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GREETINGS FROM OUR FOUNDERS

ALLOW me, through the columns of *THE CRESCENT*, to express my cordial thanks and sincere appreciation of the numerous courtesies accorded in connection with, and during the "Golden Jubilee convention" of Gamma Phi Beta, and the many acts of thoughtfulness which conspired to render so delightful those rare and never-to-be-forgotten days spent at Lake Placid. Like "ships that pass in the night, and speak each other in passing,"—With a "Hail" and "Farewell,"—we met and parted, conscious that the great unifying force which bound us as a sorority had been immeasurably strengthened, and that a new inspiration, destined to promote the realization of our fundamental principles, was ours.

May our utmost endeavor be consecrated in aid of the solution of the great moral and social problems which so vex the world to-day, and to the dissemination of the mighty underlying principles of the brotherhood of man, and the fatherhood of God.

The beautiful badge, souvenir of our fiftieth anniversary, the exquisite work of Mr. L. G. Balfour, of Attleboro, Mass., was forwarded to me here, where, surrendered to the lure of the ocean, I am passing a delightful season. The monogram of white gold set with diamonds is encircled by the conventional crescent of yellow gold and black enamel. Attached to this is a guard pin mounted with the sorority crest. The reverse side of the badge bears the inscription—"Convention Gift to Founder—Helen M. Dodge Ferguson—1924." This emblem, it is needless to say, is highly prized, both for its beauty and for its significance. I would that all of the Gamma Phis might see it. Loving greeting, not only to those with whom we were so recently privileged to clasp hands, but to many others who were with us in thought only, and a like greeting to those who, in similar manner, perchance, shall in nineteen hundred seventy-four, celebrate the centennial of the founding of Gamma Phi Beta. "And Mizpah";—

With many delightful memories,

HELEN M. DODGE FERGUSON.

As Miss Barbee sent me the invitation of the sorority to attend the Fiftieth Anniversary convention of Gamma Phi Beta as a guest, I am asking her to return through *THE CRESCENT* my hearty thanks for the wonderful time I had while there.

I want to thank everybody who helped to make it such a joyful experience: Alpha and Syracuse Alumnæ chapters for their generous and gracious entertainment; those who lavished flowers, gifts and

various attentions and last but not least the convention for voting me a diamond pin. I shall always treasure it and wear it; but the most comforting thought is that convention found me worthy—that I had proved good.

The poise and personality of the group impressed me greatly and I heard one of the older women remark that she had never seen so much courtesy and deference shown to the girls of long ago.

The ride about Syracuse was especially enjoyable as Mr. Moss shared it with me and it was the anniversary of our wedding day. We saw the old home where I lived and from which I went out a bride.

The hours at Lake Placid will be treasured for their fairy like surroundings, those at Syracuse for the tender memories they awakened.

The whole experience was the crowning glory of a long and happy life.

FRANCES E. HAVEN MOSS.

CONVENTION PROGRAM

(As appearing in *Crescent Moon*)

Monday, June 23

- 7:00-1:30. Registration at Lakesyd Clubhouse.
- 10:00 A. M. Motor Ride to Club Stonhous Farm.
- 2:15 P. M. Alumnae Meeting.
- 2:30 P. M. Motor Ride to Saranac Lake.
- 4:30 P. M. Model Initiation in the Agora, conducted by Beta.
- 8:30 P. M. Camp Fire on Council Fire Grounds.

Tuesday, June 24

- 9:30 Business meeting in Lakesyd Clubhouse.
- 10:00 Trip by motor to Paul Smiths.
- 2:15 Business meeting in Lakesyd Clubhouse.
- 2:15 Trip by motor to St. Hubert's Inn.
- 4:00 Memorial Service in the chapel in charge of Syracuse.
- 4:30 Founders' Tea in Lakesyd Clubhouse.
- 8:30 Pageant in Forest Arden Theater given by Alpha.

Wednesday, June 25

- 9:30 Business meeting in Lakesyd Clubhouse.
- 10:00 Motor trip to Loon Lake.
- 2:15 Business meeting in Lakesyd Clubhouse.

- 3:30 Motorboat trip around Lake Placid.
- 5:00 Arthur Delroy will lecture at Lakesyd.
- 7:15 Convention banquet in Lakesyd dining-room.

Thursday, June 26

- 9:30 Business meeting in Lakesyd Clubhouse.
- 11:00 Motorboat trip around Lake Placid.
- 2:15 Business meeting in Lakesyd Clubhouse.
- 2:15 Motor trip to Saranac Lake.
- 9:10 Train leaves for Syracuse.

Friday, June 27

- 8:00 Breakfast at College of Home Economics, Syracuse.
- 10:00 Automobile trip around city. Inspection of Campus and Alpha chapter-house.
- 6:30 Dinner given by Miss Louise Leonard for Lindsey Barbee, at Alpha Gamma Delta House, 606 University Avenue.

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est Gathering in Sorority History

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Crescent from the north and
west will arrive this
for the fiftieth anniversary
of Gamma Phi Beta—Al-
pha chapter—is the host
Registration of delegates
carried on during the morning
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most significant convention in
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Through the efforts of Alpha
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velopment Will Be Reviewed in
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LINDSEY BARBEE AUTHOR

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From Birth to Present

ing up the fifty years of
happiness and final success
final pageantry, from the
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the Arden Theater the glori-
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at the courtesy of the Lake
Placid Forest Hall chimes

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Today

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ter House, Convention Luncheon
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been arranged by the Convention As-
sociation composed of all past and
present members of Alpha, consists in
a series of entertainments which will
take place in Syracuse, the home of
Alpha and the headquarters of the
Lake Placid Club

CONVENTION GUESTS WILL ANSWER LURE OF SCENIC BEAUTY

Entertainment Committee Plans For
Many Attractive Motor Rides
During Week

INCLUDE FAMOUS SCENES

Trips to Saranac Lake's Club Stouheus
Farm, Paul Smith's Lake Placid
Among Most Popular

Mirror Lake, with its expansive
club grounds, offers entertainment
and diversions in plenty for all con-
vention delegates. Besides the fas-
cinating activity of hiking over many
beautiful mountain trails surrounding
Lake Placid Club, there is tennis,
swimming, and boating at the
Lake Placid Club

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TOAST SUBJECT FOR SUCCESSFUL BANQUET

Auburn Taylor Goreth Officializes As
Jewels Are Brought Forth in
Sparkling Responses

soft candlelight amid carnations,
young delegates and guests en-
joyed a most successful Golden As-
sociation last night in the

FAMOUS SPOOK MAN WILL GIVE POPULAR PSYCHIC TALK HERE

Delroy, Well Known Loc-
al Exposé Fakeries and
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of "Reading"
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June, 1924

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Gamma	Mary Burchard	Sally Fletcher Maxine Walker
Delta	Olive Prout	Eleanor Ninde Lucia Ryder
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Nu	Georgia Shipley	Wenona Dyer Virginia West
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Omicron	Jessie Williams	Dorothy Styán
Pi	Fayne Smithberger	Myrth Alyne Cheney
Rho	Esther Hay	Margaret Decker Ruth Folwell
Sigma	Mary Lois Ruppenthal	Harriet Gilbert Barbara Becker
Tau	Mildred Long	Lois Long
Upsilon	Kathleen Barron	Mary Vanderbilt Margaret Sorg
Phi	Grace Hayward	Dorothy Phillips Mildred Kendall
Chi	Dorothy Dunne	Clara Raymond
Psi	Lucille Moore	
Omega	Florence Hahn	Gertrude McArthur
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Alpha Beta	Sylvia Sell	
Alpha Gamma	Anna Maude Stern	
Alpha Delta	Frances Hubbard	Dorothy Alexander
Alpha Epsilon	Helene Seeley	
Alpha Zeta	Ruth Hilliard	
Alpha Eta	Louise Merwin	
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(By chapters)

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Chi: Dorothy Dunne, Clara Raymond.

Psi: Lucille Moore, Dorothy Walter.

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Alpha Gamma: Ethel Steinheimer, Anne Stern.

Alpha Delta: Dorothy Alenader, Blanche Baker, Roberta Barnett, Frances Hubbard, Irene Myers.

Alpha Epsilon: Anna McKee, Louise McKess, Helen Seeley.

Alpha Eta: Louise Merwin, Mary Thomson, Mary Young.

Alpha Zeta: Ruth Hilliard.

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CONVENTION GREETINGS

(Given at the first business session)

IT IS really impossible for me to say in words, what I feel in my heart. However, I have been asked to bring a greeting from Alpha and Syracuse, and I hope you will realize that I would like to say infinitely more than I can in welcoming you here.

The story is told of an Indian chief who lived with his tribe at one end of a desert. At the other end towered a purple mountain. The time had come for the chief to test the loyalty of his braves, so he sent them off in search of a glimpse of the crystal sea that could be seen from the mountain peak only. They were to bring back a token of the farthest point they reached. Early the next morning his braves were off across the desert. Days passed and one by one they returned, some bringing cactus leaves, showing they had not even crossed the desert. Some brought leaves of trees that grew at the foot of the mountain. Others returning a few weeks later brought evergreen boughs, and two even had some pine that grew at the end of the timber line. A month had gone, and still one brave had not returned. Suddenly one evening he stumbled into the chief's tent, exhausted and spent by his long quest. "But where is your token," questioned his chief. "Where *I* was; there was nothing save the bald rocks. I have no token, sire, but I have seen the sea."

Some of us are here to renew old friendships, some to make new ones. But *all* of us are here to catch a glimpse of the sea—Gamma Phi, sparkling and crystal—stretching before us; and so it is in behalf of Alpha and Syracuse that I welcome you to see a vision of what Gamma Phi has been in the past and may be in the future if we are true to-day.

GERTRUDE GORETH, *Alpha*.

CONVENTION WEEK

(Extracts from an official diary)

Monday, June 23

Registration at Lakesyd. Staid alumnæ—gay members only a year or so removed from college halls—eager undergraduates! Some were seasoned convention fans—one could tell it by their business-like method of procedure; others were unmistakably experiencing the thrill of a first convention. Some were enthusiastically greeting old friends; others were meeting for the first time those from sister chapters and discovering as they did so that the crescent pin is an open sesame to the circle of companionship and congeniality.

Breakfast—and a first glimpse of the menu card with its simplified spelling! And—after breakfast—an introduction to the charming cottages and the usual irksome task of depositing impedimenta and of subsequently unpacking it.

By luncheon time everybody began to feel settled—and to have an intelligent understanding of the menu. The beautiful glassed-in porch with its indescribable surroundings, the attractive waitresses in appropriate brown, the delicious food and the delightful service—oh, it was good to be at Lake Placid Club!

In the afternoon, the alumnæ met in solemn session to report upon their respective chapters, to compare methods, to discuss ways and means of acquiring definite results. Lois Miles Jackson, vice-president and alumnæ secretary, presided, and the following delegates reported:

Chicago—Willa Jansky Bauer
Syracuse—Elizabeth Buckman
Boston—Mary J. Wellington
New York—Grace Burgard Holcomb
Milwaukee—Alice Ringling Coerper
San Francisco—Bessie Gaskill Waldron
Denver—Madelyn Keezer Brinker
Minneapolis—Marie Moreland
Detroit—Jess Hermanns
Baltimore—Mary Thomas McCurley
Seattle—Clara Taney Will
Los Angeles—Ruth Palmer Shepherd
St. Louis—Grace Sewing
Reno—Ethel Steinheimer
Toronto—Alice Smith
Cleveland—Mary Lyons Dibble

Perhaps the most distinctive achievement reported was that of Chicago—the collecting in a month's time of seven thousand dollars in order to complete the amount needed for the prospective Epsilon house, although Los Angeles' phenomenal advance from a small membership to one which allowed three delegates is worthy of special mention. Delightfully informal little talks from Mrs. Moss and Mrs. Ferguson, an instructive account of other Panhellenics from Lillian Thompson, short reports from district secretaries—and the meeting adjourned.

At four o'clock all roads led to Agora where Beta staged a model initiation—with no real initiate—alas! The service was earnestly followed, especially by those older alumnae to whom the present day ritual is not familiar.

And, at night—the bonfire! After viewing the leaping, towering, mammoth mass, some of us wondered if we had ever before seen a genuine bonfire. The fireside song by Alpha, the famous Epsilon songs, stunts from Upsilon and Alpha Alpha, a charming piano-lugue by Ruth King Crimm of Alpha—and, last of all, the wonderful circle—too wonderful to be described. Can we ever again sing “Gamma Phis Forever” without thinking of it?

Tuesday, June 24

“Good morning, have you seen the *Crescent Moon*?” was the usual greeting. And, after due perusal of the *Crescent Moon*, a morning of reports, but, *interesting* reports—for did they not show the growth of Gamma Phi? And when Helen M. Dodge read the scriptures and Frances E. Haven opened the convention we *knew* that it was 1874 instead of 1924!

Beautiful—beautiful—and once again beautiful! The convention picture.

And in the afternoon we tampered with the constitution.

Then—the Memorial Service—beautiful, impressive, solemn. The exquisite chapel, the soft music, the lighted candles—and the voices of our founders.

Later on—a blaze of color on the roomy porch at Lakesyd—and everybody present at the tea given for the founders and the president. Beautiful flowers, delicious refreshments and a delightful program.

As the chimes played “Gamma Phis Forever,” a long line of Gamma Phis wended its way to Forest Arden. Forest Arden? Rather, Forest Enchanted, with its flickering fires, its soft moonlight and its woodland nymphs. Spirits of the Past, the Present, the Future—Years of Growth, of Youth, of Achievement, Storm Clouds, Rainbow Fairies, Echo Sprites—and, with all, the story of Gamma Phi's fifty years, beautifully impressive as given by Alpha.

Wednesday, June 25

Jewelers to the front! Each pleads his cause. Clamorous applause for each speaker. The expansion session—standing room only! Irene Garrett in the chair. Irene Langford gives her charming little speech and answers many questions. Statistics on a moment's notice. The gods are with her—and the charter is forthcoming. Grace Underhill presents the petition of the group at Southern Branch of the University of California—and the charter is subsequently granted. (And—just here—we made way for the “spook man.”)

The most wonderful banquet in our history and the most fascinating toastmistress. Evergreen background, soft candles, and—incidentally—the most beautiful girls in the world. We loved it all.

Thursday, June 26

The last edition of the *Crescent Moon*—to everybody's sorrow. A morning devoted to the discussion of the Endowment Fund; the tumultuous acceptance of Upsilon's invitation for the next convention; the award to Alpha Delta of the beautiful silver spoons presented for the best chapter display, and the election of officers. Grace Howard Smith and Mary Thomas McCurley greeted with great approval and great applause.

