge of the decorating.

"The Wagner Sea Hawks drop a

goose egg!" This was the theme of the Susquehanna Theta Chis' winning Homecoming decorations which pictured a Wagner Sea Hawk with its tail slightly raised to facilitate the gentle caressing of the Crusader's lance. Each time the the silver shaft moved forth, the sea hawk. whose countenance was conned with consternation, laid an egg which shone with Edison's

luminous glow. All this was accompanied by the bellowing refrains of the quaint song, "I Don't Care Where the Wild Goose Goes." Incidental to the main 8 x 16 foot "work



or art" which Mason and Momrow had created with the aid of Baumgardner's engineering genius were four illustrations which pictured "a

sea goose," "a dead duck," "a cooked goose," and "a gone gander."

Delta Kappa Chapter at Ball State won honorable mention for its Homecoming float in October.

Delta Epsilon's float in Miami University's Homecoming parade had prominent pictorial coverage in the Miami Herald of November 16. The slogan was "By Jupiter! Down with Florida."

At Wake Forest Gamma Omicron won first honors both for its Homecoming display and its Christmas decoration.

HIGHLIGHTING Rensselaer's Winter Snowflake Saturnalia week end was the colorful interfraternity snow sculpturing contest. This season Delta's inspired brothers, under the direction of architect Thomas Williams, conceived and created the impressive "One Horse Open Sleigh," which was awarded the coveted first prize. After three days and evenings of archuous spare-time labor a full size replica of the sleigh, horse, and passengers took form.

The Rensselaer campus was covered with a generous blanket of powdery white crystals for the occasion. The sculpture, depicting a prancing steed

pulling a jolly couple seated in the sleigh, was developed from an old print Williams had obtained. Research was done by the brothers to find the exact dimensions and raw materials needed for this delicate and difficult project. A copse of pine boughs thrust in the snow drifts provided a partial background.

Along with Delta's successes in snow sculpturing, the chapter did well in winning other awards. For its outstanding

refreshment booth at the Snowflake Saturnalia dance the chapter was awarded honorable mention. At the annual interfraternity ski meet held



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at Sheep Meadows in nearby Williamstown, Mass. Theta Chi took the third position in a hotly contested match.

For the second time in recent years Theta at Massachusetts won first honors in the Winter Carnival snow sculpture competition. This year's en-try, "Carnival World," showed a lifesized couple dancing on a revolving sphere, and a modernistic backdrop. The hollow sphere covered with snow and ice was turned by a hidden gas engine. The backdrop of abstract design acted as a clear reflecting surface for the silhouettes of the revolving figures. The Winter Carnival theme was illustrated by books covered with cobwebs, ski equipment, and skates on the winding stairway of the "World."

The finished product was the result of over 2000 man-hours of work. The plans and clay models were constructed by Al Hixon, chairman, and his committee. The tons of snow were shaped into the sculpture, in the fiveday period allowed, by all-out effort of members and pledges. Water, hard packing, and freezing temperatures solidified the forms compactly. Electric irons were used to gain fine edges and glossy surfaces. An all-night work session before the day of judging brought the sculpture to a near completion.

Hundreds of autoists came from surrounding communities to see the work of Theta men and watched with fascination the whirling figures and the shadows they made on the screen of ice and snow. The prize winning sculpture provides this Rattle's cover picture, as it did in 1950.

Alpha Chapter won similar distinction at Norwich University this winter.

In the University of Buffalo's Winter Carnival snow-sculpturing contest second place went to Theta Chi for a figure of an Indian, designed to depict the first words, "where the Indian trod," of the U. B. Alma Mater song.

For the annual Spring Day float parade last May at Cornell, Lambda Chapter in conjunction with Sigma Kappa Sorority built a float which won the third place gold cup. As the theme of the parade was Hawaii, the float depicted a luxurious yacht pulling a giant "Bird of Paradise" flower, surrounded by dancing Hawaiian girls.





Dean M. H. Bittinger, Hampden-Sydney

THE APPOINTMENT of M. Henry Bittinger, Hampden-Sydney, '24, as dean of men at his alma mater was announced by President E. G. Gammon at the Alumni Convocation.

Dean Bittinger was an outstanding undergraduate at Hampden-Sydney. Along with his leadership in Nu

James Hunt, New Field Secretary

JAMES W. HUNT, a 1950 graduate of Gamma Alpha Chapter at the University of Chattanooga, has been selected as field secretary for Theta Chi to replace Bobby D. Allen, who resigned to accept a position with



James W. Hunt

Chapter, he was prominent in tennis and wound up his collegiate career with two distinctive honors: presidency of the Student Council and editorship of the Kaleidoscope, the yearbook. He also belonged to Sigma Upsilon, Tau Kappa Alpha, and Omicron Delta Kappa, being a charter member of Lambda Circle.

Henry Bittinger earned an M.A. in history at the University of Virginia and secured a Phi Beta Kappa key at the same time.

Before returning to Hampden-Sydney in 1941 as professor of history, he taught at the Blake School in Minneapolis. Since his return he has assumed more and more responsibilities. At present he is alumnus adviser of Nu Chapter and a director of its house corporation. His efforts in the latter relationship have recently been rewarded with success, as the result of which Nu Chapter has moved into its new house.

Dean Bittinger has served as editor of The Record, the magazine of the Hampden-Sydney Alumni Association. He is also an active lay leader in College Church, as well as a member of its Board of Deacons.

the Sears, Roebuck and Company.

As a member of Gamma Alpha Chapter he served as president, vice president, historian, and publicity chairman. On the campus he was a member of Blue Key, president of IFC, president of the International Relations Club, and on the Election Committee. He is included in the Collegiate Who's Who.

Hunt is treasurer of the Chattanooga High School Alumni Association and vice president of the Chattanooga Theta Chi Alumni Chapter. He is also a member of the Junior Chamber of Commerce. He served in the Navy in 1945-46. Later he was associated with the Chattanooga Discount Corporation.

CONVENTION NOTICE

If you want an opportunity to receive FREE on expense-paid vacation to Los Angeles, including four days' stay at the Hollywood-Roosevelt Hotel and a blanket ticket to all convention events, write Chuck Ryan, 544 So. San Vicente Bivd., Los Angeles 48, Calif., and ask for the details. All requests must be received within ten days after receipt of this issue of THE RATTLE.

Once Again We Grieve

FIRST THETA CHI to be killed in action in Korea, as far as is known, was Capt. Albert Keras Mathre, an initiate of Rho Chapter at the University of Illinois. A second casualty of the wartime period was Lt. (jg) Alan B. Cooper, Rutgers, ex-'47, who was killed on January 3, 1952, in a train wreck while en route to a rest camp in Japan. He was a graduate of Annapolis. Like Captain Mathre, he was a young father, but he had never seen his child.

While Captain Mathre was killed in action May 18, that fact was not known until some time later, as he was first reported as missing, following the drive by the Chinese and North Koreans in which his regiment bore the brunt of an unusually heavy attack. Reports that many Americans were taken prisoners gave hope to the parents, Dr. and Mrs. A. I. Mathre, of Cambridge, Ill., that he might be among them.

Later, however, his heroic death was verified. His body was brought back to this country and buried in the national cemetery at the Rock Island Arsenal with full military honors.

Besides his parents, his wife and two children, Lawrence Allen, 3, and Anne Marie, 1, who are living in Tucson, Ariz., survive.

Born in Chicago, September 22, 1922, Captain Mathre was graduated from the Cambridge High School in 1940 and entered the University of Illinois to study journalism. He later transferred to the University of Iowa where he also studied law.

While there he was a member of the R.O.T.C. and in 1943 he entered active service, taking his basic training in Texas. While on leave after basic training he married Marie Nau of Burlington, Iowa, Jan. 1, 1944. He was then sent to Fort Knox, Kentucky, where he was commissioned as a second lieutenant June 24, 1944.

IN NOVEMBER of 1944 he was sent overseas with Co. E. 242nd Inf. Regt., in the 42nd or Rainhow Division. They landed at Marseilles. France, in December and in January took part in heavy fighting. For heroic action on April 4, 1945 at Himmelstat, Germany, he was awarded the Bronze Star. He returned home in May, 1946, for six weeks leave, after which he was sent back to Austria where he served on occupation duty for a year.



Capt. Albert Keres Methre, Illinois

After that period of service he completed his education at Iowa and moved his family to Waterloo, Iowa, where he had a position in the claims department of an insurance company until he was recalled to service last winter. After training at Fort Ord, Calif., he was sent to Korea and was in command of Co. A., 38th Combat Inf. of the 2nd Div.

His company was stationed in the front lines in a mountainous area in May when the Reds made their big drive, and it was the determined stand made by those on that line which is believed to have been a major factor in halting the drive short of its goal and in causing the Reds to sue for the cease fire agreement now under discussion.



Goodbye to Anne Marie

THETA CHI CALENDAR

- April 18-19-20—Grand Chapter Meeting, Hotel Commodore, New York, New York,
- April 18-19-20 Region 9 Northwest Blizzard, Washington State. April 18-19-20—Region 5 Rebel Reunian,
- April 18-19-20—Region 5 Rebel Reunion, Vanderbilt University,
- April 19—Region 13 Mile Hi Huddle, Colorado A & M.