In the afternoon a round table conducted by Margaret Younger. Many vital topics discussed and settled.

And—at 7:10—all off for Syracuse. An interested spectator would have seen crowd after crowd of laughing girls duly deposited at the station and subsequently searching in a distracted fashion for suit cases, hat boxes etc. And—who can adequately describe the excitement of the “special?”

Friday, June 27

Automobiles at the station, breakfast at the College of Home Economics in a room whose gay chintz draperies were rivaled only by the masses of beautiful flowers. Syracuse peonies were at their best for us. And then—the chapter-house with its countless wide-flung doors and windows—the essence of hospitality—its delightful rooms—and its traditional chapter hall on the third floor! Whisked away by fascinating Alpha Phi chauffeurs for a glimpse of Syracuse—and meeting again for luncheon. A very special luncheon with Panhellenic and college celebrities as outside guests, and the realization that it was “the last time together.”

And so we separated—some to early trains—some to the Alpha Phi tea—and everybody assuring everybody else that she “would see her at Hollins in 1926!”

Convention was over.

CONVENTION EVENTS IN DETAIL

LETTERS FROM A CENTAUR'S WIFE

I

The Alumnae Meeting

BY FRANCES TARKINGTON TEYES

Dear Edith:

I promised to tell you all about the convention so you would not feel that because you couldn't arrange to come you were out of everything.

I shall begin at the beginning with the alumnae meeting. Without a doubt there were more alumnae at that meeting than any of our previous conventions could boast!

Practically all alumnae chapters, including Toronto and Cleveland, the newest one, were represented, and by their full quota, and a handsomer assemblage of women you couldn't find anywhere. Of course you will say, "Just Typical Gamma Phis." I can hear Jack snicker behind his paper as you say that. He loves to tease you about the pretty Pi Phi he knew in his freshman year, and the dreamy-eyed Theta he took to prom, but I notice he married a Gamma Phi!

As I watched this gay throng coming into the meeting—old friends chatting excitedly, groups of two or three unknown to the others remarking quietly among themselves, and everywhere Syracuse girls meeting and greeting all the visitors in an effort to make everyone feel welcome—it seemed to me that Gamma Phis of every age were present. I saw bobbed-haired fledglings—just turned alumnae—with their sweet, round faces and unmarred hands; very young mothers with that look that all very young mothers have—a little tired, a little worn, but radiant with the joy of living and all excited over their vacation. Then there were the young women in their thirties—at that maddening age when they're no longer girls and yet they just won't be anything else! They have bobbed hair too, and everyone tells them they don't look a day over twenty-five.

Oh, it's easy to be twenty with the buds still on the trees
And it's easy to be thirty with its green and shining leaves
But when the leaves turn yellow and dry upon the stem
And the birdies all forsake you—from the robin to the wren—
And you're thirty-five and look it—

Oh, it's hard—just then!

Then there were the frankly middle-aged—who scoff at diet and hair-dye—and have that serene, self-satisfied look that comes with

closing the last cover of "Frivolity" and opening the first pages of "Joy."

It was a real inspiration to see Gamma Phi womanhood in all its stages of development passing before me like a panorama of Life itself, a real proof of the beauty and worth of Gamma Phi standards; to see as its final attainment such splendid women as our two dear founders—Helen Dodge Ferguson and Frances Haven Moss. To know that they once were girls—frivolous and giggly even if long-skirted and heavily corseted; to suspect that they too struggled with the horrible facts of the first gray hairs and the last pink cheeks; and to meet them now in all the glory of hopes realized and the beauty of dreams come true should cheer us all on our way.

All the Council Members were present. Lindsey Barbee looked very worn indeed after her strenuous years as President and Editor. I wonder, Edith, how many of us realize the tremendous amount of work that she has done! Irene Garrett, the chairman of the Expansion Committee was there, and Mary Herold West, of Examinations, Clara Tancy Will and Cora Jackson Carson, Visiting Delegates; and Juanita Dunlop, of the Central Office.

Mrs. Jackson presided at the meeting which proved to be a most interesting one. An hour and a half was the time allotted for this meeting but there were so many points of discussion raised and so many suggestions offered that we were nearly two hours in session. I must say, Edith, it would have been a revelation to some of our indifferent members if they could have been at that meeting to see how seriously these alumnae take their responsibility as members of this great organization and to note the amount of careful and intelligent thought they are giving to all matters that concern the future welfare of Gamma Phi.

This surely should be the attitude of all of us who have enjoyed the benefit of Gamma Phi's protection in college days and who now as alumnae bask in the sunlight of her prestige!

Always affectionately yours,

FRANCES TARKINGTON TEYES.

LETTERS FROM A CENTAUR'S WIFE

II

The Bonfire

BY FRANCES TARKINGTON TEYES

Dear Genevieve:

Although the midnight oil burns low, I cannot keep from writing you while I am still under the spell of a perfectly enchanting even-

ing. I have been in Fairyland—I have danced with Puck—I have listened to the wistful piping of Peter Pan—I have gathered about my shoulders a warm and comforting cloak—The Spirit of Gamma Phi!

As the bells in the tower of Forest Hall tolled seven, Mary and I joined a group of girls we had been talking with before dinner and all “followed the leader” into the woods. It was a real game of “follow the leader” too, for the way led along a graveled path onto a foot path more or less difficult to follow, as the night was dark, and the path made sudden little descents into rain-washed gullies or tricked one into untried places where roots of trees and sharp rocks waited to snatch at one’s wary feet; but we followed undaunted, for through the trees we could see glimpses of shooting flame and hear the crackling of burning logs. A few more stumbblings in the dark and suddenly, as a butterfly emerges from his cocoon into the sunlight, we stepped out from the darkness into Fairyland!

Picture for yourself, Genevieve, a clearing perhaps two hundred feet in diameter in the midst of a forest of pines and oaks that seemed truly to reach to the sky, while in the center roared an enormous bonfire of brush and logs casting its brilliant light upon the faces of the three or four hundred girls seated on the benches along one side of the amphitheater. As the men piled more fuel onto the fire, the flames rose higher and higher into the blackness of the night like a giant torch reaching up to light the stars.

When all the girls had arrived, the stunts began. I can’t attempt to tell you of them all for nearly every active chapter gave a stunt—though some who were represented by one or two members only combined with other small groups. Among the stunts were one or two pantomimes, a clever sketch portraying the various types of campus girls, a pianologue, and many original and clever Gamma Phi songs.

By the time the stunts were ended, the fire had ceased to roar and the flames were burning lower. The girls rose and formed a circle about the fire, spreading out farther and farther to include everyone, until the circle was pushed to the outer limit of the clearing. Someone started “Fidelity.” From a low murmur, the voices rose higher and stronger as each girl sang out the love and joy that swelled in her heart. Another song, then another, and finally the mystic circle.

My eyes were wet, my throat burned—call it weakness, sentimentality if you wish, but something gripped me hard and there came over me suddenly a realization of the beauty of companionship

and for the first time I understood what the spirit of Gamma Phi really is—

A friendly hand that reaches out to grasp my own
 To lead me into laughing, happy ways,
 A cheering smile that lights a pair of kindly eyes
 Whose understanding covers endless days.
 A patient voice that teaches me 'tis only fair
 To help each one a little as I go
 A circling arm that steadies my young, careless feet
 That they may walk more proudly when they slow.

Quite in contrast to the giggling, chattering groups that had stumbled down the dark path an hour before, the girls now turned silently away—subdued and somewhat saddened by the solemn majesty of the now darkening scene. They seemed to feel as I did that some strange spell had been cast upon us, drawing us very close in that short hour. Was it the charm of the woods at night, was it the informality of the gathering breaking down those barriers that separate us all at first meeting, or had the age-old trees looking down upon our earnest faces whispered to us some of their secrets? I cannot say, but I know that we came to the bonfire as acquaintances, and left as friends—dear friends.

I stop to rub a sleepy eye—for this has been a long and very exciting day—and to wish for the thousandth time that you were here to enjoy this wonderful convention with me.

Always affectionately yours,

FRANCES TARKINGTON TEYES.

Lake Placid Club,
 June 23.

III

MEMORIAL SERVICE

On Tuesday afternoon in the beautiful little chapel, the Memorial Service was held. This was in charge of Cora Willard Frederick and Syracuse alumnae presented the service in a most reverent and impressive fashion, with our two founders as leaders. The soft music, the exquisitely lighted altar, the delicate carnations, the mystic atmosphere—it was very beautiful and impressive. As the names of those who have passed away since last convention were read, we realized that "love can never forget, that its past is ever present, that its yesterday is ever to-day."

There is no death. But for a little day,
 Those whom we love and cherish pass away.
 Faith e'er endures and love can never die
 Within thy mystic circle, Gamma Phi.

IV

FOUNDERS' TEA

On Tuesday afternoon on the large porch at Lakesyd, Alpha and Syracuse gave a most delightful tea in honor of Helen Dodge Ferguson, Frances Haven Moss and Lindsey Barbee. Masses of sweet peas and roses in delicate pink and lavender were used as decorations, and most delicious refreshments were served. Those acting as hostesses were Isabel Gage Dibble, Cora Willard Frederick, Florence Bailey Crouse, Marian Lovett and Emogene Day, while the Alpha girls assisted in serving. After the tea, Ruth King Crimm, of Alpha, gave two charming groups of songs.

V

PORCH TEAS

An interesting feature of convention was the series of informal afternoon teas on the Lakesyd porch at which Syracuse Gamma Phi acted as hostesses. On Monday, Austianna Taylor Goreth, Georgia Taylor Carpenter, Mabel Stone, Grace Webb Edgecomb, Olive Hunt Herrick and Helen Wardwell Hawkins received the guests; on Wednesday, Mildred Bigelow Price, Mary Whitford, Florence Palmer Baker, Alice Graves, Cora Willard Frederick, Edith Thompson Robinson; on Thursday, Isabel Brown Thomas, Louie Lee Cannon, Janet Lowe, Emogene Day, Isabelle Gage Dibble.

VI

THE PAGEANT

Down in a sylvan glade in Nature's own theater the entire convention assembled to witness the presentation of the pageant written by Lindsey Barbee for the fiftieth anniversary of Gamma Phi Beta. The miniature stage was banked with evergreen and looked, in the streaming white of the spotlight, like an enchanted fairy spot.

We sat in hushed silence absorbing the atmosphere. Then the Pageant began. It opened with a prologue presenting Gamma Phi Beta, (Edith Thompson Robinson), as a splendid, stately woman. Then came the history or past of the sorority, with Elizabeth Buckman as the Spirit of the Past. The picture of the founding of the order with Knowledge, (Marion Lovett), Friendship, (Elita Hyde), and Service, (Harriet Bissell) was beautifully done. The Founders were portrayed by Marguerite Woodworth, Agnes Seiter, Johanna Potter, and Helen Spaulding.

The gifts of the years and the Spirit of Fifty Years quickly followed. In these last two epics were presented the growth and

achievement along with the troubles and sorrows and final victory of Gamma Phi Beta.

The Present showing the search of a fair and beautiful girl for the real meaning of life came next. A touch of comedy, skillfully given in the epic, the Joy of Youth, makes us chuckle even now in the recalling. The Teddy Bear, (Elizabeth Marot), and Raggedy Ann, (Gertrude Goreth), the Dutch Doll, (Elita Hyde), the Clown, (Margaret Goreth), the Sailor Doll, (Grace Weymer), the Brownie, (Allada Feeney), French Doll, (Marion Mills), were recalled to do their clever dances again.

Then came the Future. Three horrible witches ground our future from a boiling pot. Each chapter was called by name and given a quaint and clever tribute. The future power and prosperity of the sorority was predicted.

The Pageant was over and we didn't know it! We wanted more. Then came cries of "Author, Author!" Our own Lindsey Barbee graciously came to the platform. Most of us had heard of her plays that are presented every year in Colorado but very few had had the pleasure of actually seeing one. It was indeed a revelation. The convention delegates know her as a playwright as well as the Grand President and thoughtful adviser of our beloved Gamma Phi. All tribute to you, Lindsey Barbee—only you could have written so wisely, beautifully and so well of the dear and ever present interest of our lives.

Along with the tribute to Miss Barbee should go a like tribute to Alpha's actresses. We thought them charming as hostesses but they certainly were splendid as entertainers. Every one showed interest and application to her part and the success of the Pageant was in no small part due to their efforts.

ETHEL L. STEINHEIMER,
Alpha Gamma and Reno.

PROGRAM OF THE PAGEANT

CAST OF CHARACTERS

Gamma Phi Beta	Edith Thompson Robinson
Spirit of the Past	Elizabeth Buckman
Founders	Marguerite Woodworth
	Agnes Seiter
	Johanna Potter
	Helen Spalding
Knowledge	Marion Lovett
Friendship	Elita Hyde
Service	Harriet Bissell

Years of Youth	Elizabeth Marot
	Alice Coonley
	Mary McKenzie
	Marion Lovett
	Irma Stoecker
Years of Growth	Elita Hyde
	Patricia Young
	Grace Weymer
	Harriet Bissell
	Virginia Lee Smith
Years of Achievement	Needa Pfohl
Spirit of Fifty Years	Florence Ryder
Storm Clouds	Gertrude Goreth
	Allada Feeney
	Marion Mills
	Margaret Gorth
Spirit of Present	Harriet Bissell
Maiden	Alice Coonley
Echo Sprites	Needa Pfohl
	Marion Lovett
	Mary McKenzie
	Irma Stoecker
Teddy Bear	Elizabeth Marot
Dutch Doll	Elita Hyde
Sailor Doll	Grace Weymer
Raggedy Ann	Gertrude Goreth
Clown	Margaret Goreth
Brownie	Allada Feeney
French Doll	Marion Mills
Butterflies	Needa Pfohl
	Marion Lovett
	Mary McKenzie
	Irma Stoecker
Witches	Patricia Young
	Marion Mills
	Virginia Lee Smith
Spirit of Future	Allada Young
Power	Elizabeth Buckman
Prosperity	Harriet Bissell
Prologue	Gamma Phi Beta

THE PAST

Spirit of the Past:

- Episode I—The Founding of Our Order
 - Knowledge
 - Friendship
 - Service
- Episode II—The Gifts of the Years
 - The Years of Youth
 - The Years of Growth
 - The Years of Achievement
- Episode III—The Spirit of Fifty Years
 - The Storm Clouds
 - The Rainbow After the Storm
 - The Pot of Gold

THE PRESENT

Spirit of the Present:

Episode I—The Quest of the Maiden

Echo Sprites

Episode II—The Joy of Youth

THE FUTURE

Spirit of the Future:

Power

Prosperity

COMMITTEE

Marguerite Woodworth

Virginia Lee Smith

Helen Porter

VII

THE BANQUET

"If I could only carry away to the girls at home the thrill of it all," sighed a delegate. It was more than a thrill—it was an inspiration; and this banquet, of all other convention banquets, took pre-eminence. The presence of the founders, of Alpha and Syracuse; the beauty of the setting; the charm of the toastmistress; the indescribable intangible spirit of it all—never can there be another such gathering! And, then, the joy of the interludes—the counting of former national presidents, the competition of bobs and non-bobs, the display of delegates from the three chapters installed since last convention—(and what a proof of wise expansion!), the call for Epsilon's songs, the recital of chapter customs, the singing of Austiana Goreth's "Golden Milestone" by her sister, and of Sarah Satterthwaite Leslie's convention song by Noreen Douglas. Wasn't it all the epitome of inspiration? As a climax—the presentation of diamond pins to the founders—of the Scholarship to Lindsey Barbee, and the quiet, significant last moments when we stood by chapters.