April 25-26-27—Region & Corrol, Case, Cleveland.

May 2-3—Region 10 Fiesta, Stanford, Sept. 2—Regional Counselor Conferance, Los Angeles, California.

Sept. 3-6-96th Anniversary Convention, Los Angeles, Colifornia.

Forty Chapters Receive Scholarship Recognition

A NNUALLY the Grand Chapter recognizes those chapters in Theta Chi Fraternity that have made noteworthy records in scholarship. Unfortunately, the inability to get reports promptly from the various educational institutions of which Theta Chi is a part makes the presentation of awards somewhat tardy.

For the academic year, 1949-1950, the Silver Scholarship Shields were presented to: Alpha, Kappa, Lambda, Alpha Delta, Alpha Zeta, Alpha Sigma, Gamma Beta, Gamma Zeta, Gamma Eta, Gamma Mu, and Gamma Omicron.

Silver Scholarship Certificates were given: Gamma, Delta, Zeta, Iota, Kappa, Lambda, Nu, Alpha Beta, Alpha Gamma, Alpha Zeta, Alpha Theta, Alpha Lambda, Alpha Iota, Beta Eta, Beta Lambda, Beta Xi, Beta Omicron, Beta Sigma, Beta Chi, Beta Psi, Gamma Alpha, Gamma Zeta, Gamma Nu, Gamma Omicron, Gamma Sigma, Gamma Omega, Delta Beta, Delta Epsilon, and Delta Mu.

New York Lawyer Dies

Norman W. Wassman, Michigan, '18, for many years an attorney in New York City, died in January. 1952, about two years after his retirement because of ill health. After his graduation from the University of Michigan he practiced law in his home town of Bellaire, Ohio, before going to New York. In 1929 he was Republican - Fusion candidate for municipal court justice. He had been a director of the American News Co., and was a member of the Downtown Athletic Club. He was actively interested in Theta Chi alumni affairs in New York in the 1920's. His wife and a brother, Frederick H. Wassman, survive.

Theta Chi Convention Vacation

VACATION PLANS for many Theta Chis will include attendance of the 96th Anniversary Convention at the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel. Of all the states of the Union, no other name fires the imagination or quickens the pulse like mention of the name "California."

Second largest state, California embraces within its boundaries four national parks and an infinite variety of scenic attractions and climatic conditions. The counterpart of practically every other land under the sun can be found here. Further, just about every known race is represented in its polyglot population. California is the perfect vacationland. If you are planning to do as so many other Theta Chi families and make this convention a part of your vacation, think of the various travel possibilities and the many scenic routes to choose from.

If you live in San Fernando valley, you can hitch-hike south on Cahuenga Freeway in about 20 minutes. If you live in the Hawaiian Islands, contact R. W. (Rockie) Allen, 239 Merchant St., Honolulu, or Cato Wray, 2277 Ali Wai, Honolulu. The alumni there are working on plans for group transportation from the islands.

If you are in the East or Midwest. you have many choices available. For those whose time is of the utmost importance, many airlines offer special family rates if you travel on week days. One can leave New York at 4:00 p.m. (EST) and arrive in Los Angeles at midnight. The railroads also offer many scenic routes for those who want a more leisurely trip. One route takes you through Chicago, the nation's second city with its parks, boulevards, and beaches stretching for miles along the shores of Lake Michigan, across this country's greatest river, the Mississippi, on to Omaha, fourth largest rail center. As you approach Denver, you will have a 200 mile panoramic view of the towering and irregular profile of the Rockies. Westward from Denver this route is through some of the wildest and most rugged sections of the farflung Rockies. Here are miles of gorges and canyons lined with solid rock; rushing, tumbling streams; dense evergreen forests reaching up to timber-line; gem-like lakes in storybook settings; and always the silent. over-towering mountains. Here is an incomparable region-one where nature has expressed herself in unbounded beauty and grandeur. Camera fans will want to have plenty of footage, using double the normal exposure time when taking photographs from inside the train.

Salt Lake City is unique, not only for the romance of its origin, but for its wide streets, imposing buildings and the magnificent six towered Mormon Temple and the celebrated Tabernacle. You will cross the Great Salt Lake, the largest inland body of salt water in the Western world, and pass Reno. The terminus of this route is San Francisco.

Another route west takes you through the heart of Dixie to New Orleans, world-famed for its hospitality and as a sight-seer's paradise. From there you will cross the Lone Star State with its oil fields and large herds of Texas longhorns on the world's largest ranches.

The Indian settlements of New Mexico and the Grand Canyon of Arizona alone are worth the trip. The last lap of this route will take you across the desert section of southeastern California. Here is the Salton Sea, a queer body of water 250 feet



AS HOLLYWOOD is the home of cinema production, the 1952 Convention Committee polled the active chapters a few months ago on the choice of mavie stars they would like to meet in Los Angeles next September. One of the selections was Piper Laurie, beautiful and talented young Universal-International star. Miss Laurie is shown receiving an invitation to one of the social functions from Convention Chairman Chuck Ryan. This picture was taken on the set of Miss Laurie's new picture, "Almost Married." below sea level, only 75 miles from the Pacific Ocean but twice as salty.

If you live in western Canada or the Pacific Northwest, you may have a shorter trip but it will not be lacking in scenery, the magnificent forests, quaint Victoria (a transplanted bit of old England), majestic Mt. Rainier, mighty Columbia River, the beautiful Oregon coastline and the 1,000 year old redwood giants of Northern California.

The representatives of all the major railroads and airlines located in principal cities will be glad to assist you with all details of your trip, at no cost to you. Upon request, they will send an agent to an active or alumni chapter meeting to help you with group plans.

If you are planning your trip by automobile, contact the nearest Automobile Club for suggested itineraries. Go one way, return another. Regardless of your method of transportation, write to the All-Year Club of Southern California, 629 So. Hill St., Los Angeles. Ask them for their free vacation aids booklet with its many helpful hints of how to make the most of your time in Southern California.

If there is a possibility that you might attend Theta Chi's 96th Anniversary Convention, write to Registration Chairman Dewey Megel, 2945 E. 12th St., Los Angeles 23, California. Do this now and ask about the special discount available for advance registrations.

Recently added to the equipment of the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel is the Islander, a colorful new restaurant which will probably be a popular haunt of convention attendants. It is described as Hollywood's most romantic restaurant, possessing a south seas motif and offering night club entertainment.

Among the hosts of the Walt Disney Corporation, which is to provide one of the evening attractions of the convention, will be James Johnson, UCLA, '38, secretary of the corporation and chairman of the convention entertainment committee, and Thor Putnam, Stanford, who has been a member of Walt Disney's production staff for many years.

Theta Chi claims a number of movie, radio, and television stars who live in the area and may be expected to attend some of the convention events.

The program for the convention proper opens Wednesday, September 3 and continues through September 6.

The Good They Now Do

HROUGHOUT THE FRATERNITY world Help Week is steadily combatting the unfavorable publicity which has always attended Hell Week, and fraternity chapters are finding that constructive projects are much more satisfactory in testing out their pledges and preparing them for initiation than the now outmoded devices that had been used with more or less disastrous results. Theta Chi chapters are swinging into the new program effectively, as will be noted from the following reports of their pre-initiation and altruistic social programs.

Spearheading a drive for community service at Lehigh University, Beta Sigma Chapter recently completed a very successful Help Week. Twenty-nine brothers and pledges spent three days renovating the Bethlehem Blind Association's workshop and office building, compiling a total of 216 man-hours of work. Many jobs were completed, ranging from the installation of fluorescent lighting to the construction of ten shuttle bins. Also there was much work done refurbishing the entire building by painting and cleaning. Often many of the men worked late into the night to finish a particular job.

The idea for the community project was originated by the chapter president, William Scherff, '52, in accordance with the national trend for fraternity Help Weeks, started at Indiana University in 1949. Contact with the Bethlehem Blind Association was made by James Cooke, '53, and George Hopkins, '54, to discover if the project could be arranged. Mrs. Gladys Comstock, supervisor of the association, and Mr. Leroy Price, industrial director, were both impressed with the idea and suggested a number of jobs that needed to be done.

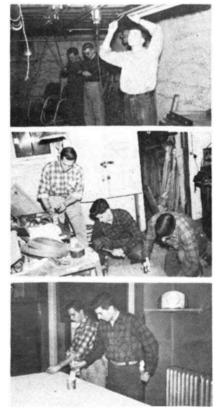
On February 4th at eight o clock operations were started under the direction of Frank Leake, '53, house manager, and Ralph Meerwarth, '54, assistant house manager. In a short time the jobs were accomplished and additional projects undertaken. Upon completion of Help Week the brothers and pledges of Beta Sigma Chapter felt that the time and effort spent were well worth while. The project afforded the men a chance to aid the community.

Shortly following Beta Sigma's

move to undertake a community project, the Interfraternity Council decided to sponsor a similar program for all the fraternity chapters at Lehigh. The council agreed to pay for all the materials used by the fraternities in carrying out their individual projects.

Hell Week has now become Help Week for the pledges of Delta Kappa at Ball State College, for the chapter initiated a new pledge policy on the campus by emphasizing the advantages of "help" rather than the old traditional "hell" ideas.

Theta Chi promised a \$350 television set for the Muncie Boys' Club. Its pledges went each night from house to house with letters of authorization signed by Captain Guzzi, head of the Muncie Juvenile Aid Division, soliciting funds. When they first found they were short of their goal the pledges, assisted by actives, braved unusually cold weather to bring in



BETA SIGMA "Help Week" demonstrators (William Mann, Carl Krebs, and William Kinhead) install fluorescent lighting at the Blind Association house; Ralph Meersworth, Wells Staub, and Lloyd Painter work on a shuttle bin; Lloyd Painter and Meersworth paint a reconstructed storage bin.

\$170, thus making their total \$455.

The set was presented to the Muncie Boys' Club at its Christmas party, together with a repair fund for a year. Muncie citizens were warm in their approval of the project, while Stanley Ross, '53, pledge marshall, cited the advantages enjoyed by the pledges in meeting different personalities in the campaign. The chapter gave the pledges a line supper in recognition of their success.

Alpha Nu's program at Georgia Tech got the following recognition from the Atlantic Constitution:

"Fraternity Cleans Old Ladies' Home. Spring cleaning at the Home for Old Ladies in West End is almost done at no worry or expense to the elderly residents. Pledges of Tech's Theta Chi Fraternity have done the job evenings this week as part of their initiation.

"Lawn furniture has been painted; woodwork scrubbed; blinds cleaned and windows washed. And the helpful men had a free meal each evening at the home for their efforts. Saturday the grateful women will honor the Tech workmen with a weiner roast. Miss Lizzie Glenn, whose ninety-sixth birthday is Saturday, will preside."

Alpha Delta at Purdue plans work for the Lafayette Girl Scout Camp and will also adopt a war orphan through the Foster Parents Plan. Last year the chapter cooperated in an allcollege help week, cleaning up Lafayette Park as its contribution.

When the Crusade for Freedom drive in Monroe County, Indiana, fell short of its goal, members of Theta Chi and the Zeta Tau Alpha sorority chapter at Indiana University, led by Kent Carter, '52, president of Alpha lota, staged a one-night solicitation of Greek-letter organizations and came up with more than \$500, hoisting the drive over its goal.

Parties for the Underprivileged

In Joe Garretson's column in the Cincinnati Enquirer, November 27, appeared the following: "Three of the Greek-letter fraternities at the University of Cincinnati (Lambda Chi Alpha, Theta Chi, and Sigma Chi) outdid themselves with Thanksgiving parties for about 100 underprivileged boys: turkey, gifts, movies, games, autographed footballs, etc. Not any startling news in this item, but just passed along for the benefit of

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Here's a Sport Classic

INSPIRED BY A CHARACTER, an inci-dent, or a contest, occasionally a sports writer writes what his cohorts, and sometimes his readers, recognizes as a sport classic. That is what happened when Lyall Smith of the Detroit Free Press wrote about Carl Kreager, '51, one of Alpha Gamma's contributions to the Michigan 1950 football team, who more than any other one man made it possible for the Wolverines to win that fantastic ice and snow battle with Ohio State which sent them again to the Rose Bowl and another victory against the best the West Coast could offer. Smith's story, entitled, "How Can Michigan Ever Forget 'Forgotten Man'?" was republished in Sporting News and other publications. It follows

There was ice and snow and a bitter blizzard and a kid named Carl Kreager.

Who is Kreager? Stick around a while. He deserves a real introduction.

You can't find out much about him in the Michigan Football Guide, the handbook put out by the university to identify football players who wear the colors of the Wolverines.

"Carl A. Kreager," the book says, "stands 6-4 and weighs 220 pounds. The big Detroiter earned his letter last year principally in a relief role. In 1948 the tall blond athlete saw action principally with the reserves, but his steady improvement should be a major help in rounding out the center section of the squad, particularly on defense."

That's all the book says. All the other centers whose names are listed in the Football Guide—players like Tony Momsen, Roger Zatkoff, Dick Farrer, Johnny Padjen, and Wayne Melchiori—have their pictures right along with their background. But not Carl Kreager. Just a few lines of type for a senior who was a handy man to have around, but never seemingly destined to be a star. Only time his name cropped up in a newspaper report of a Michigan game was when the lineups were printed.

THAT'S THE WAY it was at Columbus. He didn't block a punt, he didn't score any points, he didn't intercept a pass, he didn't apparently do anything much—except get over the frozen football and flip it back

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Carl A. Kreoger, Michigan

to the boys like Charley Ortmann, Don Dufek, Ralph Straffon, Leo Koceski, and Bill Putich.

That Kreager had the job is a story. Last year, he was just another understudy to Center Bob Erben, now graduated. He was a big kid, but he simply was too big. His weight got away from him, and, when Coach Ben Oosterbaan saw him at spring drills, he was up around 240, and it wasn't muscle.

"We simply told him he was too big to be agile," Oosterbaan remembers. "That was all we said. He came back this fall for practice, and he really had done a job. He had lost so much weight he actually looked gaunt. But he could move. He didn't tell us how he lost the weight, but we knew it had been hard work, and when a kid works hard so he can play football, he generally is a good football player."

Even then, Kreager was earmarked to be a reserve center. Johnny Padjen started in the opening game with Michigan State. He was injured, and Kreager had his chance. When Padjen rounded back into shape, he couldn't budge the big guy out of the pivot spot.

Kreager was in there in the battle of the blizzard. He had the most delicate job of any player on the field. It was his task to flip the frozen football with his frozen fingers unerringly to Ortmann so that Charley could punt.

He did just that 23 times. He missed one series of downs in the first half when he came out with a bloodied nose. Dick Farrer replaced him for that one series, and then Kreager insisted on returning to the frozen field.

HE ACCOMPLISHED A MISSION which stands as the most amazing one of the entire battle. He got the ball to Ortmann perfectly 23 times so that Ortmann could punt or quick kick.

Vic Janowicz of Ohio State wasn't that fortunate. His center was lobbing the ball back to him high and sometimes wide. That Janowicz had just four of his 21 punts blocked all day is a tribute to Vic. That Ortmann got all but one away is a tribute to Chuck and to Kreager.

"Kreager's hands actually were frozen," Oosterbaan claimed. "They were raw-red and numb, but he would bang them together and jump back in there every time we got the ball. He did the greatest job under the worst conditions that I have ever seen in my life. He deserves credit, lots of it. He really proved his greatness that day."

And that is the story of Carl Kreager, once unsung Michigan football hero.

Senior Killed in Auto Crash While on Skiing Jaunt

WHILE ON HIS WAY to a skiing weekend in Yosemite, Russell H. Thompson, Stanford, '52, was killed in an automobile accident near Modesto, California. The automobile, in which he was a passenger, met head on a heavy truck which had suddenly swung from its lane along a narrow two-lane bridge outside the San Joaquin Valley town.

Thompson was a 21-year-old transfer from Gamma Phi at Drake, where he had been active in chapter activities and was a university cheerleader. At Stanford he took part in several campus dramatic activities, including the 1951 Gaities, all-campus spring musical.

His home was in Needham, Mass., where his body was returned for interment.

Son Gives Father Fraternity Oaths

When on March 4, 1952, Dr. Romualdo R. Scicchitano, Bucknell, ex-'24, was initiated to honorary membership in Gamma Eta Chapter because of his great interest in the group, the oaths were administered to him by his son Leon, '53, chapter chaplain. Dr. Scicchitano is the surgeon-in-chief of the Ashland State Hospital, Ashland, Pa.

Weather Bureau Work

R EADERS OF The Rattle are famil-iar with the outstanding role played by the late Henry Blanchard Hersey, Norwich, '85, one of the pioneer weather bureau men in this country. He has two Theta Chi successors in this field who are also playing important roles. One is Fred B. Flocken, Cincinnati, '26, head of the Personnel Operations Section of the Division of Personnel Management of the United States Weather Bureau and is stationed in the central office in Washington, D. C. He has direction of the administrative work in connection with the 5,000 Weather Bureau employees all over the country. The other is his chaptermate. Richard T. Fox, '27, who is in charge of the station at International Falls, Minn., and wears a Weather Bureau 20-year emblem.

Mr. Flocken's first identity with the U. S. Weather Bureau was made at the Cincinnati airport where he served in 1931-34. He was on U. S. Army CCC duty in Kentucky and West Virginia for two years and then was with the Weather Bureau at Jacksonville, Fla., Iowa City, and Lacrosse, Wis., in 1937-41. After service for five years in the U. S. Army Transportation Corps in New Orleans, 1941-1946, he took over his present responsibilities in 1947. In World War II he was an army transport commander on the USAT Monterey carrying troops to the Caribbean area, to South America and to Europe.



Fred B. Flocken, Cincinnoti

He is a member of the American Meteorological Society and a member of the supervisory committee of the Department of Commerce Credit Union.