Those at the head table had exquisite little butterflies to mark their places, and everybody carried away a charming little writing case filled with Gamma Phi Beta stationery, while the menu and toast cards were hidden in a little memorandum book (destined for the writing case) embossed with the crest.

And here is the menu:

Honey dew with lime

Radishes Sweet pickld figs

Cream of fresh mushrooms
Golden wafers

Fild milk-fed squabs
Toast points

Timbale of June peas
Cranberry ice

Butter rolls
Whole pear with bar-le-duc
Cinnamon crackers

Macaroon bisque

Demi tasse

Lake Placid Club candies
Mixt nuts

And the toasts! Alas—no printed words can really vivify them—can adequately portray the charm, the wit and the personality of our incomparable toastmistress.

MRS. GORETH'S REMARKS AND THE TOASTS

Beloved Founders,

Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta:

We meet to-night to place a crown upon the brow of Gamma Phi. We have known her for fifty years but she is ageless. She is as young as the nymphs that danced last night in Arden Theater, and as wise as all of us white-haired sages together. And what shall we give her for a diadem? The bay, the myrtle, the laurel or the garland? All four, we shall give her, for she is priestess, poet, hostess and conqueror. We worship at her shrine, we celebrate her victories, we sing her songs and dance to her magic pipe, and to-night we are all guests at the feast she has spread for us. And what a feast it is! How sparkling is the new wine with which she has filled some of us slightly middle-aged bottles!

But these hours are fleeting, and we cannot take with us the green of the boughs, the glory of the sunsets, the sparkle of these waters; so let us choose the most precious and enduring gems and set them on her brow.

Oscar Wilde was one of a group of men who vied with one another in uttering witty epigrams. He himself was brilliant, but not always strictly original. One evening after Whistler has flashed out an especially keen retort, Oscar cried, "Good! Good! I wish *I* had said that!" to which Whistler replied, "You will, Oscar, you will!"

When Louella Palmer Ford's physician finally forbade her the privilege of standing on this particular spot to-night, scant time was left for messages to fly back and forth across the continent; like Oscar, I simply stole her jewel box and gave a gem to each of

the girls on this program. If they have not set them as perfectly as they would wish, please do not blame them.

The ancient lore of the topaz I might translate into college English thus:

"It cures dimness of vision."

Easy on the eyes.

"It is the stone of generosity."

Perennially broke.

"Confers an ardent gaze into the future."

That kid's as canny as a Scotchman.

"Difficult to find."

She's just gone out.

"Denotes the courage of a lion."

She has all her nerve with her.

"The golden stone."

Banana yellow!

I

Topaz.....Our Undergraduate

"As sunny as a topaz

When all the world's a smile"

DOROTHY PLOCHER, *Kappa*.

The words leaped at me when I opened the letter formally warning me that this now-present, frantic moment was to come. The only thing I knew off hand about topaz, before consulting Mr. Webster or the sisters, was that it was yellow! ! Unfortunate! Was I to rise at convention banquet and brand my kind—seven hundred of us—actives—undergraduates—as Yellow? ? No one—not even a grand officer—could ask that. I regained my composure and finished reading the letter.

"As sunny as the topaz

When all the world's a smile."

Not bad at all! The undergrads were sunny—charming—delightfully bright: the topaz signified all this, besides the rather odious association connected with its color.

So I ask you to think to-night of the "Undergrad,"—the topaz (in its happier sense). The topaz of Gamma Phi—her sunshine—her light—her fire!

II

It is related of a Chinese prince that he had a golden tank made and paved with gems, the bottom, all of pearls. Their translucence was so perfect that they created the illusion of water, into which every one wished to plunge and bathe and renew his youth.

Our artists, our writers, our musicians create for us the very semblance of life. We can forget ourselves, as we did last night, in those happy illusions, and emerge re-created in heart and brain.

Layer upon layer of joy and sorrow, hope and memory go to the making of a work of art, just as film upon film of rose and blue, purple and gold make the luster of a pearl.

Pearl.....Our Professional Women

"All lovely expression, music, speech
With pen or brush, like the changing hues of the pearl."

GENEVIEVE WELTON, *Lambda*.

I bring a pearl for Gamma Phi Beta's crown,—our professional women. A pearl reflects all purity, luster, durability and beauty of achievement. Legend tells us that everything a pearl absorbs is given back again into its environment. It is so with these women. Finish and polish they have absorbed in their contact with Gamma Phi Beta.

The purity of a pearl is an inspiration in athletics to Sybil Bauer; in social service and welfare work to Charlotte Kellogg and Helen Thoburn; in education to Jane Scherzer, Carrie Morgan, Lillian Thompson and Mary Wellington; in art to Edith Mahier; in music to Kathleen Hart Bibb; in drama to Laura Case Sherry; in literature to Esther Willard Bates, Grace S. Richmond, Zoie Kincaid Penlington and to Lindsey Barbee.

Like the changing hues of a pearl is the lovely expression of each of these in her own field.

There is an elusive quality about a pearl which cannot be described but which makes it valued above all other gems. Those are the Gamma Phis whose devotion and service has made them neither sensational nor famous.

Then let us cherish these professional women—pearls in our crown for Gamma Phi Beta.

III

Like Patrick Henry, the much-married Solomon might have exclaimed, "I have no lamp to light my feet but the lamp of experience." Seven hundred experiences of assorted shades and sizes. Imagine him buying silk stockings—from dawn to dusk! Fortunately they were not worn in those days, else accounts of his fabulous wealth would not have come down to us.

I wonder just how he discovered that a good woman is more precious than rubies! The ruby has manifold characteristics, all very positive. An Indian prince loved his rubies best of all exclaiming as he held his favorite, "Oh, this is most comforting to the heart,

brain, vigor and memory of man. How like a perfect wife!" The ruby is called a glowing coal—hidden fire, and was said to shine through any material that was wrapped around it. The value of a ruby is also like that of a good woman. Try to sell a nice, motherly girl in the open matrimonial market, and what will she bring? But when Life, the great lapidary, has polished her and brought out the sparkle of her facets, no connoisseur of gems will part with her.

But like the ruby also, she is often supplanted by cheap imitations. The war created a great demand for artificial colored stones, as a natural reaction from sadness and privation; but a genuine ruby is still priceless. Every lover thinks he has a genuine one, until the tests of life prove perchance that he has only a glass slide.

"Here's to the girls,
The young ones
But not too young,
For the good die young—
And nobody wants a dead one.
Here's to the girls
The old ones,
But not too old,
For the old dye too—
And nobody wants a dyed one."

Give us life, color, fire in our home makers, and may they but glow the deeper and shine the brighter under the wheel of Life!

Ruby.....Our Home Makers

"Not all the 'red-blooded' are 'he-men';
Some of them are 'she-women.'"

ALICE RINGLING COERPER, Milwaukee.

In Gamma Phi's crown is a ruby red
That once was a diamond bright
In those care-free days
Whose laughing ways
Bespoke a soul as white.

But the passing years brought their share of tears,
And maturer joys, 'tis true,
And the cool white gleam
With each passing dream
Took on a deeper hue.

When first it heard the whispered word
Of a lover, it faintly blushed,
And before the shrine
Of that wedding-time
To a happy rose it flushed.

With each well-lived day its warming ray
More beautiful seemed to grow
But it took the clutch
Of a baby's touch
To deepen to crimson its glow!

In Gamma Phi's crown is a ruby red
Made bright with each passing year,
And with every deed
That the days as they speed
Change to a memory dear.

The ruby of Gamma Phi is the jewel of love—the love of the mother and the home maker—for every woman is a mother at heart, and whether she bends over the cradle or takes her seat in the Senate, if she raises her voice for the benefit of mankind, she is one of the world's mothers; and every woman is a home maker who creates about herself an atmosphere of kindness and cheer.

The ruby of Gamma Phi is the love that glows warm in the heart of every one of us who lives her life rightly. It bespeaks courage, loyalty, generosity. The courage to sacrifice all for friends, dear ones or country, the courage to face Life with a smile. The loyalty to stand by our associates and the principles which we know to be right. The generosity truly to forgive, to encourage with helpful understanding, to hold out the welcoming hand of friendliness to the lonely.

As I think of Gamma Phi, I picture the majestic figure of a woman. On her head is a jeweled crown and in the center of the crown glows a ruby. But this ruby upon which the world gazes with admiration would soon grow cold and its brightness would soon shine with a hard brilliance, dazzling the eyes of the onlookers but no longer enchanting them, were it not for a second ruby, the jewel that she carries in her breast!

Everyone knows that it is there, though no one has ever seen it. It is said to be many times larger than the one in her crown and even more beautiful and if you draw close to her you can feel its warmth. This ruby is the real treasure of Gamma Phi and the inspiration of all her daughters!

There is a third ruby of Gamma Phi. This one she holds in her hand. I picture her with arm outstretched, the jewel lying loosely in her open palm. She is holding it out to you and to me. Do not be afraid to touch it. Its brilliance can be dimmed only by the dust of neglect and brightened only by the touch of gentle fingers. This is the jewel of friendship which Gamma Phi extends to all of us. Do not hesitate to take it, for as soon as you do, you will see another there in its place; but you too must hold it in your open palm, for

if you try to keep it for yourself alone, you will find in your closed hand only crumbled dust.

In Gamma Phi's crown is a ruby bright,
For all the world to see.
And in her breast a jewel warm
With love for you and me,
While in her outstretched hand she holds
Friendship and loyalty!

IV

We do not love the thought of death. It is a natural instinct with us to turn from that thought, and instinct is sometimes the most powerful force in the world. In the heat of battle on the edge of a wood, an Irishman was seen to throw down his gun and run pell-mell to shelter behind a tree. When he was brought to court-martial his commanding officer said, "Pat, you have disgraced the entire regiment. Why were you such a coward?" "Faith, an' I don't know, sir. But all of a sudden thinks I, I'd rather be a coward for two minutes than a corpse all the rest of me loife."

Still less do we like the thought of oblivion. It will not be so bad to die if the memory of us lives on in the hearts of those that come after us.

The emerald is the symbol of immortality, the type of the resurrection. It was the jewel of ancient kings, because royalty and immortality were inseparable in the minds of the ancients. Now we all hope for immortality, but there is something more than that accorded to the outstanding personalities among us. As a vivid, square-cut emerald amongst lesser stones is the pioneer, such a soul partakes of the grandeur of nature herself, and of such immortality are our founders. No lapse of time can dim their memory or take away the fragrance of their names.

We try to follow the trail they blazed and it is not their fault if we wander from the path. May we be like the Scotchman who experienced religion and said, "O Lord, *start* me right, for thou knowest thou canst na change me."

Emerald.....Our Founders

"Fadeless memory, green and fragrant as a pine tree."

FLORENCE RYDER, *Alpha*.

Many years ago in the once-upon-a-time age, an old philosopher, still searching for the answer to some perplexing question, traveled to distant lands. He was directed at last to the place he sought, an old shrine upon a high mountain top where sat an ancient idol day in and day out, as unchangeable and immutable as the past it

represented. It was not the help of the idol he desired—he bowed to another god—but in the hand of this image, a majestic stone, green as the moss covering the cold stones of the shrine—and crystal clear.

He had heard it said that this stone was possessed of a wondrous power for he who looked into its heart earnestly seeking for the truth would somehow be helped. Wearily he dragged himself to the seated figure, and, trembling with eagerness, he gazed into the green depths of the wonderful jewel. Then, as if in a dream, he saw a vision of the future stretched before him. He beheld the answer he sought. He could foretell the outcome of cities and dynasties, of theories and beliefs of tribes and races. So back he went prophesying events to come into the ears of the scoffing multitude. What matter if they scorned him? He had seen the truth and had understood the working of the mighty plan. He died content, and to those who knew him, the emerald became a stone of prophecy for all who had faith in its power, faith to persist through all adversity.

What would our four founders have thought fifty years ago, had they gazed at the magic stone and seen the growth of Gamma Phi Beta from one society of four members to a nation-wide organization of thirty chapters in twenty-four different states!

It was not necessary that these four college girls who drafted the constitution of Gamma Phi Beta on November 11, 1874, be able to foretell this growth but rather that they have another kind of vision—high ideals and a steadfast courage to proceed even when they were not backed by numbers and heard no answering echo from the crowd and their ideals of love and loyalty of one member for another and of each Gamma Phi to the whole organization have been true and lasting enough to survive fifty years and still be the ideals of Gamma Phi Beta for fifty more.

But these ideals are personal. We do not subscribe to them as chapters, but rather each individual must make them her own and mould her own life by them in order that the real purpose of Gamma Phi Beta may be fully realized and in order that we may be true to the four founders who made our great Gamma Phi Beta possible.

To any of us who may believe, even unconsciously or subconsciously, in Fate, the founding of Gamma Phi Beta will be most significant; for how our lives and friendships would have differed if there had been no Gamma Phi! We cannot imagine what our college life would have been without Gamma Phi; and so the best we can do to show our gratitude to our four beloved founders: Helen M. Dodge, Frances E. Haven, Eunice Adeline Curtis, and Mary A. Bingham for giving to us Gamma Phi Beta simply is to continue to grow and spread the influence of their lives to the next generation on down

through the years. May I say now what I am sure is in everyone's heart, that all of us here will treasure every memory "fadeless and ever green" of Mrs. Curtis and Mrs. Willoughby and count it a great privilege to have met personally and known more intimately Mrs. Ferguson and Mrs. Moss here at the fiftieth anniversary of their and our beloved Gamma Phi Beta.

V

Crystal gazing is the fad of the hour, except for the owners of wrist-watches. One can sit self-hypnotized and concentrate all one's thoughts but a scant two-dozen on a smooth round polished crystal ball; but to turn in the sunlight a many-faceted diamond is far more fascinating. To flash out the jade green of childhood, the topaz of youth, the sapphire of young womanhood, the ruby of maturity and the emerald of immortality is sheer enchantment.

The diamond is the gem of fearlessness and invincibility, strength and fortitude. It has magic power to bring to light truth and falsehood. It shines on the clear eyes of these youngest Gamma Phis who hold the future in their capable, graceful hands. To our farthest southern chapter, whose women inherit traditions of graciousness and honor, is given this toast.

Diamond.....Our Future Gamma Phi

"Whatever ray of light may come to me,
That I give back with the added
Luster of all the others I have garnered."

KATHLEEN BARRON, *Upsilon*.

The last gem in the crown, the diamond, the synthesis of all other jewels and the symbol of the future Gamma Phi! As the ideal grows out of the real, so the future Gamma Phi grows out of the present. Like the chrysler of the diamond in the lava, so we have within our grasp a gem whose beauty depends upon our treatment of it. As the brilliance of the diamond is the consummation of the radiance of all other gems, so the future Gamma Phi gives back the best we have put into it. We shall not recognize our paltry contributions, so enhanced and augmented they shall have become. So let us drink a toast to the future Gamma Phi—the quintessence of completeness, comprising all types and ideals of beauty and power.

VI

Two hundred years ago a Spanish explorer found a silvery sand in a mountain stream. It was magnetic and drew to itself other substances. When fused it became more glistening than silver, and

now through filaments made of it, pass the electric currents that light the world.

I have chosen platinum, therefore, to hold the jewels of Gamma Phi and to typify our organization. We can draw to ourselves the best and the brightest; we can carry a tremendous voltage of honesty, courage, and good will. What of the fifty years to come? Shall they be more glorious still? As to-night, our founder, Frances Haven Moss, tells us of fifty years past, let us resolve that the spirit of these days spent in this wonderful place, so like the goal of our dreams, shall guide us to the Promised Land of Gamma Phi womanhood.

Platinum The Setting
Fifty years of Gamma Phi Beta.

"The crown I wore, and wear to the world's end."

FRANCES HAVEN MOSS, *Alpha*.

'Tis a wonderful experience to be with you and help celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of our beloved sorority. Fifty years is a long look backward. It takes us within a decade of our civil war, to a time when the old order of living was badly shaken and many changes taking place. New movements were set on foot which would release the dormant energy of womanhood. Men's schools were opened to women, women's schools were founded, missionary societies controlled by women in order to send women workers to the foreign field were organized. The old, self-centered life of women in the home and church was done away. A broader, richer education to fit one for greater usefulness, which later was called "service," became the order of the day.

The Methodists have always fostered education. They were anxious for their children to share this richer life, so those in central New York State, led by their ministry who of their limited incomes gave most recklessly and unstintedly, raised a sufficient sum to open a university at Syracuse. Its foundation was broad and women entered on an equality with men.

You may well believe that girls coming from homes demanding so much sacrifice were serious and eager to learn. I have often been asked what we did in those days. We studied. We were hungry for knowledge and we were anxious to show ourselves the peers of our brothers or other girls' brothers. For recreation we had an occasional picnic, party or sleighride and we played croquet. While we studied or played, we kept our eyes open and we soon found there were many lessons to be learned outside of books. We, too, had ends to gain and we soon discovered that in union there is strength, so we organized—Alpha Phi first, soon after Gamma Phi

Beta. We set our standards high, first in scholarship and true womanly courtesy which would in time grow into service in the highest and best sense.

Pardon a bit of personal history. Directly after our marriage my husband became a professor in Illinois Wesleyan University and later became the head of the department of Greek in Illinois State University. We were out of touch with all Gamma Phis. I do not believe I met a half dozen in thirty years, but every spring and fall a little invitation came from Alpha chapter letting me know they still recognized the bond.

In 1907, I was East and attended convention at Syracuse and we four founders were together for the first and only time. We had only to close our eyes and it was easy to imagine ourselves back in the good old days. The voices full of hearty sympathy had the old familiar ring. In other respects I could appreciate good old Rip Van Winkle for there was growth and change on every side. I became a faithful reader of *THE CRESCENT*, our magazine of which we are so proud. Nothing finer in appearance or content can be found and our editor and staff are worthy of all praise and much more generous support. I wanted to know so many things: what was Gamma Phi type? what did the sorority stand for? what were the sisters doing both in college and afterward?

I was so glad to find amid athletics, women's leagues, art and dramatics, teas and formals now and then that so and so was Y.W.C.A. president or on the cabinet or some committee. I learned that Helen Thoburn, of Mu chapter, had been in China over two years organizing a company of Chinese girls to publish a magazine representing the work of the Y.W.C.A. in China.

I read of Professor Beebe's wonderful Bible Class where students of, I don't remember how many different nationalities and religions met together to study under her guidance, the words of the greatest Teacher of all times.

I must not forget to mention the two girls that have gone out from Alpha chapter to China and I am so glad to hear that Gertrude Goreth, daughter of our illustrious toastmistress, is planning to follow them when she has completed her preparation.

It has been my privilege to know intimately a number of missionary Gamma Phis. First in time is my sister, Mrs. G. F. Draper, the eleventh Gamma Phi who, with her young husband, went out to Japan forty-four years ago. One of her specialties has been work for mothers and many are the tracts she has written or revised and scattered among the groups of mothers to help them attain to a higher standard of living and aid them in bringing up their children.

Her daughters, Winfred and Marion, also members of Alpha chapter, have been faithful missionaries in Japan for many years. Marion has, since the earthquake, been doing relief work in Yokohama. Destitute young women have been organized into classes and given instructions in knitting and sewing and paid for their work. Religious instruction always accompanies the lesson. The government has stamped its approval of her effort by furnishing room and equipment.

Three of our Omicron girls have gone to China. They are all orphans who have used their limited means to secure an education and then given their lives for the Master's use. One, Alice Carter, went out under the Presbyterian Board some four years ago. She wrote me that it seemed so strange not to find any group of young women corresponding to our student class. All of such age were mothers, some of many children.

Two other dear girl chums went out early two years ago to Chengtu, in far western China, where in the distance they can see the snow-topped mountains of Thibet. They are in the wild bandit region and there have been times when they dared not leave their compounds and had to sleep on the floor to avoid the bullets of fighting bands of marauders. Margaret Brayton is a skilled musician and is teaching music with enthusiasm and bringing harmony into discordant lives. Mildred Welch is a fine scholar, a graduate of Illinois, and has also studied in Boston Theological School. She was the only representative from American colleges at the International Christian Association gathering in Glasgow and made an address there that won great applause. In spite of many liberal offers to remain in the home land she persisted in her plan of going to China. There she is to open work in the college department at Chengtu as soon as she has sufficient command of the language.

She is supported by the three Methodist Churches of Champaign and Urbana and I want to tell you one or two items of interest. Four ladies are appointed every month to write her everything they can gather of interest, college and church; just the kind of letter mothers write to their daughters. Then for Christmas, books and magazines for her own use were sent, with many little articles to distribute among her pupils, and a complete outfit—shoes, hose, plaited skirt, sweater and hat—attractive and up to date. Margaret was also liberally remembered. You cannot imagine how happy they were for there is no girl but enjoys pretty clothes.

Now, as the Good Book says, these are given you for examples. Time is too short for me to tell you of the many others who have labored faithfully in many fields. I only wish their works might be collected and printed for our inspiration.

I wonder if you appreciate, dear sisters, your most happy and favored position. You are a chosen group in a land where women are independent and also held in great esteem. You have the equipment for service and there is plenty of work to go around. Stake out your claim and set to work, for it is only by concentrated and consecrated effort you can attain success. You all want to be happy. If you seek happiness as a goal, if you fritter away your opportunities, running after entertainment as an end, you will not arrive. There is only one way to gain peace, contentment and satisfaction and that is to forget yourself in some great cause. Service—true, loving and earnest service—is the proper and only setting for our crown of life as well as for our crown of Gamma Phi Beta.

VII

Presentation of Pins

We have had a chance to look into the eyes of our founders and to clasp their hands and to tell them how we love them. We shall not forget what they said nor how they looked. They are but two, while we are many. They cannot remember each of us, but when they take these mementoes in their hands, may this happy week live again in their memories. In the name of all the chapters of your beloved sorority, I give you these tokens of their love.

VIII

Presentation of Scholarship

Monuments, like family portraits, are deceptive things. Their sleeves and hats are bound to go out of fashion. We tolerate them because we cannot afford to lose the spirit they embody, but how much better to preserve that spirit in something that time cannot crumble nor rob of its beauty.

We want to raise a monument to one whose words have reached out to us like eager hands for twelve years through the pages of our dear brown CRESCENT and on the lips or the tripping feet of Gamma Phi players. Five years of service as our national president she has added to these hours of mirth and inspiration, and we love her for it all. Can we embody our appreciation more fittingly than by founding a Lindsey Barbee Scholarship?

We beg you to come and sit on your own monument while you are alive and you yourself can plant the flowers. We shall water them and who knows but another Lindsey Barbee may spring from them to gladden future Gamma Phis.

VIII

THE MIDNIGHT INITIATION

Wednesday, June 24, had meant to each and every conventioneer—banquet; but, after the afternoon expansion session, rumors of the thrill of midnight initiation ran riot in minds, treading thoughts of tender squabs and goodies under eager feet. Initiation in itself never fails to bring an answering thrill into the heart of a Gamma Phi. The repeated unfolding of our mysteries is always a new and wonderful experience, and brings new ideals, hopes, plans into each loyal heart; but to-night the word initiation seemed broader, more mysterious, more wonderful than ever, for we were accepting into our jealously-guarded circle, a new group of sisters through her representative,—who, perhaps, more than any of the Gamma Phi pledges in the years before had come to realize the beauty within the bonds of Gamma Phi in her years of patient striving for her crescent-shaped goal.

Does it not also seem significant that in the golden anniversary year of our sorority, at a golden period, we were accepting our fiftieth chapter?

At twelve o'clock all Gamma Phis from Alpha to Alpha Eta thronged to the Agora. The delegates from Hollins, Va., had asked that it might be their privilege to initiate their southern friend, and there in the quiet calm and beauty of the little chapel was solemnized the long-to-be-remembered initiation.

Irene Langford was a girl unknown to all until that afternoon: she was to be initiated all alone among strangers—but, no, not strangers. That afternoon, she had been unknown, but with the signing of the petition which she had brought from the south-land, every heart beneath a crescent beat with the genuine love of a sister for another sister. Irene did not turn, dazed, from the revealing of sacred secrets and signs to gaze into the eyes of coldness;—she turned and found herself clasped in the arms of—sisters, new yet old.

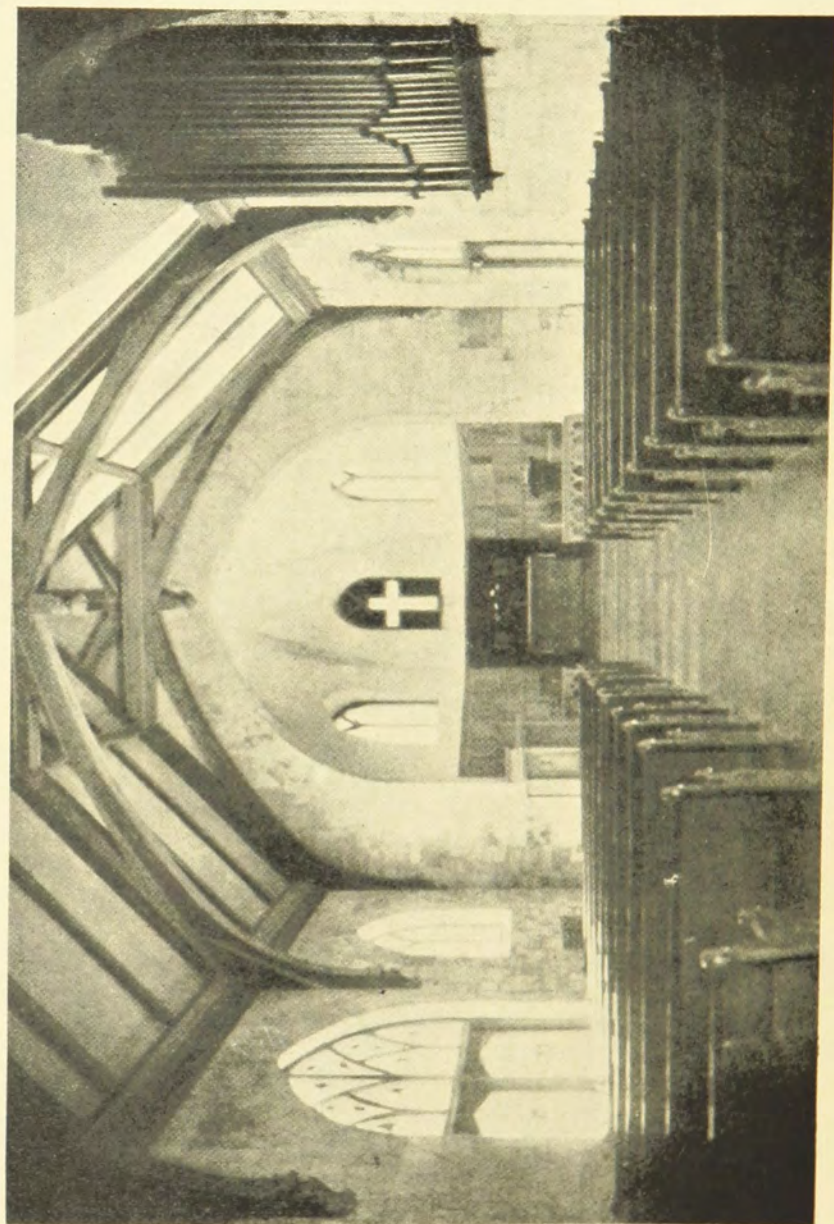
Irene Langford took her impressions, her new love, her possession of wonderful mysteries home to her sisters in Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn. May this, our newest chapter, born in the year of our golden anniversary, at our golden period, become known to all as "our golden chapter."