Mr. Flocken took his degree at Cincinnati in commercial engineering and has done advanced work at the American University in Washington and the Department of Agriculture Graduate School.

Authority on the most northernly weather in the United States is Richard T. Fox, Cincinnati, '27, in charge of the Weather Bureau at International Falls, Minn., where the mercury varies from 40° below in winter to 93° above in summer. He directs a staff of eight employees, who make surface and various upper air observations there. In one of the most completely equipped stations in the United States, he cooperates with similar Canadian stations, thus supplying information concerning weather in the northern section of the American continent.

Mr. Fox began his service with the Weather Bureau at Cleveland, Ohio, in November, 1927. After service at Cincinnati he was on duty for a year in the main forecast unit at the central office in Washington, D. C. Then he successively served as official in charge at the airports in Louisville, Ky., El Paso, Texas, and Waco, Texas. He went from the station farthest south, Waco, to the station farthest north, International Falls, changing from shirt sleeves to heavy winter coats in a brief time.

He is president of the Koochiching Sportsmen Association.

WEATHERMAN FOX was recently honored nationally for his expeditious resourcefulness in the use of his short wave radio after beavers had cut off all communications by chewing through teletype and telephone lines. With a raging storm approaching, his fast work is believed to have saved the lives of many who might have become lost in the blizzard.

Just how he became a weatherman was explained recently at a luncheon of the Cincinnati Alumni Association. He told how he took a course in college geography from Dr. Case, and one day asked if there were any money to be made in connection with climate and weather. Dr. Case replied in the affirmative, and, as a



Richard T. Fox, Cincinnati

result, Richard Fox got a job with the United States Weather Bureau, although he now insists that he acted on the wrong information as far as making money is concerned.

Theta Chi Vice President Of Intercollegiate Flyers

VICE PRESIDENT of the National Intercollegiate Flying Association is John Bergman, a member of Theta Chi's chapter at Oklahoma A & M. He is also vice president of the Flying Aggies, the local unit which will be host to the national meet, scheduled for May 8-10, at Stillwater. At that time schools from all parts of the country will be represented by aviators competing in flying skill, safety, and team cooperation. Parachute jumps and acrobatics will also be a part of the program.

The success of the local unit will be encouraged, Bergman believes, by the fact that the club is not limited to students with private pilot licenses, but includes all who are interested in flying. The opening of a new \$140,-000 terminal building at Stillwater Airport has aided in the development of the organization.

World War II Veteran Dies

Funeral services were held February 7 at Medford, Oregon, for Robert Wayne Lowry, Oregon State, '36, who died February 5, 1952, at his home in Portland. Born July 20, 1915, in Medford, he had lived in Portland ten years. He was a mechanical engineer with the Hyster Co. in Portland. Lowry served four years in the army in World War II and was a major at the time of his separation from the service. He is survived by the widow, Doris, three sons, and a daughter.

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Foremost Cotton Breeder



Dr. G. N. Stroman, New Mexico State

LARGELY RESPONSIBLE for the greatly improved financial condition of the cotton growing farmers of New Mexico is Dr. Govan N. Stroman, who as alumni sponsor for the petitioning group became a Theta Chi when Gamma Nu Chapter was installed at the New Mexico A & M College. He has been agronomist and cotton breeder for the New Mexico Agricultural Experiment Station at State College since 1928, and is considered the foremost authority on cotton culture in the world.

Twenty years ago, cotton produced under irrigation in New Mexico was considered "weak and wasty" by the trade, and it brought producers a lower-than-average price. In 1950 cotton produced in the same area brought a premium 300 to 600 points above New York futures for middling cotton of 1-3/32 to 1-5/32 staple.

The reason for the change is that farmers are nearly all growing a variety called 1517, a long-stapled, strong, fine-fibered upland cotton, developed specially for production under New Mexico and West Texas conditions by Dr. Stroman.

The spinning value of 1517 is highest of any variety of cotton in the United States today. In fact, it has set a new standard for strength of fiber in upland cotton. Also, all the fiber and spinning test laboratories use 1517 cotton as a standard by which to judge the merits of the other varieties.

A FTER TAKING his bachelor's degree from Texas A & M College in 1917 and his master's and doctorate at Wisconsin respectively in 1920 and 1923, Dr. Stroman engaged in commercial plant breeding in Texas and then joined the staff of the experimental station.

He is a fellow of the A.A.A. of Science and a member of the American Society of Agronomy, the American Genetic Association, the A.A.U.P., the New Mexico Educational Association, Phi Sigma, and Alpha Zeta (honorary). He is also an honorary admiral of the Texas Navy. He was wounded in the Meuse-Argonne Drive of World War I in which he served as a second lieutenant. He served as a captain for three years and was made a major in 1946.

Dean Bishop Aids Austrian Lad

Newspaper stories told of the recent plight of Helmut Graef, former University of Cincinnati student from

Scenery Maker for Children

A PROMINENT behind-the-scenes figure in Pittsburgh Children's Theater operations in the Pennsylvania-West Virginia-Ohio section is Alpha Beta's Frank Thomas, '52.

This 21 year-old senior has been working with the Children's Theater since, while a freshman at Munhall (Pa.) High School, he started out as a member of the scenery crew for the professional group's production of "Captain Kidd's Treasures."

Now stage manager for the theater, Thomas must look out for most of its technical operations from the time the rough draft of a play heads into rehearsals, through the building of the scenery, the arranging of all stage effects, and the final coordination into a finished product, ready for thousands of delighted youngsters in the tri-state Pittsburgh area.

Since his starting out on "Captain Kidd's Treasures," Thomas can look back at successful productions of such children's standbys as "Sleeping Beauty," "Rumplestiltskin," and "Jack and the Beanstalk," to name a few.

WHILE a sophomore pledge of Theta Chi, Thomas hit his peak in working time for the theater, Vienna, Austria, who attempted to take his life by slashing his wrists when he was picked up by Miami Beach (Fla.) police as a missing person. Dr. Robert W. Bishop, dean of men at the University of Cincinnati, went by airplane to Miami to help Graef in whatever way possible. He discounted reports that the youth might face deportation proceedings because he had flunked his engineering course. Parents of the confused youth flew from Vienna, Austria, to help their son. His explanation was that he had attempted suicide "to see what the other side is like."

Becomes Lieutenant Governor

A. O. Sletvold, an alumnus of Alpha Pi Chapter, moved from his position as speaker of the Minnesota State Senate to lieutenant governor when C. Elmer Anderson became governor, following the appointment of Luther Youngdahl to the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia. Lieutenant Governor Sletvold has been prominent in political life for many years in the state of Minnesota.

somehow totalling 40 hours or more in a week. At that time the company was putting on 30 performances a month for tri-state children.

Now the number has been cut down drastically by the group. Thomas seldom totals over 25 hours of working time, and usually keeps it under 18.

While working on the various productions, the has noticed a definite difference in juvenile authences. He has found that children from the lower class families appreciate mostly rough and ready humore encouraging elaborate eye appeal through such mediums as pantomime.

And conversely, when plaving for an audience made up mostly of upperclass-family offsprings, he has noticed touches of sophistication in his audience. These children appear to like best humor and wit involving clever dialogue.

clever dialogue. Thomas hopes to keep up his children theater with a long as he has time for it. A part hor as Henry Riley, '52, has

been working with Thomas for the theater. While unable to devote much time to the stage work, Riley has been a valuable hammer and saw man for the stage crew.

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Winbigler Plus Dils

A GAIN A MAJOR Pacific Coast educational institution has named a Theta Chi as its dean of students. Dr. Donald Winbigler, Monmouth, '31, is now serving in that capacity at Stanford University after service as registrar five years. The tall, genial 42-year-old dean has headed every major division of the dean of students' office in past years, and he has been acting dean in the absences of Dr. Kimpton. In 1943-45 he headed the placement service activities and then became director of admissions.

Dr. Winbigler has worked closely with students throughout his Stanford career. He has been a member of the Veterans' Education Committee, the Committee for Student Aid, co-ordinator of the Committee on Exceptional Students, and chairman of the Committee on Lower Division Administration.

The new dean joined the Stanford faculty in 1940 as a member of the speech and drama department. He will continue to hold the rank of professor of speech and drama and of education in his new post. His experience in speaking and his sense of humor have made him a popular toastmaster at both Palo Alto and student affairs.

Dr. Winbigler was graduated from Monmouth College in 1928. He took his master's degree at the University of Iowa in 1934 and his doctorate there in 1938. Previous to going to California, he taught dramatics at Monmouth and held assistantships at Iowa as well as being head of speech in the University Elementary School. He was secretary-treasurer of the American Educational Theater Association in 1936-39.

He is a member of Phi Delta Kappa, education; Pi Kappa Delta, honor; and the National Collegiate Players.

He has been a member since 1945 of the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers and was chairman of their national convention recently in San Francisco. He is currently first vice president of the Pacific Coast Association of Collegiate Registrars.