ALLADA FEENEY, *Alpha*.

IX

LUNCHEON AT SYRACUSE

Dr. Smalley, who was responsible for our calling Gamma Phi Beta a *sorority*—Mrs. Day, wife of former Chancellor Day and mother



SCENE OF MIDNIGHT INITIATION

of our own Emogene Day—Dr. Moss, husband of our founder and so associated with our organization in its early days—Dr. Draper, husband of Myra Haven Draper and for many years a missionary in Japan—several college celebrities—representatives from all sororities at Syracuse—all these were guests at the very delightful luncheon at the College of Home Economics with beautiful flowers, gay music, corsage bouquets for the special guests, and a roomful of eager, bright-eyed girls. An event long to be remembered—even with the subsequent grief of saying goodbye, for many were obliged to leave on early afternoon trains. A few remained in Syracuse for the week-end, and some were privileged to attend the

X

ALPHA PHI TEA

Alpha Phi showed Gamma Phi Beta many courtesies during convention week. The beautiful flowers that graced the head table at convention banquet were the gift of our Panhellenic sisters; the charming chauffeurs who whirled us around Syracuse were Alpha Phis; and as a further favor, the spacious Alpha Phi home was open all day for us and our comfort, while Alpha Phis gathered in the afternoon and most graciously received the delegates. Gorgeous peonies adorned the rooms, dainty refreshments were served and a delightful hospitality prevailed. A Panhellenic touch to a perfect convention!

XI

MISS LEONARD'S DINNER

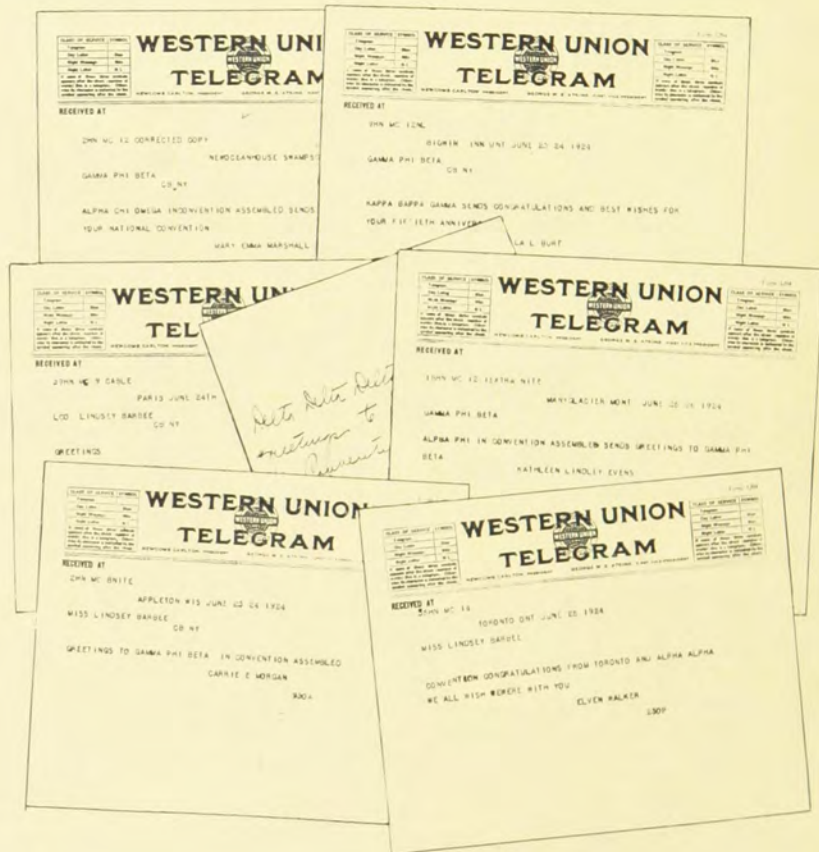
On Friday evening at the Alpha Gamma Delta chapter-house, Miss Louise Leonard, national president of Alpha Gamma Delta, gave a most beautiful dinner in honor of Lindsey Barbee, Lillian Thompson and Margaret Younger. Sorority women were guests. Decorations, favors and ices heralded the approach of the glorious Fourth, and after dinner, a most delightful evening was spent in the discussion of fraternity problems. Other Gamma Phis present were Isabelle Gage Dibble, Irene Cuykendall Garrett and Gladys Timmerman.

XII

LUNCHEON AT SKANEATELES

If one has never partaken of the famous Krebs food, enjoyed the charming Krebs atmosphere and beheld the incomparable Lake Skaneateles, she has something to live for. An hour's drive from Syracuse through the most picturesque country brings one to the far-famed spot—a lake of many moods, many colors and an in-

describable beauty, on whose shores are built the most luxurious of summer homes. Krebs—with its wealth of old mahogany, heir-looms and historic pieces—everything to delight a connoisseur—was the setting for the very beautiful luncheon given by Alpha and Syracuse for Lillian Thompson and Lindsey Barbee. Those who attended the convention at Lake Placid, and those who were unable to go, met in this pleasant way and the event will be a cherished memory for the two who were so specially honored.



A SHEAF OF CONVENTION TELEGRAMS

(Much to the editor's regret, the cordial telegram from Pi Beta Phi was mislaid and cannot appear in the photograph.)

CONVENTION IMPRESSIONS

BETA

There was one idea predominant in my mind as I left convention. This was a sense of unity, of interdependence. Never having attended a convention before, I scarcely realized that there were other chapters and that each one of these was just as much a chapter as our own Beta. It made me realize that there is something to strive for outside the accomplishments of our own chapter, that there is an aggregation of chapters each one having a definite duty toward the whole and each one dependent on the other; only in this way can we hope to make for a stronger and better organization. I think that this idea incorporates all—and is a foundation upon which to build.

ARDYS STONER.

GAMMA

Beautiful gowns, handsome women, gayety, combined with reveries of the past, earnest consideration of present needs, and a spirit of American democracy was, to me, the outstanding impression of the Golden Anniversary. To a degree it was difficult to see the forest because of the trees, yet as I look back to the kaleidoscopic view of the details of social events and business meetings merge into a unity of fraternal fellowship of love for the past and faith in the future.

MARY BURCHARD.

DELTA

Gamma Phi's Golden Anniversary—how many thoughts it brings to me! It is hard to say which phase of those glorious days meant the most to me as they were all so crowded with meetings and entertainments, but from 7:30 P. M. on Wednesday until Thursday morning at 2:15 A. M. will always remain a living picture in my mind. I am not going to say much concerning the banquet Wednesday evening, even though the beauty and inspiration of the songs and toasts will always remind me of the desires and aims of Gamma Phi. It was the pledging and initiation of Irene Langford of Alpha Theta chapter, whose charter was granted that afternoon, which took place at midnight in the chapel, that made me realize vitally the strength, beauty and magnificence of Gamma Phi. Picture a chapel filled with wearers of the crescent, old and young, from all over the country. Down the aisle with rows of lighted candles on either side, comes Irene Langford led by Lillian Thompson. She kneels before an altar massed with carnations and becomes our pledge and then—following the initiation ceremony, Lindsey Barbee

places the emblem of Gamma Phi upon her, and the pledge is repeated by all during the small hours of the early morning and in the wavering candlelight; and one of our founders, Helen Dodge Ferguson, watched the initiation of this girl whose chapter, including the alumnae chapters, made the fiftieth in Gamma Phi's roll. What a fitting ending for our Golden Anniversary!

OLIVE G. PROUT.

EPSILON

I went to convention confident of returning awed by the wonder of it all—inspired by a greater vision of the sisterhood of Gamma Phi. I looked forward eagerly to the business sessions, which I expected to find models in parliamentary law and in discussions characterized by clear, straight-forward thinking—which I hoped to find helpful in suggesting improvements in our own chapter meetings, for I expected to find eliminated there all the petty differences and personal prejudices which interfere with constructive discussions. So I was bitterly disappointed in the first few business sessions of convention. We seemed to forget that we were members of one organization, with common interests and hopes. In our discussions of matters of vital interest to the organization as a whole we seemed unable to look at the question from an impersonal viewpoint—we seemed to let our personal prejudices sway our judgment. We seemed, also, to lose sight of what is, to me at least, our primary consideration—the welfare of our order in relation to its members—and to allow ourselves to be influenced by the opinion and regard of outsiders and of other sororities.

I was heartsick at first, but the quiet midnight initiation of Irene Langford restored all my faith in my sorority—in each and every sister—for I realized then that although we all make mistakes, we still cherish at heart our vision of Gamma Phi; and I shall cherish the memory of the lovely initiation, so charged with love, sympathy and understanding, the spirit of Gamma Phi, as one of my dearest possessions. It was not until that night that I was a real Gamma Phi.

MARGARET BEEBE.

LAMBDA

About the most wonderful phase of convention to me was the genuine enthusiastic interest of such a great number of alumnae members. Perhaps it should not be wonderful, considering the thing they are interested in—but to think that so many of them could leave household duties long enough to attend sorority convention seems a fine thing. It is the true test of the strength of our sorority.

GENEVIEVE WALTON.

MU

The last Lake Placid meeting and the most informal and helpful of convention was our round table discussion. Here, each chapter brought its particular problem, asked what other chapters were doing concerning this problem and profited by their answers. By the solution, or partial solution, of each chapter problem by the others, a closer bond of friendship was knit. The most noticeable thing that came from this discussion was the fact that the interpretation of our Rituals, and all information contained in the President's Book, was widely varying. For example, the purpose of the friendship grip and to whom it was given, was an outstanding case. This merely points out to the chapters that we must each keep in closer touch with national headquarters and with one another in order to make our organization ever stronger.

The round table discussion I considered one of the most helpful meetings, individually and nationally, of the whole convention and my only hope is, that at the next convention there may be more numerous informal meetings of the delegates.

DOROTHY MEYER.

XI

What meant the most to me when I left Lake Placid was the realization of the true meaning of Gamma Phi Beta, which could only come to one in its fullest sense through the associations of convention. To actually meet and know our founders, to trace through our alumnæ, who each year had added their strength, the growth of our sorority was indeed an inspiration. The wonderful likeness between Gamma Phis from coast to coast, from large or small institutions, truly illustrates the bond of common ideals. My only regret upon leaving convention was that there was not more time to cement the associations and friendships which mean so much to every delegate.

FLORENCE WALKER.

OMICRON

"Fine appearing women, these Gamma Phis," the regular Lake Placid Club clientele said of us. "Quite 'peppy,' too, don't you think? Did you hear Epsilon's delightfully clever songs about Cleopatra and Barbara Fritchie and other notables? Aren't those two women, the tall one in the black dress and the shorter one with the winning smile, darlings? Of course you recognize Mrs. Ferguson and Mrs. Moss, the two living founders, who have given so much of their time and thought to the betterment of Gamma Phi Beta. The group must be quite a stable one—just notice the number of white-haired women present! I understand the 'non-

bobs' are in the majority. Strange in this day and age, isn't it? But how active and interested everyone seems! They certainly do work overtime with such long business sessions. How talented they are! Have you heard about their celebrating the fifty golden years of their sorority in pageantry written by Lindsey Barbee, the Grand President? What delightful hostesses Alpha and Syracuse make!"

And so we talk on and on of the mere superficial impressions of convention but the sentiment universally present was: "Day by day don't you become more proud of being a Gamma Phi?"

JESSIE WILLIAMS.

PI

I have carried home with me a lasting impression of the growth of Gamma Phi Beta during the past fifty years, and, with a vision of the promising future which lies before her, am inspired to do my bit to strengthen Gamma Phi Beta in Nebraska. My deepest regret is that every member of my chapter was not able to attend convention.

FAYNE SMITHBERGER.

SIGMA

Although I received many new impressions of Gamma Phi Beta, the thing at convention which meant most to me was meeting and learning to know Mrs. Ferguson (Helen M. Dodge) and Mrs. Moss (Frances E. Haven), our two living founders. These two dear, white-haired ladies seemed to me to symbolize all that Gamma Phi stands for—her aims, her ideals, her aspirations. Just to think that fifty years ago when they were college girls like ourselves, they founded our most noble order which has grown until its influence is felt all over the United States and into Canada. To-day these two founders are living examples of all that Gamma Phi Beta means. It was a rare privilege for those of us at convention to meet them and I'm sure it inspired us all to live up to the traditions they have handed down to us. Knowing them impressed upon me the fact that nothing we can do is too high, too fine, or too good for our dear Gamma Phi Beta.

MARY LOIS RUPPENTHAL.

TAU

The fiftieth anniversary convention was a delightful revelation of the workings of our national organization. It is hard to realize its immensity until one has really attended a convention. This convention was certainly a memorable one for me. In the first place it was our fiftieth anniversary which meant fifty years of growth, and in the second place two of our founders, Helen Dodge

Ferguson and Frances Haven Moss, were present. They told of their inspirations and ideals in creating Gamma Phi Beta and it made everyone realize the work and inspirations that we should carry on. It was a great satisfaction to hear our founders say that we had embodied their ideals, that we had accomplished many things that seemed unbelievable at the time of founding. I went home with the feeling that I would create in Tau chapter the same inspirations which I received at convention.

MILDRED LONG.

UPSILON

My impression of convention? What a question to ask a body! Upsilon doesn't expect ever to get through hearing about my "impression of convention"—and you want me to put it all in one poor little letter!

For me convention began before I ever reached Lake Placid because on the boat from New York to Albany, we met the Gamma Phis from Zeta and Alpha Epsilon—who by the way, with three lone exceptions, were the first Gamma Phis from a chapter other than Upsilon that Peggy Sorg and I had ever met. So you can imagine our joy—which increased with each new Gamma Phi we met!

The only disappointment I had in regard to convention was that all of Upsilon was not there to enjoy and benefit directly from it. To me convention seemed as a stimulus which must, of its own force, call forth a vigorous reaction and thus have far-reaching results which shall make the future Gamma Phis feel that the convention celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of our founding was not only an enjoyable occasion but was also a merging together of all views and desires into the truly national Gamma Phi spirit, in order that a fuller realization of the meaning of our sorority may be realized.

My happiest moment at convention, I believe, was when the charter to Vanderbilt was granted.

As to our charming hostesses—again, I would like to thank them for the pleasure they gave us.

May the "First Southern Convention" bring one half the joy, pleasure and stimulation that the Lake Placid Convention did!

KATHLEEN BARRON.

PHI

Convention is a series of pleasant impressions and it is difficult to elaborate any one phase of it.

There were the founders, the living links which bind Gamma Phis of the present to our sisters of the past who conceived the idea

of ties which would bind one closer than the ties of ordinary friendship. They seemed a bit breathless about the magnitude of our order and were not alone in that; I think I never before appreciated the hugeness of Gamma Phi.

There was the thrill which accompanied the granting of charters, and last of all, but most assuredly not the least, the midnight pledging and initiation. Particularly the last because it gave a glimpse into the future, as far as eye could see—the vision of a greater Gamma Phi!

GRACE HAYWARD.

PSI

Convention to me meant a greater broadening of my ideas and ideals of Gamma Phi Beta and the actual experiencing of their true meaning. I see more clearly what each chapter should strive toward, what it should make worth while in its college life.

The banquet was the most impressive of all events for it linked the past with the present and represented the strong union of our sorority from East, West, North and South.

LUCILE MOORE.

ALPHA ALPHA

It is hard to realize that convention with all its delightful times is really over. For all who were privileged to attend, the event will be a memorable one. To me, the greatest phase of convention was meeting and being associated with the women and girls from other chapters—our sisters in Gamma Phi. I believe this is true especially for us who were younger members attending our first convention. How proud we were to have two of our founders with us, for to these dear white-haired ladies we owe everything that we enjoy as Gamma Phis; and what a pleasure it was to meet and talk with our charming president and other national officers, whom we had come to know by name but had never seen. In meeting other undergraduates we exchanged many helpful ideas, and we, as Canadians, were greatly interested in knowing more about our American sisters and their college customs and we are certainly looking forward to seeing many of them again at some future convention. After meeting so many Gamma Phis we realized more and more what a wonderfully fine type of womanhood our sorority represents and we felt more than proud that we belonged to a sisterhood such as this.

M. ELSIE McBRIDE.

ALPHA BETA

It is nearly two months since several hundred women all wearing the badge of Gamma Phi Beta were gathered together in a beautiful

banquet hall—girls, every one of them, with hearts as gay as the youngest freshman and possessing the sorority enthusiasm of initiates; and this scene which I was privileged to witness was the answer to a question which each one of us must have at some time felt—will the spirit of Gamma Phi endure with me in the future years when I am away from college and friends? No longer doubting, I say, “The years do not count.”

SYLVIA SELL.

ALPHA GAMMA

It is rather unfortunate for THE CRESCENT that I should be delegated to write of convention. Please, don't think I was not thrilled nor pleased—because I *was*—but I simply cannot write how excited I was with it all.

I'm neither poet nor author but I only wish we were all together to talk convention—then, with the aid of my hands, I might demonstrate what convention meant. It was all so wonderful I can't say what event was the most memorable. Adjectives fail me when I recall the various happenings, each one seeming more impressive than the preceding one.

Convention made possible a better understanding of the sisters and it aroused a personal interest in me for them. It also demonstrated the ideal spirit that exists in Gamma Phi. Everyone made you feel so at home and you soon knew many of the women. We readily moulded into one large family ably guided by our president and her co-workers.

I know I have failed miserably in conveying the idea of convention as it affected me but I can say that it was all I anticipated “and a *little* bit more.”

ANNA MAUD STERN.

ALPHA DELTA

Truthfully, I can say that everything and everybody at convention made a great impression on me, but just let me ask, “Did any of the three hundred eighty-seven ever before dream of or see such hospitality as Alpha displayed? How splendid it would be if ever chapter could successfully imitate this hospitality toward every guest who enters its house. It was a pleasure and a revelation for a delegate from a young chapter to become acquainted with girls from the older chapters who live under wonderful traditions and enjoyable customs. It is an inspiration to borrow a few, and establish many more to aid in the strengthening process.

To know our founders and to hear them speak is a rare privilege which I am sure none of us will forget. When Helen M. Dodge and Frances E. Haven tell of the purpose and the conception of

Gamma Phi Beta, one feels truly the reality, the meaning and the strength of our founding.

And the banquet! The dinner, the toasts, the bobbed hair count, the rare intimacy which was introduced so successfully into the formal occasion by Mrs. Goreth! No one can forget that or the thrill of the announcement of our fiftieth chapter, but, above all, to me the greatest joy is in feeling acquainted with someone from each Greek letter in the chapter roll, and remembering something of each one.

FRANCES HUBBARD.

ALPHA ZETA

The Lake Placid convention will be memorable to Alpha Zeta as her first national convention, but as to what definite part of it meant the most to me it will be hard to say. It was all so wonderful and impressive. The founders, the national officers, everyone we have read so much about and revered so highly, made it seem a fairy book coming to life; but the feeling of friendship and co-operation that was so apparent, the love that one sister has for another, although it may be the first meeting—meant so much to me. I believe that the full meaning of Gamma Phi was impressed upon me, and I hope that I have brought back to Alpha Zeta my impression of convention—the far reaching, ever-growing, bigness of Gamma Phi.

RUTH HILLIARD.

ALPHA ETA

What did I like best about the convention? How difficult! When I might expand upon Lake Placid as the most gorgeous setting I ever saw for such an event—or I might describe, to the amusement of my sisters from Washington, Oregon or Denver, the rigors of Adirondack climbing—or the entertainment, the fragrant bonfire, or Alpha's ripping little pageant, or Beta's attractive initiation—or I might even mention my beneficial experience in the little staff room of the *Crescent Moon*, watching Alpha's diminutive journalist grinding out endless "copy." But after all, the best and biggest thing I brought away from the convention is the memory of the business meetings and discussions which related themselves pertinently to the management and conduct of actual sorority campus life. They were a great inspiration as well as a revelation to me and I am eager for September to give me an opportunity to make effective as many of the suggestions and ideas as can be worked out on our campus.

LOUISE MERWIN.

ALPHA THETA

Perhaps it was Sir Philip Sidney or perhaps it was some one else who wrote *Arcadia*, the story of an ideal place. Let us take for

granted it was Sir Philip. His Arcadia would look like a drab failure beside Lake Placid. It may be because of the wonderful results of my visit to the Gamma Phi Beta convention that I consider Lake Placid so ideal, yet I feel sure that another spot like it would be hard to find.

Might I tell you just a few things that Lake Placid means to me?

To begin with it is a most delightful spot in which to spend a vacation with its majestic purple mountains, its beautiful flowers, its lovely lakes—all a paradise of beauty. Everything was planned for the happiness of the fortunate ones who went there.

More than that it means to me memories of happy friendships; it means acquaintance with folks who are what they ought to be. It means a full understanding of the significance of fraternity life with its broad vision of service to womankind, a vision that thrills me with a deep joy because I belong to a national group of women who are making womanhood count for something in this world.

IRENE LANGFORD.

CHICAGO

What made the Lake Placid convention a memorable one? Many things—Alpha's courtesy and thoughtfulness, the active Syracuse alumnae, the unique Lake Placid Club, two charters granted to petitioning groups, and so I could continue endlessly. Acknowledging our growth and record of achievement as natural and essential to a healthy and an organized group, I prize most the remembrance of Helen M. Dodge Ferguson and Frances E. Haven Moss. To me it was a most unusual opportunity to know personally those to whom we owe our begining. To them it must have been a great satisfaction to see the extent of their first effort.

WILLA J. BAUER.

SYRACUSE

A few words seem inadequate to express the full meaning of convention to me. The impression which I carried away was of five glorious, happy days—the realization of an event anticipated since the last convention in 1922—and to me a very special event because it was my *first* convention and the celebration of our fiftieth anniversary.

I can't say that any special thing served to make this convention a memorable one to me. It may have been meeting so many Gamma Phis, comparing chapter problems and customs and realizing the national importance of our sorority; it may have been meeting our founders and the officers who have devoted their time and efforts unselfishly to Gamma Phi; it may have been the banquet with its toasts,

songs, joy and gayety—whatever it was I know that the impression of it all will be in my memory forever.

ELIZABETH BUCKMAN.

BOSTON

Convention! There comes to me a vision in which many things stand out clearly. The beautiful pageant in its woodland setting; the softened sound of many voices singing "Gamma Phis Forever" as I walked through the dim paths in the quiet night; the impressive memorial service in the silent chapel with the throbbing notes of the organ; the banquet with its beautiful setting and inspirational toasts; the report of the Endowment Fund (\$56,000. + !); the naming of the Lindsey Barbee Fellowship Fund; the large number of delegates (in 1887 at Madison we were seven). However, this stands out beyond all the rest. The gracious presence of our beloved founders, Mrs. Ferguson and Mrs. Moss, and the privilege of really knowing them makes the convention different from all others. Then, too, my faith that all we hold dear in life and in the ideals of the sorority will be kept and carried on to even greater heights is strengthened when I think of the splendid type of womanhood in the girls from the active chapters. Gamma Phi is safe in their hands.

MARY J. WELLINGTON.

SAN FRANCISCO

One thing that made me very proud of my Gamma Phi sisters was the spirit of tolerance which was displayed at the meetings. If a point was hotly contested and lost, there was no harboring of ill feeling; a fine sense of bigness prevailed.

The event was memorable for me, because of the presence of our two founders and the great numbers of the older Alpha alumnae whom it was a joy to meet and know. Memorable, of course, above all, because it was our fiftieth anniversary and because of the raising of our \$50,000 endowment.

What gave me perhaps the most thrill was the midnight initiation in the chapel, a rare experience for the young initiate as well as for those who were fortunate enough to be there.

BESSIE G. WALDRON.

DENVER

The main impression carried away from Lake Placid by the Denver Alumnae delegate, due to the fact that she was also a national officer of the sorority, was that Gamma Phi Beta conventions, as they are now conducted, are entirely too strenuous for officers, and probably also for delegates. Therefore, if it is not out of place at this time, I would like to offer for the consideration of those

planning the next convention what seems to me a constructive suggestion, and that is that at least one more day be taken for convention, and that there be some let-up between business sessions and the planned program, for those who have come such great distances at such great expense to the sorority, or themselves, to get better acquainted with each other and with the new part of the country being visited. The additional expense of the extra day would be negligible, especially in consideration of what it would mean to all. To be sure it is quite possible that there may be less stress and strain to the next convention anyway, if we are the guests of Upsilon, in Virginia, in the so-called easy-going South! That being the case, I trust I may be there to become truly acquainted with many I should have come to know better this June, but for the necessity of writing up minutes and dealing with all those many distracting problems of national officers and delegates! However, lest some one may misinterpret what I have said as being critical, let me add that the convention, just as it was, was splendid, due primarily to the fine work of Alpha and Syracuse chapters, to both of which we owe a deep debt of gratitude.

MADELYN K. BRINKER.

BALTIMORE

I was impressed with the spirit of comradeship and unity that existed among the Gamma Phis of varying ages and from various parts of the country. One of the benefits derived from a national convention is the opportunity for East to meet West and North to visit with South. Our comprehension must, necessarily, be increased and our interests broadened. It is inspiring for the younger members to see that the ties of Gamma Phi are strong enough to hold women who have an interest in many different activities. It is refreshing for those who are no longer "on the campus" to catch once more glimpses of the enthusiasm and untiring energy of the active girls.

MARY MCCURLEY.

MINNEAPOLIS

Convention impressed me as a crisis in the development of the sorority. Would the delightful entertainments be the thing worth while? Would the sorority's formal services and exercises be re-enacted merely for the edification of those present, or would the organization of the sorority, set to the tune of modern business methods and scientific understanding of the means to progress, be the practical outcome of this great gathering of women from the North, South, East and West?

Personal enthusiasm carried back to chapters is worth while and is stimulating to the members back home; but is this enough? Is it

not more important that that body of women from all over the country should crystallize their enthusiasm into a forward step for the sorority?

It seems to me that moving in enthusiastic circles and enjoying all that Alpha offered, the convention finally swung itself into the main business of the hour: Better business methods for the coming years.

MARIE MORELAND.

SEATTLE

Permanance and Progress—If I were to choose two words describing my impression of convention at Lake Placid, from the many words of praise and appreciation which would so accurately describe that happy time, I believe the words Permanance and Progress would best paint the picture for me; permanance of our founders' ideals, of their influence and of their personalities, and progress from this foundation toward a greater development of our sorority.

I have only to recall the faces of Mrs. Moss and Mrs. Ferguson and their charm, which was surely felt by every Gamma Phi, and to remember the dynamic personality of dear Lillian Thompson upon whose knowledge and wide experience we all depended, to be sure of my lasting impression.

CLARA TANEY WILL.

DETROIT

Now that I'm asked to set down in writing just what made convention a memorable event to me, I believe I shall come nearest to the truth if I say that from the time we boarded the special train at Detroit until I left two Gamma Phi sisters in Montreal, I was tremendously impressed with the privilege of meeting so many charming people, so many girls I should love to know well, so many of whom I shall think often with the greatest pleasure.

JESS HERMAN.

LOS ANGELES

It is said that the anticipation of any event is always greater than the realization; this may be true of all *other* things but *not* the celebration of Gamma Phi Beta's fiftieth anniversary at Lake Placid.

First, Gamma Phi Beta convention gave one privileged to attend, a keener knowledge of Gamma Phi Beta as a national organization. We learned our problems and how we must correct and solve those problems in order to keep our high place in the fraternity world.

To meet and know our beloved founders, Mrs. Ferguson and Mrs. Moss, made the event one never to be forgotten. Such fine examples of the very best and highest type of womanhood! Surely, a sorority

founded by them can never forget the ideals upon which Gamma Phi Beta is built.

The new and dear friendships formed and the inspiration received to "carry on" for Gamma Phi, has meant more than all else to me.

RUTH P. SHEPHERD.

RENO

The thing that meant the most to me at the Lake Placid convention was the opportunity to see just how the ideals of Gamma Phi Beta shaped the lives and characters of its members. To see what kind of grown women the happy, efficient, brilliant Gamma Phi girls make. I watched the older women at convention with careful, searching eyes. Out here in the West we see only a very few older members of other chapters, so I was really trying to find out what a full-blown Gamma Phi was like.

They are my inspiration! The Syracuse hostesses, the visiting delegates from other alumnae chapters and the grand officers represented every type of fine and energetic womanhood. Charming, thoughtful, dignified and yet having much in common with the youngest active delegate, they dominated convention as no dashing co-ed could. Their quiet influence has followed me since and I am sure that it will be many years before I forget the impression they made. The active girls may have felt this influence only unconsciously but their lives will be enriched by it. Convention has done something for them that no other gathering could do. It has set the example of what Gamma Phi women should be.