Dr. Winbigler has been active in the civic life of both Palo Alto and Los Altos. He was t ustmaster at the 1950 annual banouet of the Palo Alto Chamber of Commerce, and is a member of the board of directors of the Palo Alto Kiwanis Club and



Dean Donald Winbigler, Monmouth

of the board of trustees of the Los Altos Foundation.

Dr. and Mrs. Winbigler live on West Tremont Road, Los Altos. They have one son, Myles, 9.

One of Dean Winbigler's former responsibilities is now in the hands of another Theta Chi.

DIRECTOR of the vocational guidance and placement service of Stanford University is the new title of Eugene W. Dils, Washington State College, '28, who in 1948 resigned his position as associate dean of students at Washington State Col-



Eugene Dills, Washington State

lege to become director of the student personnel of Stanford Village, Stanford University. His present office maintains contacts with about 500 employers a year and is concerned not only with the placement of all students of the university, but with student part-time and temporary placement appointments, hundreds of these being made each quarter.

In addition to giving inquiring students current and anticipated labor-market information, a definite vocational guidance program is carried on.

Director Dils gave evidence of his leadership ability while an undergraduate at Washington State College, where he served as president of Alpha Omicron Chapter, as senior class president, and a member of the Board of Control. He played varsity football for several years and was a member of the National Collegiate Players and Crimson Circle, senior recognition society.

He started as a high school teacher 'and athletic coach in the Cheney (Washington) High School and had a similar position with the Olympia (Washington) High School for six years. He became boys' adviser at the Cleveland High School in Seattle in 1934, and five years later was made director of the Junior Employment and Counseling Service for the Seattle public schools.

After five years of service in this capacity, he was made state employment counseling supervisor, and in 1946 became dean of men and director of student affairs at Washington State College. He has served on numerous committees and councils, and one year was president of the Seattle chapter of the National Vocational Guidance Association. He is a member of Phi Delta Kappa and an alumnus of Phi Eta Sigma.

Capture Two Intramural Trophies

Gamma Omega's rifle team at Vanderbilt topped the Sigma Chi's record breaking score to win first place. Wade Winnitt made the highest individual score with Linde Pearson tying for third place. Other members of the team were Thomas Gray and Warren Brown. Harry Goodall took first place in intramural badminton singles and teamed up with his brother to win the doubles and bring home the trophy.

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Handles U. S. Maritime Claims

HIEF in the Division of Claims. Maritime Administration, Department of Commerce, is Lemuel C. Smith, Alabama, '29. This division is responsible for the handling and settlement of all types of claims in favor of and against the Maritime Administration. Mr. Smith has a staff of approximately eighty employes with salaries ranging from \$2,500 to \$10,000 a year. He also serves as chairman of the Claims Review Committee and as a member of the Lovalty Hearing Board in the Department of Commerce and the Joint Årmy/Navy-Maritime Ship Repair Contract Board.

Previously he had served as chief, Internal Audits and Procedures in the Office of Finance, Maritime Commission. He went to Washington in 1943 as assistant chief of Cost Analysis Branch, Price Adjustment Board. In December of that year he became employed by the U. S. Maritime Commission as renegotiator-analyst with the Price Adjustment Board in connection with the renegotiation of war contracts and the resultant recovery of excessive profits.

After graduation from Alabama he was employed by the First National Bank of Alexander City, Ala., and four years later by McKesson & Robbins at Birmingham and Nashville as chief accountant. In November, 1933, he was employed as field accountant by the Civil Works Administration and successively by FERA and WPA



L. C. Smith, Alabama Page Twenty-eight

in various southern states until 1942. At that time he became chief cost engineer for the War Department Corps of Engineers on military construction projects at Springfield, Ill.

Ladue Memorial Fund Drive Extended to July 1, 1952

STEADILY THE OBJECTIVE toward which the drive for the Frederick Whiting Ladue Memorial Fund has been directed comes a little closer; as a result, the time for ending the campaign has been extended to July 1, 1952. An increasing number of undergraduate chapters have subscribed 100 percent. That is now true of all those situated in Region VI. Regional counselors are making a gallant effort to get each undergraduate chapter to complete its subscription on the 100 per cent basis, thus giving positive evidence to the alumni that the undergraduates appreciate

Fraternity of Many Publications

THETA CHI is rapidly becoming outstanding in the field of publications. The latest is entitled The Loudspeaker and is sent out by the Executive Office for the field secretaries and other fraternity officials interested in the work of these secretaries. The first issue is a mimeographed affair of ten pages, filled with brief, lively items that will be helpful to those concerned. The Loudspeaker will appear on no regular schedule, and as infrequently as possible, according to Over the Desk, the particularly valuable house organ also issued by the Executive Office.

This latter publication is filled with comments concerning Theta Chi and Theta Chis together with news of general fraternity interest and information about educational institutions and governmental programs that are helpful in giving a clear idea of both fraternity and educational pictures.

Another interesting publication with a particular audience appeal is the Regional Review, which is published for the extensive regional staff of the fraternity. While most of the information it contains deals with regional matters, there is included much that concerns itself with more general fraternity problems. The oldest of these specialized publications is the Confidential News, published the importance of this fund and wish to support it in thoroughgoing fashion.

Already the fund has met very definite needs in the case of certain chapters, making it possible to protect groups immediately. In most cases, the assistance needed was but temporary, but it was, none the less, urgent. Loans from the fund are used to meet emergencies of various types.

Aids Kefauver Committee

A member of the staff of the United States Senate Crime and Investigating Committee, "the Kefauver Committee," has been Donald Cole, Illinois, '50. While a pre-law student Mr. Cole had a chance to meet Senator Kefauver and started to work for his committee under the direction of Richard J. Moser, a prominent New York attorney who served as chief counsel. He continued to work on the committee until it ceased to function in September, 1951. He is now living in Alexandria, Va., near Washington.

by the Executive Office and sent to the various chapters and fraternity officials. As its name implies, this provides an opportunity to circulate material that is intended for the eyes and ears of Theta Chis only. It is published three or four times a year unless an emergency makes additional issues desirable.

Occasionally Alumnews, designed to interest members of alumni chapters, appears. Although its publication is irregular, it serves a valuable purpose, offering numerous suggestions for the purpose of making the work and meetings of alumni groups more effective.

All of these publications are mimeographed by the Executive Office, whose equipment makes possible attractive and clear presentation. Illustrations are limited to those of the pen and ink variety.

The second edition of the Manual of Theta Chi has just come from the printer and is ready for distribution. This exceedingly helpful and readable loose leaf printed book is made available at the original price of \$2.00, despite increased costs, or \$1.75 each if ordered in lots of 25 or more. In addition to all this, the circulation of The Rattle of Theta Chi now exceeds 25,000.

All of this makes Theta Chi Fraternity an outstanding publisher.

Record NIC Project

WHAT promises to be the greatest nation-wide project ever attempted by the National Interfraternity Conference is headed by Col. Joseph A. McCusker, Maine, '17, national marshal of Theta Chi and treasurer of the NIC. He is chairman of the NIC Blood Donor Committee and has written to the president of every local interfraternity council in the entire country urging thoroughgoing co-operation with Red Cross chapters in an effort to replace and build up blood stocks. These will be used to aid the armed forces and to help meet civilian disaster emergencies. Arrangements are being made in the expectation that the more than three thousand fraternity chapters of the fifty-nine national fraternities will participate.

Colonel McCusker's committee has as other members Christian A. Natvig, national treasurer of Kappa Sigma; Donald C. Wolfe, president of the College Fraternity Editors Association, and Ferd B. Ensinger, both Kappa Delta Rho. Theta Chi Fraternity has given the committee office space at the national headquarters, 435 Broad Street Bank Building, Trenton 8, N. J., and provides mailing and clerical service under the supervision of Executive Director George W. Chapman.

This program was authorized by a resolution passed at the National Interfraternity Conference last November, which called for a Fraternity Blood Donor Week in which all fraternity men, alumni and undergradu-

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those who seem always willing to go out of their way with a knock for college fraternities."

Delta Eta Chapter at Colorado A & M on December 8 held its annual Christmas party for underprivileged children, providing presents, candy, ice cream, and cake, and other good things for their guests.

Omicron's annual Christmas party for underprivileged children in Richmond, Va., was given at the chapter house December 14. Some thirty youngsters received gifts from the chapter with Raymond P. Pinchbeck, dean of Richmond College, serving as Santa Claus. Thomas Ray Currie, '52, was chairman of the party. ate, would be called upon to contribute blood. The inability of the American Red Cross to make blood collections on a nationwide basis in a single week made this impractical, however, but the committee plans to get the participation of all fraternity chapters at different times in the year.

Both national fraternity officials and undergraduate interfraternity councils throughout the country are rallying in response to Colonel Mc-Cusker's urgent appeal to assist the American National Red Cross to meet its minimum of 450,000 pints a month and also build up its reserves.