I went to convention to find out what the world expects of me as a Gamma Phi. I know now and I am satisfied. I have my chapter and the inspiration of the convention women at my side!

ETHEL L. STEINHEIMER.

TORONTO

It is rather a difficult matter for me to pick out some one phase of the convention that particularly impressed me, because every part of it stands out very clearly in my memory and each event has its own significance. I think, however, that I remember with the greatest pleasure the meetings and friendly talks with other Gamma Phis that were crowded in between business sessions, pageant, banquet and all the other events of those four busy days. In these little informal chats, we met many of whom we had read in *THE CRESCENT* and a great many others and we also had a chance to renew old acquaintances. In talking over the activities of different chapters with their delegates we found that we all have almost the same interests and are working for the same ideals, and our own enthusiasm could not help but be roused afresh.

ISABEL PEAKER.

THE BUSINESS OF CONVENTION

THE most outstanding of the many questions decided by Gamma Phi Beta's 1924 convention, and those in which the delegates showed the greatest interest, were the ones dealing with expansion, the central office and the Endowment Fund.

Upon the subject of expansion there was much discussion; the old provision dealing with the vote on petitioning groups seemed ambiguous and open to several interpretations; one, requiring a unanimous vote of the chapters in the district in which the petitioning group is located and those which are as near as is the furthest chapter in the district, and the other, requiring only a majority vote. The convention opinion seemed to be that neither interpretation was satisfactory, the former being thought too reactionary and the latter too radical, so a new clause was drafted by the convention. It provided that the petitioning group might be granted a charter with the unanimous vote, or that it might be granted over two negative votes if a majority of a committee composed of the members of Grand Council, the Chairman of Expansion, and a representative from each of the opposing chapters, deemed such action wise. (Two negative votes, rather than one only, were allowed because it was felt that an *alumnæ* chapter's vote would usually be cast with the active's with which it was closely allied.)

While safeguarding our conservative policy in expansion, this plan, it was felt, was one more used by progressive sororities, and would give more opportunity for wise expansion where it was needed, leaving more responsibility with the national officers, who are best qualified to understand the question thoroughly.

Many of the strong national sororities seem to be adopting the method of having a central office with a more or less permanent paid officer to run it and it was almost unanimously agreed to be a system this sorority would like to follow. The only question was upon the duties that should appertain to the office. It was decided that it would be wise to start with our present office in Chicago and to expand its duties somewhat, with a hope of a further expansion later, as there proved to be a real need for it. The central office is to remain permanently in Chicago and is to have a paid officer with an indefinite term of office. Its duties are to be approximately the following: to send out forms for the uniform examinations and to get back the papers for the chairman; to have charge of pin certificates, membership certificates, *THE CRESCENT* mailing list and the directory; to furnish all information, to send out form letters and to handle all sorority money; thus the sorority policies

will still remain in the hands of the national officers, but the routine work will be handled by a permanent office in Chicago.

The Endowment Fund was a center of interest for our fiftieth anniversary, and the question of providing for its use and safeguarding it was a matter of great moment. A board to have charge of this fund was established; it is to meet in Chicago and is to be chosen by and from the Chicago Alumnae chapter. The fund itself is to be placed in the hands of a trust company and it was provided that the board spend the income at its own discretion. As much as \$1,500 of the principal may be invested with any one chapter and small loans to chapters for any purpose may be made at the board's discretion.

It is difficult to pick out of the mass of valuable, detailed legislation that was accomplished by the convention the items that will particularly interest the readers of *THE CRESCENT*. There was a unanimous election of our national officers, and the granting of charters to two new groups at Vanderbilt University and at the Southern Branch of the University of California, about which you will probably read in other parts of *THE CRESCENT*. There were two decisions dealing particularly with convention and its unofficial delegates: One determined that a chapter's unofficial delegates to convention, as well as its official delegate, shall have individual votes upon all questions brought before the convention, and the other decided that these same unofficial delegates (for whom, unlike the official delegates, national incurs no expense) shall have their board and room at convention paid by their own chapters rather than by the hostess chapter, as has been done in the past.

The individual chapters seemed to favor a *laissez-faire* policy with their internal affairs; but one thing they did decide, which will be of particular interest to the members of the active chapters, is that no undergraduate be allowed to have a jeweled pin.

To look ahead—it is to be expected that the Committee on the Revision of the Constitution (which is to report in December), will, in addition to eliminating the ambiguities in the Constitution and placing in so far as possible the most specific parts of it in the By-laws where they can be changed with more facility (which convention opinion seemed to favor) have some new clauses to add, dealing with such matters as a method of obtaining higher scholarship, redistricting of the sorority, the establishment of alumnae advisers to active chapters, etc., all of which will be presented to the chapters for a vote.

MARY BURCHARD, *Gamma*.

OBSERVATIONS FROM THE TOWER ROOM

*"Will you walk into our parlor?"
Said the Tower Gamma Phis.
"It's a most delightful parlor
Almost reaching to the skies.
We can look across the water
With its iridescent light;
We can follow winding footpaths
Till they disappear from sight.
We can rest from busy sessions
While we talk in lingering phrase
Of our golden anniversary
In its every golden phase."*

ALUMNÆ LOYALTY

Let us first discuss alumnæ loyalty, taking for special examples thereof, Mary Whitford and Mary Wellington. Ponder a moment over Mary Whitford's unique record in attendance upon Alpha meetings; think another moment upon her amazing fund of information; determine to emulate her unselfish devotion to Alpha and to Gamma Phi. While Mary Wellington, charter member of Delta, at one time a national president, has five conventions to her credit, and is as enthusiastic at present over Gamma Phi as she was on that day when she first wore the crescent pin. Surely such members as these are inspirations!

ALUMNÆ PERSONNEL

Also alumnæ personnel as demonstrated by Syracuse. For Alpha's crown of glory is her alumnæ! Could we create a composite Gamma Phi we should endow her with the graciousness of Cora Willard Frederick, the personality of Isabel Gage Dibble, the charm of Louise Klock French, the dignity of Mabel Stone, the capability of Grace Webb Edgecomb, the sweet spirit of Millicent Hinckley—and these qualities are characteristic of all Syracuse alumnæ!

CHAPTER EFFICIENCY

With Mary Burchard, of Gamma, as a text. How many undergraduates could have met the emergency of presiding over a convention session so splendidly and with so much poise! Mary isn't exactly an undergraduate. She has just graduated from the University of Wisconsin, and, in addition to campus prominence, has won the coveted Phi Beta Kappa key. Already we see possibilities of a visiting delegate—or a president!

ALUMNÆ PERSONALITIES

There were plenty of them in convention hall. Jess Herman, from Detroit, with her clear-cut, worth-while comments; Mary McCurley, from Baltimore, already destined for national work and possessing a wide knowledge of Gamma Phi affairs; Ruth Palmer Shepherd, of Los Angeles, combining a wise viewpoint with a charm of presentation; Ethel Steinhammer of Reno, quiet and effective; Margaret Younger, always practical and sure of her ground; Willa Bauer, of Chicago, with the spirit that has made Chicago so vital a group; Mary Dibble, from our newest chapter, Cleveland, and Alice Coerper, from Milwaukee. Alice Coerper, long remembered for her graciousness, her beautiful toast and the indescribable charm that made her different from anyone else!

OUR LILLIAN

And now that everybody has seen Lillian Thompson and has heard her talk, is there any doubt that Gamma Phi is *perfectly* represented at National Panhellenic Congress? From the reception accorded her every word in convention hall, it is safe to say that she is unanimously declared to be Gamma Phi's "guide, philosopher and friend."

SEE YOU AT HOLLINS!

And the next convention with Upsilon! Even if everybody hadn't been anxious to visit the land of hospitality, charm and tradition—for what state is there quite like unto Virginia—any invitation proffered by the incomparable four who represented the Virginia chapter would have been enthusiastically received. Kathleen's vivid personality, Peggy's bewitching smile, Willie Carter's fetching brogue and Mary's sweet seriousness—who could resist such a combination? And they are already promising "you all" myriad attractions including "cawn bread and fried chicken."

CONVENTION SONGWRITERS

Did you stop to realize how many writers of our favorite songs were at convention? Count them over—and then, by way of celebration, sing their songs!

Austiana Taylor Goreth gave us the popular "The Joy of Gamma Phi" and also the wedding song. (By the way, one of the Alpha Phi girls is using that very same wedding song at her own particular ceremony!) Georgia Taylor Carpenter is the author of the "Boating Song." Sarah Veeder, who was with us at the Syracuse breakfast, composed the much-loved "Fidelity." Millicent Hinckley contributed "We'll e'er love thee, Gamma Phi," while Helen Dodge

Ferguson wrote "Greet We Each Other," "Initiation Song," "List The Watchword," which is Gamma Phi's *first* song. All these of Alpha.

Sarah Satterthwaite Leslie, of Beta, gave us "Our Loyalty," "The Shades of Night," "Singing to Thee" and "Song is Joy To-day," and Mary Wellington, of Delta, wrote "Greetings."

As we said before—*sing the songs!* For a song increases its significance when one knows the writer!

TO POINT A MORAL

Charming college girls, as well as staid alumnæ, may be used "to point a moral or adorn a tale." The tale follows—and we trust you to discover the moral!

On the night of the banquet the husband of one of our members was relegated with other masculine elements to another dining-room. Seated at a table with several—we'll call them *jewelers*—he was interested in their views and comments upon the personnel of the convention, especially since they were unaware of his connection with the sorority. "I asked one of the girls to a dance last night," said one of his companions—"and when we were ready to start, she said, 'Of course I cannot go without a chaperon.'" He paused. "We found the chaperon—and I liked her so well for her stand that I intend to ask her again."

As we said before—discover the moral.

ALPHA ALPHA AND TORONTO

Just a word about our sisters from across the border. They are so wholesome, so fine and so loyal that we rejoice in each English rose, and we trust that we may claim others just like them. *Expansion committee—take notice!*

THE CHIMES

A sudden breathless hush. The afterglow
Of sunset merges into twilight gray
As benediction o'er the passing day.
The chimes ring out in cadence sweet and low—
We're Gamma Phis forever.

A song of promise to each loyal heart,
A song that thrills the happy college days,
That casts its magic o'er alumnæ ways,
A song that draws us close though far apart—
We're Gamma Phis forever.

OUR FRIENDS THE ENEMY

One of the most pleasant features of convention was the greetings from other organizations. From Alpha Chi Omega, Kappa Kappa Gamma and Alpha Phi—holding conventions at the very time we were assembled at Lake Placid—came cordial telegrams of friendliness. Delta Delta Delta sent a charming note, and Pi Beta Phi congratulated us on our fiftieth anniversary, while Alpha of Alpha Phi was most gracious in all its courtesies during our stay in Syracuse. All of which indicates the fine spirit, the co-operation and the friendliness existing among Greek-letter fraternities.

OUR NEW OFFICERS

The Eastern District claims them—and claims them proudly. Grace Howard Smith, of Alpha, affiliated with Baltimore, and now with Boston! She will have from all the organization the same devotion, love and loyalty that these three chapters have bestowed upon her.

Laura Latimer Graham—known to so many through her years of labor as editor of chapter letters. Loyalty might be given as her outstanding characteristic—and we add to this, interest, enthusiasm and the most delightful sense of humor!

While Mary Tom might serve as the text for a dissertation on *What Every Gamma Phi Ought to Be*. She is Zeta's big sister, Baltimore's dependence and Gamma Phi's very devoted follower!

Here's to our new officers! They're efficient—they're possessed of the necessary personality—and they're loyal to each other. What more could be needed for guiding our Ship of State?

CONVENTION SIDE TRIPS

THE ideal time to arrive at a Gamma Phi Beta convention is about three days before it starts. Such an arrival at Lake Placid this year enabled the writer to discover that Vera Carter, who had motored all the way from Colorado, was the only Gamma Phi who had reached Lakesyd before her; to pick out the hostesses, officers and other early comers as they appeared, and to feel a real acquaintance with a few persons before the multitude arrived and all faces and names tended to blur into one delightful mass.

The early comers also had more chances to see the beautiful country without cutting too many sessions of the convention. We could explain with a superior air that the little lake immediately in front of the Lake Placid Club was only Mirror Lake; that Lake

Placid was much larger and more beautiful; that the higher mountains could be seen only from the lake or the golf links; that the club owned 9,600 acres in all and had seven clubhouses and over one hundred private "cottages" (to use Mr. Dewey's "simplified" spelling), with six hundred acres right on Mirror Lake; that it owned forty farms and had a dairy plant, nine thousand chickens, a machine shop, a laundry, a bakery, a powerhouse, several greenhouses, a library, a collection of brilliant colored birds, a large department store, a special room for weaving and so many reception rooms and offices that even first arrivals occasionally were lost.

Mirror Lake is a delightful place for swimming and for canoeing, and it seems to be as safe as its name suggests, even when it is given every opportunity to cause trouble. The writer did not see the canoe that spilled its passengers, though she heard of the graceful way in which they clung to the diving board. She will have to confess, however, that even Mirror Lake looked a little large one day when she saw how rapidly her canoe was leaking and wondered why she had dared to disobey all the laws of the Medes and Persians and take out at one time three persons who neither canoed or swam!

A short carry from Mirror to Lake Placid makes it possible to use the same canoe on the larger lake. There are also many launches there. The hour's launch-ride down one side of the large islands and back on the other gives a wonderful view of deep blue water, dark evergreen and white birches, Whiteface Mountain rising up from the lake and Marcy, Avalanch Pass and McIntyre in the distance at the other end. Lake Placid is 1,865 feet above sea level, and Mt. Marcy, the highest in New York State, is under 5,000 feet, yet this June it bore a tiny patch of snow, and it is always a graceful peak and with the neighborhood mountains, builds a fine mass against the sky.

Beside the lakes and up in the hills are beautiful walks and fine paths for horseback riding. We rode on the crest of a hill straight toward the mountains and then wound our way under branches and over a rough hill path up to a little lake. Along the path beside Mirror Lake many dainty white spring blossoms as well as flowers of the orchid family could be found. The Club arranges trips for camping and to climb the mountains, but conventionites had no time for such joys.

The Club also arranges automobile rides for parties of eight. A short ride on the Wilmington Road, beside the Ausable River and under towering cliffs, brings one to High Falls, where the water tumbles down in a varied series of falls and has made deep cuts in the rocks. A ride of thirty-seven miles on the same road leads to

Ausable Chasm, one of the famous spots in the Adirondack Mountains. The climb down many steps and the walk under the straight cut cliffs that tower up into the sky, beside the small river that has cut such a channel, are most impressive, and in the boat one feels the force of the river.