Second in Nomination Contest

Park Livingston, Illinois, '30, ran second in a four-man primary race

for the Republican nomination for governor in the state of Illinois, Stratton being the candidate selected to oppose the present incumbent, Adlai Stevenson. On March 25 the Chicago Daily News appeared with its lead editorial under a two-column head which read: "Candidates for Governor-Livingston Preferred to Rivals for the Republican Nomination." It stated that Livingston had the least support among the professional party workers, "a condition at which he is entitled to point with pride." It went on to say that he had achieved a notably successful business career at the age of 45 and as vice president and general counsel of the Dean Milk Company he had shown executive ability, courage and enterprise. It also praised his long service on the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois to which he has been re-elected.



TOP OFFICER in Norwich University Cadet Corps is Cadet Col. Richard Van Ness, a senior of Alpha Chapter, which also claims thirteen other ranking officers.

Norwich University is the military college of the State of Vermant, and its 620 students, all of whom are enrolled in the army ROTC, are organized into a corps of cadets made up of two battolians and a regimental headquarters compony. Each of the battalians has 3 companies of approximately 90 to 100 men. Cadet Calonel Van Ness is also a member of the Corps Honor Committee, Skull and Swards, senior recognition society, distinguished military student, and past chapter chaplain. Second among the high ranking officers and leaders on the campus is Cadet Major Gilbert Gigliotti, '52. As past chapter vice president, president of the German club, distinguished military student, secretary of the Trench Club and treasurer of the Newman Club, he has been one of the outstanding leaders on the campus in the chapter.

In the picture, standing from left to right are the following cadet officers: 2nd Lt. Keith Davy, 1st. Lt. Edward Fitzpatrick, Capt. James Clark, Ist. Lt. Booth Blakeman and Major Gigliotti; kneeling left to right: Capt. Jack Hutchins, U.S.A. 2nd Lt. Donald Robertson, Colonel Van Ness, U.S.A. 2nd Lt. John Holden and 2nd Lt. Christian Decarlo; not in the picture, Capt. Jack Cook, 2nd Lt. Bernard Moulton, 2nd Lt. Lawrence Reece and 2nd Lt. Bruce Williams.

Family Party Is Highlight Of Mothers' Club Program

THE MOTHERS' CLUB of Gamma Psi, College of Puget Sound at Tacoma, Wash., is completing a successful and profitable year with the annual Family Party the last of April. It is the high-light of the year, bringing together the entire families of Gamma Psi members: parents, wives, brothers, sisters, sons, daughters, and other near relatives. It is an evening of food and fun, with more than one hundred persons expected.

The entire party has a family atmosphere. The mothers provide the dinner, for which the "company" linen and table service are brought out, and the chapter members and pledges provide the entertainment. Their program frequently furnishes surprises, for there are often talents displayed which mothers have never suspected. A bingo session after the program is part of the Family Party tradition. Mr. and Mrs. Alan P. Cox, Theta Chi parents, originated the idea at the first party and have presided each year.

There will be a booth where wrapped packages may be purchased for 25c. These are donated and are bought sight unseen. The money realized from these and bingo is put to good use by the Mothers' Club. The project this year has been buying silverware. Twenty-four place settings have been purchased so far.

The proceeds from a bake sale were used to buy an electric clock for the chapter house dining room as a Christmas present. A treat of candy and cookies was also delivered to the house the week before Christmas. A dish towel shower provided equipment for the pledge k.p.s and was equally appreciated by Mrs. Gadbois, the house mother.

The rushing dinner in September and the alumni dinner in October along with the monthly meetings have kept the club busy during the year. The officers guiding the activities this year are Mrs. W. O. Marr, president; Mrs. H. V. Anderson, vice president; Mrs. E. R. Smith, secretary; and Mrs. W. C. Roley, treasurer.

Directs Messiah for 31st Time

For the thirty-first time Handel's Messiah was sung at Iowa State College on December 9 under the direction of Prof. Tolbert MacRae, Drake, Page Thirty '06. Two thousand heard the productions by the Iowa State Festival Choir in the gymnasium, while thousands hear it over the radio. This choir was organized by Professor MacRae when he was head of the Music Department, and interest in the annual presentation of The Messiah has grown steadily through the years, until today it is recognized as one of the outstanding musical events in the state. Professor MacRae was the subject of a feature story in the January issue of The Rattle.

Ordained Minister Became Good Fraternity Brother By DONALD SNEARY

A LPHA TAU at Ohio University is one of the few college fraternity chapters in the United States that can boast of its having had a minister in its undergraduate membership. He is Richard Van Tine, 22 years of age, who was graduated last August after majoring in philosophy and sociology.

Commenting on his fraternity membership, Van says, "I'll admit I was a little afraid to pledge at first. I didn't know how the fellows would feel about having a minister as a chapter mate." But he soon became one of the best-liked and most active men in the chapter, serving for his last two years as its chaplain.

Called "Reverend" by his friends, Van Tine was presented a license to preach by the Evangelical United Brethren Church in September of 1949. After he graduated from Ohio University, he entered Bonebrake Seminary in Dayton, Ohio, for three years, after which he expects to be ordained.

Van Tine says his interest in religion began seven or eight years ago at a summer camp. "The feeling was nothing spectacular or unusual, just a genuine interest in helping people to live better lives," he commented. "I've never regretted my decision to be a minister," he added.

Since receiving his license, Van Tine has presided at five funerals and innumerable Sunday services. Once a month, he conducted services at the Athens County Home. He also officiated at the wedding of some of his university friends.

Active in several religious groups on Ohio University campus, Van Tine originated a service called "Mid-Week Meditations," sponsored by the YMCA.

25-Year-Old Paddling Ban To Be Strictly Enforced

PROHIBITION OF PADDLING and other forms of physical abuse will be strictly enforced in accordance with legislation passed on the 70th anniversary convention of 1926 as the result of a resolution adopted unanimously by the Grand Chapter meeting in St. Louis, Mo., December 7-9, with all members present. Also undergraduate chapters must report to the Executive Office immediately if for any reason they are placed on probation by local college authorities.

Lionel D. Edie, Colgate, '15, outstanding authority in economics, was appointed to the National Board of Trustees, while Richard L. Duncan, Miami, was reappointed. An alternate appointment was given Frederick I. Richman, Stanford, '27. Maxwell E. McDowell, Colgate, '16, who resigned because of ill health two years ago as head of the legal tax division of the Standard Oil Company, was named official tax consultant of Theta Chi Fraternity.

Frederick S. Hopkins, Jr., was selected as alumnus adviser of Delta Nu Chapter at Vermont. Philip C. Campbell was approved as acting counselor of Region III after the resignation of Francis H. S. Edie, Dickinson, '17, from that post had been accepted with regret.

After dealing with a great number of routine items of business, the Grand Chapter adjourned to meet April 18-20 at the Hotel Commodore in New York City.

Attending the Grand Chapter meeting in St. Louis in December was G. Schuyler Blue, Indiana, '25, assistant vice president of Mercantile Trust Company, who did such an excellent job as chairman for the 72nd anniversary convention held in Indianapolis, August 30-September 2, 1928. He is the holder of the Grand Chapter Alumni Award and the brother of Sherwood Blue, national vice president.

"The first meeting was very disappointing," said Van Tine sorrowfully; "only four or five persons attended. But by the end of the semester, the group had increased to thirty persons."

Asked how he felt about being called "Reverend," he grinned and replied, "I don't mind; it doesn't bother me. In fact, I'm proud of it."

Alpha Phi Celebrates its 25th Birthday at Alabama

Alpha Phi Chapter celebrated its 25th anniversary at the University of Alabama by the publication of the silver anniversary issue of The Warrior. This contained an engraving of the installation committee of 1926 as well as sketches of chapter leaders and pictures of activities of more recent years. Among the features was a review of the chapter's 25 years by Dr. Stewart J. Lloyd, dean of the School of Chemistry, and an account of Alpha Phi's contribution to the University of Alabama famed Million Dollar Band, in which 35 chapter members have participated. Col. Carlton K. Butler, the director of the band, is a member of the chapter which also claims two of the football coaches, Henry Crisp and Phil A. Knuth.

Also on the faculty are Dr. H. D. Bonham of the School of Commerce: Charles Stapp, director of intramural sports; and Bert Bradley of the College of Arts and Sciences. Particularly valuable is a roster containing the names and ad dresses of the majority of the 389 members who have been initiated by this chapter.

Beta Gamma Entertains Parents

Funds have been allotted by Beta Gamma at Rutgers to mimeograph 150 new copies of a house songbook. Words were compiled for some 75 fraternity, college, party, and love songs. Parents of all brothers and pledges were invited to the Parents' Tea, on Sunday, November 11, to learn about their sons' college life at Rutgers. The schedule included a tour of the campus, an informal get-together at the house with refreshments, and a general meeting to further parent relations. This was the first of a series of parent events planned for the school year.

Parents Give Chapter Gifts

Gamma Eta's enthusiastic Mothers' Club, which has been very active since its inception two years ago, has given several gifts for the improvement of the Bucknell chapter house, latest of which was money for new dining room chairs. The club is headed this year by Mrs. A. E. Lloyd, Jr., and held its semi-annual meeting, October 20. Gamma Eta Chapter also received gifts from several parents of its members: a new asphalt tile floor from Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Lloyd, Jr.: a generous cash gift from Dr. Romualdo Sciechitano; a new Theta Chi flag from Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Lemaire; and a new lighting system for the dining room from Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Schroeder.

Make the Pictorials

Theta Chi chapters have been receiving a good deal of pictorial attention recently. In the February issue of Holiday, which featured the Winter Carnival at Dartmouth, appeared a picture of Alpha Theta's chapter house in brilliant colors. The Theta Chi flag of military red and white hung in front of the house. The rest of the picture showed the chapter's snow sculpture. The prize-winning snow sculpture of Delta Chapter at Rensselaer appeared in numerous publications. In Life's coverage of the University of Vermont's annual "Kake Walk" appeared an engraving of Delta Nu's participants.

Pays Fees for Pledges

Beta Sigma Chapter was above the all-university scholastic average and fifth among fraternities at Lehigh. The chapter gave scholarship a boost last semester by offering to pay one half of a ny pledges' fee at the Lehigh Reading and Study Clinic. Three men took advantage of the offer.

Two Win Radio Honor

Allan McCoy, chief announcer in the Drake Radio Department, had a tough semester of interviewing such stars as Roy Rogers, Rudy Vallee, the boys from "Jazz at the Philharmonic," and Theta

Rogers, Rudy Vallee, the boys from 'Jazz at the Philharmonic," and Theta Chi's Sammy Kaye. He was also initiated into Pi Beta Epsilon radio society. Jim Sawyer was elected editor of Symbol for the third time and won first prize in the bi-annual short story contest with his science fiction yarn 'Tomorrow Come Sand." He was also re-elected continuity director of the Radio Department and president of Pi Beta Epsilon, radio society. One of his radio scripts, "People in the Streets," was selected to represent Drake University in the Freedoms Foundation nation-wide contest at Valley Forge, Pa.

Chapter Claims Champions

At Colorado A & M Frank Barnes is singles handball champion. Heiko Kuhn won the open golf tournament when he shot 82 on the final day to best the other contestants. Joseph Wascieko was runnerup in the horseshoe singles championship, and Theta Chi's water polo team placed fourth in its division. At the end of the quarter Theta Chi ranked second in total points of all organizations on the campus and only seven behind the leader. Delta Eta has a new housemother, Mrs. Alta Swallows. The chapter plans a faculty tea in her honor.

Crewmen Win at Rutgers

Beta Delta's crewmen won first honors at Rutgers University after a tie last year with Delta Upsilon. Six of Beta Delta's oarsmen had had experience rowing in the varsity first shell at one time or another, and all had been members of the university crew. They are Robert Peterson, George Bonnington, O'Neil, James Boning, Howard Larew, Clarke Benton, Ronald D'-Aiuto, Walter Levitsky, and Edward Costello, coxswain.

Wins Scholarship Cup

The fall quarter Beta Xi Chapter won the Birmingham Southern Interfraternity Council Scholarship Cup with a rating well above the all men's average. Edward



IN KEEPING with a fine tradition at Akron University, an a-coppella choir of some forty members of Beta Lambda Chapter serenaded the new pledges of all the sarorities and presented each with a red carnation and a card of congratulation. A song of each sorority was sung, and then the chair sang "My Dear Little Girl of Theta Chi." Donald Roepke is doing the presenting.

> Gregg was re-elected to the IFC presidency and has been advocating a new rushing and pledging set-up on the campus. Benjamin Williams was tapped by Omicron Delta Kappa, while William Howard was initiated into Kappa Phi Kappa of which Benjamin Williams is president.

Plan for Public Relations

A permanent public relations committee has been added to Beta Sigma Chapter. The purpose of the committee will be to establish and maintain efficient contact with parents, alumni, community, and various persons on the Lehigh campus. Steps towards this end so far include faculty guest dinners, exchange dinners with other chapters on the campus, Parents' Day, and open houses.

News Notes of Undergrads

Members of the Beta Omicron Chapter at Cincinnati contributed \$35 to the American Cancer Society in the memory of the mother of one of the members who died recently from the dread disease.

Now in his second year as laculty adviser for Beta Omicron at the University of Cincinnati, Dr. Robert Price, professor in the university's Teachers College, has been initiated as an honorary member. He received his bachelor's, master's, and doctor's degrees at the University of Minnesota.

David Thomas, president of Alpha Tau, was recently elected president of the Ohio University Interfraternity Council.

Jack Luhring, Iowa State, received the Chicago Tribune award as the outstanding senior AFROTC student at Iowa State, where he is a cadet captain.

Richard Somers, president of the junior class at Rensselaer, and chairman of the Snowilake Saturnalia, had the pleasant task of crowning the queen at the climatic ball of RPI's gay week end.

Theta Chi Alumni Chapters

Eddie Robinson the Speaker

Eddie Robinson, first baseman of the Chicago White Sox, was the principal speaker at the Theta Chi Alumni Club in Wilmington, Del., recently. A report of the activities of Alpha Xi Chapter at the University of Delaware was given by Donald B. Kiddoo, president of the chapter and editor of the university's undergraduate newspaper, The Review, while another undergraduate member, William S. Hearn, president of the Student Government Association, told that Delaware undergraduates are starting to grow beards for the Bowery Ball, first inaugurated by the chapter in 1941. He reported that chapter members this year have headed 11 athletic teams and school organizations. Plans are being made by Alpha Xi to mark the chapter's fortieth year at Delaware. Donald Selby, Delaware, '38, president of the alumni group, presided. The next meeting will be held in late May or early June.

Chapters Celebrate Founders' Day

Two active and two alumni chapters of Theta Chi observed Founders' Day at the College Club in Seattle, April 1. The undergraduates of the University of Washington and the College of Puget Sound chapters joined the alumni of Seattle and Tacoma to enjoy a program arranged by Founders' Day Chairman Gerald D. Hile. Tracy Coombs, an effective worker for Theta Chi ever since his undergraduate days at California 40 years ago, was the speaker. Quartets from the two active chapters vied for musical honors, while also on the program was Lloyd Lindroth, the "Bach-to-boogie-woogie" harpist who won Horace Heidt awards two years in succession. Tacoma Alumni Chapter was host on February 12 at the New Yorker Cafe in Tacoma to the Seattle Alumni Chapter. It proved a delightful get-together for the two alumni groups.

San Francisco Alumni Elect

The following brothers were elected officers of the San Francisco Alumni Chapter at its recent annual meeting: pres., Herbert Winter; vice pres., Laurence Duerig; sec.-treas., Merle Dodd; asst. sec.-treas., Jack Thompson. Wednesday noon luncheons, held at the Fraternity Club, 34 Bush St., are being well attended. Among those present generally are a large number of recent graduates who have joined the chapter.

New Officers for Los Angeles

New officers for the Los Angeles Alumni Chapter are: pres., Walter Watts, California; first vice pres., Fred Richman, Stanford: second vice pres., James Johnson, UCLA; third vice pres., Fred Nash, USC; sec., Lyle Wayland, USC: treas., Kenneth Berkihiser, USC. All of the officers are serving on the 96th Anniversary Convention Committee.

Chicago Announces Program

The following schedule of activities has been arranged for the Chicago Alumni Association: April 12, initiation of eligible alumni, Delta Iota house, 2023 Sherman, Evanston, at 2 p.m.; May 22, dinner, Orlando Buffet, 6 p.m.: June 21, alumniactive picnic, time and place to be announced later; July 24, buffet supper and cruise, Chicago Yacht Club, 6 p.m.; late August, rushing function to be arranged later; September 20, golf, outing, and dinner; October, alumni-active football party, date to be announced later; December 29, active-alumni luncheon, Furniture Club of America, noon.

Club of America, noon. Recently elected officers are: pres., Vernon H. Lillig, Monmouth, '48; vice pres., William O. Lee, Illinois, '33; sec., Thomas G. Vent, Jr., Dartmouth, '39; treas., Milton F. Darr, Jr., Illinois, '42. Directors of the group are: Robert B. Parsons, Purdue, '32; Robert L. Hess, Monmouth, '48; George W. Ritter, Illinois, '47; Edward H. Johnson, Monmouth, '45; Richard Braumiller, Illinois, '43; Royał W. Waschau, Illinois, '26; George G. Assimos, Purdue, '50; D. Morris Schmidt, Purdue, '49; Eugene A. Jaroch, Wisconsin, '48.

Learn About Electronics

A rare treat for the members of the Seattle Alumni Chapter recently was the speech by Charles M. Key, electronics expert of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co., who spoke on "The Story of the Hilltops." The meeting was held at the College Club, with dinner preceding the talk. With the aid of specially designed equipment Mr. Key showed how electro micro waves serve radio and TV programs. He described the practical obstacles overcome in setting up the radio relay system between Seattle and Portland; how transmission of television programs between New York and San Francisco is made possible; and the manifold mysteries of the coaxial cable.

Omega Pittsburgh Alumni Meet

At the 1951 Pitt-Penn State football game, alumni members of Omega Chapter got together in Pittsburgh to form an alumni club. The idea had been born at the chapter's Homecoming earlier in the fall when a small group of brothers collected names of graduates living in the Pittsburgh area from the chapter's files. Ray Ritz, '48, sent announcements to 78 alumni telling of the luncheon planned for them at the Hotel Webster Hall in Pittsburgh on the day of the game.

Twenty-two loyal brothers appeared for the affair and elected Vaughn Stapleton, '46, president of the new group. It is the aim of this group of alumni to raise funds among members in the area for reduction of the chapter house's mortgage while furthering fraternal association among the brothers.

Another meeting is planned at the time of the Easter vacation so that actives of the chapter may attend.

Any brothers of Omega who live in the Pittsburgh area are urged to contact Robert E. Clarke of 153 Hurnaday Road, Pittsburgh 10, Pennsylvania, the group's sccretary.

Wives Are Hostesses

The Theta Chi Wives Club of Seattle, Wash., held the annual husbands and wives party, March 21. Refreshments were served buffet style. A bridge party was scheduled for April 10. This club has as lively a program as the Seattle Alumni Chapter. Recently they had a get-together to learn about new hairdos.

Dayton Holds First Meeting

Theta Chi alumni living in the Dayton, Ohio, area had their first dinner meeting at the Seville Restaurant in February, and made plans for later meetings and a campaign to organize the more than one hundred alumni in the city.

Cincinnati's New York Alumni Meet

Former members of the Cincinnati Alumni Association now in the New York area had a successful get-together at the Hotel Astor recently and are now planning to see if something can be done to reactivate the New York Alumni Chapter of former years. One of the guests at the meeting was George W. Chapman, executive director of Theta Chi, who reported on the state of the fraternity. As there are approximately 1,000 Theta Chi alumni in the New York area some of the leaders have optimistic hopes of developing a sizeable chapter.

James Lewis Returns to Campus

Alpha Xi recently welcomed back to the University of Delaware campus, James Gilpin Lewis, president of the class of 1912 and one of the founders of Omega Alpha, the local which became Alpha Xi Chapter of Theta Chi. He stayed at the house for several days, participating in the February Homecoming Weekend. In addition to other activities, he addressed the public relations class of the school, and took part in a formal initiation in which he delivered the charge to the new members. Active and successful in the business world for 33 years, he retired in 1945 because of ill health. He is number one on the membership roll of Alpha Xi Chapter. He is a former national vice president of Theta Chi.

National Committeeman May Retire

Curtis M. Dozier, Virginia, '31, of Richmond, Va., has indicated that he may step down as Virginia's Republican national committeeman when his present term expires this summer. Dozier says, "I have served just about as long as a man should serve as national committeeman."

Alumni in the News

Harry Reasoner, Minnesota, is in Manila, Philippine Islands, writing copy for the State Department information program and working on a new book. His address is c/o U. S. Embassy.

Rodney Ballard, Oregon State, '31, supervisor of municipal sports for the Long Beach (Calif.) Recreation Commission is technical director of the National AAU track and field championships to be held at Long Beach June 21-22.

David Hoss, Alpha Sigma, '40, is program director at KSLM, Salem, Oregon.

Where Greek Meets Greek

Ammunition Against Fraternity Critics

Because college fraternity chapters are made up of youth and hence have a strong reader interest appeal, magazine editors, columnists, newspaper feature writers, and novelists find it profitable to publish attacks on them, most of which are highful emotional and usually devoid of either evidence or testimony. Nevertheless, so gullible is the average reader, the charges made are accepted as factual by many. To provide supporters of Greekletter social organizations with material to meet these attacks, "Where Greek to meet these attacks, "Where Greek Meets Greek" will each issue publish statements from presidents deans, and faculty of fraternity educational institutions, from eminent men and women, and from undergraduates who have a right to judge because they know whereof they speak.

Because of its historic value, as well as its sincerity the first statement is that of Vice President Thomas R. Marshall, a Phi Gamma Delta, who in a public address declared that the influences that had been greatest in his life were his faith in God and his college fraternity.

Other statements, more recent, are: "Within the framework of American democracy, a great national fraternity provides the means, both of obtaining and sustaining the personal, intimate, and properly selective friendships and warmth of associations, which otherwise tend to become dim and be lost in the common shuffle of our everyday common existence. There must be quality as well as quantity in your friendships if they are to endure. Fraternity is a prime means to that end."—Hervey Allen, Sigma Chi, well known author.

"I believe in fraternities for the reason that at their best they can be a powerful influence in the development of the individual man or woman. A dormitory group can never exert the influence on the individual which a fraternity can and does. No system of college living, to my knowledge, has ever equaled the fraternity for the teaching of responsibility, for the acceptance of concern for the welfare of other members of the group, for the socializing of the unsocial, for the impetus toward good scholarship. Let it be added that this is true only when the fraternity leadership, student and alumni, is strong; when the leadership is weak, the results may be far less desirable, and, in extremes, disastrous for the good of the individual." —Dr. Kenneth I. Brown, Delta Upsilon, until recently president of Denison University.

"We believe that fraternity is something added to college, something that can make every relationship more meaningful. Sorority encourages scholarship, leadership, support of campus activities, and harmonious living with others. It develops initiative and co-operation by giving into the hands of the group the management of an organization. The social graces it encourages are not the root, but the flower of fraternity life."—Jean Nipper, Phi Mu undergraduate.

"Fraternities serve many important func-

tions for their members and the University of Minnesota. They are a vital part of campus life. Tradicionally, fraternities have provided much needed and highly satisfactory living units for students. They offer an immediate opportunity for friendship and a sound orientation to the university community. Through their pledge programs they impose academic and social discipline at the outset of the educational process. Fraternities can and do give effective training in co-operative effort and democratic action, and instill in their members loyalty to high ideals and purposes."—E. G. Williamson, dean of students, University of Minnesota.

"The social fraternities teach shy country boys how to get along with people." —Hal Boyle, Sigma Phi Epsilon, syndicated columnist.

This Kind of Publicity Helps

From a Walter Winchell broadcast: "The Sigma Chi Fraternity at the University of Miami makes sense. Instead of hazing them, they are making pledges work for the Haven School for Handicapped Children, Bravo?"

Cover of the June issue of The Palm of Alpha Tau Omega showed pledges of the Southern Methodist University repairing the home of an elderly Dallas, Texas, couple, while an inside page was filled with reprints of newspaper stories and editorials from various sections of the country acclaiming that chapter and other ATO chapters for taking savagery out of Hell Week, substituting constructive efforts for it. This fraternity has been the leader in the movement which is steadily gaining popularity.

Pledges of the Lambda Chi Alpha chapter at Wittenberg (Ohio) College are taking a course in newspaper reading as part of their training. This is taught by seniors and members of the college's public relations staff and is complete with lectures, reading assignments, and tests. Phi Delta Theta's Iowa Gamma Chap-

Phi Delta Theta's Iowa Gamma Chapter has instituted a new system of pledge discipline: The active members of the chapter strive to make their own behavior the example for pledge activity. This is combined with a series of sessions offering constructive criticism.

Delta Tau Deltas at the University of Michigan had their pledges scrub, scrape, and paint the Thrift Shop, a project maintained by Ann Arbor women to aid the poor, and thereby gained a salute from the president of the philanthropic enterprise and a laudatory editorial from the Ann Arbor News, which included this statement: "If useful projects like that found by Delta Tau Delta replace the more familiar activities, fraternities will rid themselves of warranted abuse." Help Week would make an excellent substitution for Hell Week.

Illinois fraternity chapters under a project originated by Zeta Tau have contributed over 900 pints of blood to the Red Cross.

On June 25 NBC in a coast to coast hook up carried the story of fraternity pledges at Purdue who donned old clothes and cleaned up Columbian Park in Lafayette. They raked, trimmed, painted, and scrubbed for a whole day.

As a part of its pre-installation program at Florida State University Sigma Chi had its petitioners paint a room for the children at the Human Relations Institute at Tallahassee, provide teams for the solicitation of Red Cross funds, contribute a pint of blood each to the University Blood Bank, and write letters of appreciation home to their parents,

This Kind of Publicity Hurts

Ohio newspapers reported that a farmer aroused in the middle of the night by two young fellows wanting information as to the road to Columbus, 45 miles distant, became suspicious and telephoned the sheriff. The latter found the young men and learned that they had been taken into the country by fraternity men as a preinitiation stunt and left on a back-country road without money to find their way back.

Two freshmen at the University of Miami after a strenuous workout had as the last test in their fraternity "Hell Week" been blindfolded, taken out 30 miles from the campus, left on a fogshrouded road, and told to find their way back. Exhausted, they lay down by the roadside and fell asleep. About 4:30 a.m. a truck crushed one of them to death and seriously injured the other.

Two fraternity freshman pledges of an Ohio Wesleyan fraternity chapter were arrested in Columbus when, following instructions, they attempted to steal pictures from the front of a burlesque theater.

Mush or T-Bone Steak?

The Delta Tau Delta chapter at Emory University has an annual scholarship banquet at which those members with a C average dine on hamburger: those with a B average have cubed steak; and those who have an all-A average are served T-bone steaks. Anyone whose average is below C has to eat corn-meal mush.

Greetings to Greeks

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