Drives in other directions go to Saranac Inn on the beautiful Upper Saranac Lake, to the Cascade Lakes or to Keene Valley. On all sides are hills clothed in mottled green, white birches and blue lakes gleaming by the road, or rushing brooks and abrupt cliffs.

The only fault to be found with a convention held at Lake Placid is that it ends so quickly.

AURILL BISHOP, *Iota and New York.*

THE LINDSEY BARBEE FELLOWSHIP FUND

DELEGATES at Lake Placid in convention assembled unanimously voted to confer a permanent honor upon the one who has done more than any other to build and strengthen the national policies and name of Gamma Phi Beta—Lindsey Barbee.

This recognition of ceaseless labor and love will be observed in the future of the social service work of the sorority. At the present time, it will be known as the Lindsey Barbee Fellowship Fund. This fund has represented the national social service work of Gamma Phi since the Asilomar convention in 1915. It consists in the offering of a five hundred dollar fellowship to some accredited graduate student who is devoting her life to this line of work, the fellowship to be awarded through the American Association of University Women.

Though as yet our social service endeavors exist on a very small scale, what form of national activity could be more worth while or what name could better represent the crescent on the field?

As national president of Gamma Phi and editor of *THE CRESCENT*, Lindsey Barbee is known and admired throughout the Panhellenic world as a good Greek, a true friend, a conquering personality and a leader. From Alpha to Alpha Iota, she is loved in Gamma Phi as an embodiment of all the ideals of the sorority.

The Lindsey Barbee Fellowship Fund will continue as at present until Gamma Phi can find the means to adopt a larger and more enduring form of service. Whatever type of social work the Fellowship eventually grows into, it will be known by the name of Lindsey Barbee.

ELIZABETH MAROT, *Alpha.*

ENDOWMENT FUND

CAN you quite realize that our heart's desire is a real possession? That team work has resulted in victory? That *Fifty Thousand for the Endowment Fund* is no longer a slogan but a fact?

How did it happen?

Through the never-tiring perseverance of Blanche Shove Palmer who first proposed it in 1915.

Through

Constitutional changes.
Founders' Day contributions.
Christmas cards.
Commissions on stationery.
Commissions on hosiery.
Personal pledges.
Insurance plan.

Through the unselfish devotion, personal sacrifice and national spirit of those who realized the necessity of the Fund.

Through the energetic efforts of Kittie Lee Clarke, chairman of Ways and Means, and her able assistants.

Through the responsibility of insurance policies assumed by Beta, Gamma, Delta, Epsilon, Zeta, Theta, Kappa, Nu, Xi, Omicron, Pi, Rho, Sigma, Tau, Upsilon, Phi, Psi, Omega, Alpha Alpha, Alpha Gamma, Alpha Delta, Alpha Zeta, Alpha Eta, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, Los Angeles, Baltimore, Cleveland, Chicago, Denver, Detroit, Seattle, Portland, St. Louis, Reno, Toronto, Boston, Campaign-Urbana, Colorado Springs, Kansas City, Boise, Fort Collins.

What will it do?

Assure our future.
Strengthen our prestige.
Enable us to sponsor a greater social service.

What has it already done?

Drawn us closer together in the joy and inspiration of working for a common cause.



BLANCHE SHOVE PALMER

A REWARD OF VALUE

ALPHA DELTA delegates went home from Lake Placid Club more rich than they came by twelve sterling silver teaspoons adorned with the Greek letters Gamma Phi Beta. Such is the reward of labor! For Alpha Delta's display of chapter mementos plainly indicated many hours of painstaking effort. Most of the chapter displays came from younger chapters and a great many older chapters were not even represented. It was interesting to note that the three best displays were the work of three baby chapters!

The committee to judge chapter display was confronted by what seemed at first a difficult task: the selection of the best exhibit in the Tower Room at Lakesyd. Only by a careful process of elimination was the winning exhibit chosen. As a whole, the displays and their arrangement was similar. Each placard had its snapshots of campus views and chapter members, rushing favors, menus and place cards, and banners or pennants. A few exhibits included chapter scrapbooks and college yearbooks. Some had newspaper clippings and press notices and in general, the arrangement of all these was practically the same. What to do? The committee decided to pick the outstanding features of each display, giving the prize to the chapter having the most, and Alpha Delta was the winner. Every delegate present would have profited by looking through the Alpha Delta scrapbook (it certainly should not be called a *scrap* book) for it was a model of neatness and a work of art. The talented chapter member who carefully painted small water colors at the top of each page deserves a vote of thanks from her chapter for she helped much to carry home the teaspoons. The Alpha Delta favors and place cards were hand decorated and seemed for the most part to be chapter made. These were not only well made, but they indicated unique ideas for entertainment. Their whole display was exceedingly neat and was arranged in a pleasing manner.

WILLA J. BAUER, *Chicago.*

SIDE LIGHTS

Four ex-presidents graced the convention—Cora Willard Frederick, Alpha, Mary Wellington, Delta, Lillian Thompson, Beta, and Mabel Stone, Alpha. A telegram from Carrie E. Morgan, Gamma, was read with enthusiasm.

Gamma Phi mothers with Gamma Phi daughters were quite in evidence: Austiana Taylor Goreth, Alpha, with Margaret and Gertrude; Mary Lyona Dibble, Upsilon, with Alice; Nina Rogers Sweetser, Delta, with Isabelle; Grace Featherly Marot, Alpha, with Elizabeth.

Sisters, too: Joie Potter and Dorothy France, Alpha; Margaret and Gertrude Goreth, Alpha; Marie and Grace Moreland, Kappa; Helen and Lindsey Barbee, Theta; Gladys and Judith Timmerman, Alpha; Grace Burgard Holcomb, Gamma, and Ruth Burgard, Theta; Mildred and Lois Long, Tau; Jessie and Helen Williams, Omicron; Austiana Goreth and Georgiana Carpenter, Alpha; Frances Moss and Myra Draper, Alpha.

Several Gamma Phi mothers were present: Mrs. Bishop with Aurill; Mrs. Barbee with Helen and Lindsey; Mrs. Jansky with Willa Bauer; Mrs. Kearney with Juanita Dunlop; Mrs. Woodard, mother of Nelle Woodard Ault of Theta.

While several husbands were rumored we were quite sure of George E. Sweetser and Eugene Randolph Smith. By the way, Mr. Smith, himself, is a celebrity—author of *Education Moves Ahead*, one of the “best sellers” of the *Atlantic Monthly Press*.

Florence Bailey Crouse, Alpha, whose summer home is at Lake Placid, had her own house-party, consisting of Clara Bingham Collins, sister of Mary A. Bingham, our founder, Emogene Day, daughter of the late chancellor of Syracuse University, Mabel Van Winkle Hoyt, and Merriman Ernhaut Barnes. According to the *Crescent Moon*, she was reprimanded by the management for having too much noise in her Club cottage!

On Tuesday night all delegates dined together and each was presented with a framed picture of the four founders of Gamma Phi Beta. On another night all delegates who are to be chapter presidents during the coming college year had dinner together, with Margaret Younger to preside and to counsel.

Sunnyside Cottage boasted a party of its own with Helen Condling, Alpha, '16, as hostess and her intimate college friends as guests, and at the party the hostess announced her engagement to Donald Halsted, Colgate '18, a member of Phi Kappa Psi.

Dollie Callow, Seattle, is the wife of Russell Callow, coach of the Washington crew which was victorious at the recent Poughkeepsie races.

Grace Partridge Underhill, Los Angeles, caused something of a sensation at the Syracuse luncheon when she announced the loss of her ticket. It was finally discovered in the waste paper basket at the Alpha Chapter-house!

L. G. Balfour, who has been added to our list of official jewelers, presented each Gamma Phi at convention with a sweater set in hammered gold. J. F. Newman gave each delegate and each officer a small wooden plaque bearing the crest in bronze.

Friday, June 27, which we spent in Syracuse, was the anniversary of Frances Haven's marriage to Dr. Moss. If we had only known of it! And they were married in Syracuse!

Ruth King Crimm, of Alpha, proved a popular entertainer of convention. Mrs. Crimm, with her original songs and rhyme stories, has been enthusiastically received wherever she has appeared and will give concerts during the summer.

Dr. A. R. Cook, a prominent dentist of Syracuse, has recently presented Alpha with a check for five hundred dollars in memory of his wife, Kate Gardner Cook, one of Alpha's most beloved members. Mrs. Cook was instrumental in founding Beta, Gamma and Delta.

Among those leaving for Europe directly after convention were Grace Webb Edgecomb, Alpha; Louise Klock French, Alpha; Olivia Bigelow, Alpha; Laura Latimer Graham, Alpha; Helen Kennedy, Epsilon; Mildred Hebel, Epsilon; Margaret Daly, Gamma.

Florence Walker was the only representative from Idaho, and such a delightful little somebody she proved to be that every chapter was glad enough to include her in its circle.

The two new chapters have a special significance for Theta chapter. Expansion has traveled around the alphabet and back to Theta—so Alpha Theta is a natural protégée, while Alpha Iota was the name of the local group which later became Theta of Gamma Phi Beta.

Six jewelers at convention! Three, at first—Mr. Parish, of L. G. Balfour Co.; Mr. Holt, of Edwards-Haldeman Co.; Mr. Gail, of J. F. Newman Co., and, later on, three others, including Mr. Balfour, himself, from these same firms. We remember with joy the glittering array of fascinating badges, as well as the never-ending patience and courtesy of those who displayed them.

In the early spring, Louise Klock French, of Syracuse, was appointed the chairman of the Nominating Committee. Chosen by

their respective alumnae chapters to assist her were Mary Wellington, Boston; Grace Burgard Holcomb, New York; Isabel Peaker, Toronto; Clara Sutton, Baltimore, and Helen Tuthill Pulford, Detroit. With the exception of Mrs. Pulford, all attended convention.

In addition to greetings from Alpha Chi Omega, Alpha Phi, Delta Delta Delta, Kappa Kappa Gamma, and Pi Beta Phi, telegrams were received from Anna Raymond, Carrie E. Morgan, Elvira Walker (for Alpha Alpha and Toronto) and a cable from Blanche Shove Palmer. The appended telegram was sent by J. Stanley Edwards of Denver, whose wife and daughter are Gamma Phis:

Denver, Colo., June 25 26, 1924.

Gamma Phi Beta Sorority Convention:

Alumni and classes of more than twenty leading colleges and universities throughout the country are using life insurance as the most satisfactory plan for college endowment purposes. We congratulate Gamma Phi Beta on being possibly the first sorority to adopt the insurance endowment plan, thereby showing evidence of progressive action and wise forethought in providing for its financial future.

J. STANLEY EDWARDS,
Trustee and former president,
National Association of Life Underwriters.

CONVENTION SONGS

THE GOLDEN MILESTONE

(Written, at the request of many, by Austiana Taylor Goreth, and sung on the night of the banquet by Georgiana Taylor Carpenter.)

On an Onondagan hill-top
 'Neath a wondrous arch of blue
A gracious spirit whispered
 A secret rare and true!
And listening maidens captured
 The magic of that gleam,
They pledged their faith to follow
 And dreamed a wondrous dream.

Chorus

We're passing the golden milestone
 On a long and shining way,
And golden the chains of mem'ry
 That bind us close to-day;
While here at her woodland altar
 We raise our voices high,
In praise of our glorious goddess,
 Our beloved Gamma Phi.

Her shrine the maidens guarded
 And kept the sacred flame,
 But the winds that swept the hill-top
 Flung far that magic name;
 They bore it o'er the mountains,
 It flew from sea to sea,
 It leaped our northern barriers
 To a land as fair and free.

Chorus

An Onondagan hill-top
 With a wondrous reach of sky,
 Enthrones a gracious goddess,
 Beloved Gamma Phi;
 A crescent on her forehead,
 The future in her gaze,
 A torch to light us hither
 From all our distant ways.

GAMMA PHI BETA CONVENTION SONG

(Written, by request of the president, by Sarah Satterthwaite Leslie, Beta, '86, and sung at the banquet to the tune of *America The Beautiful*.)

From East, and West, a summons high,
 A voice compelling, clear,
 The sovereignty of Gamma Phi,
 Bids us to conclave here.
 Both young and old, obedient,
 Draw nigh with reverent tread,
 To greet the sight—our crescent's light
 O'er half a century shed.

The sowing of that spring-time hour,
 Foreshadowing high estate,
 With heritage of fruit and flower,
 We here commemorate.
 Hail to our founders loved and true!
 Hail to dear Alpha's band!
 To Alpha Eta, baby new,
 Choicest of all the land!

And all the links of chapters strong
 That stretch from shore to shore,
 To one and all we pledge in song,
 Devotion ever more.
 With deeper love of worthier lives
 To Gamma Phi we vow
 The cycle's whole with heart and soul
 More richly to endow.

ALPHA'S FIRESIDE SONG

Sing we again as the flames burn bright,
Sing we a song of friends to-night,
Of friends long linked together,
In golden bonds of Gamma Phi—
Firm bonds that naught can sever.
Sing as we sit in the fireside's glow
And the dusky shadows creep;
Of memories fond, of sisterhood
That our hearts for aye shall keep.

Sing we again as the flames burn bright,
Our hearts, our arms entwined,
Of friendship's brighter, purer fire
In Gamma Phi enshrined.
Sing as the dying embers fade
And the ruby light grows pale,
Of love that ever shall endure,
And never more shall fail.

(The above song formed Alpha's stunt at the Camp Fire. It has been acclaimed one of the most beautiful of all Gamma Phi songs.)

OUR NEW OFFICERS

GRACE HOWARD SMITH, *President*

When Grace Howard entered Syracuse University from Jordan, N. Y., High School, with the class of 1899, she took her place immediately as one of the most attractive and peppiest freshmen on the hill. She was an all-round college girl, and "dates," athletics and her sorority played important parts in her life—although her college work was by no means neglected. She herself says, however, that her real education began after her marriage to Mr. Eugene Randolph Smith, a graduate of and instructor in Syracuse University.

Mr. Smith has made a specialty of elementary and secondary education and Mrs. Smith has assisted in all his undertakings. He was for several years head of the department of Mathematics in Montclair, N. J., and the Polytechnic Preparatory School, Brooklyn, and she substituted for him whenever he was unable to be present. She helped him organize the Park School in Baltimore, which is one of the best known private schools in the country. In 1921 she took charge of the Beaver Country Day School in Brookline, Mass. She is now principal of the high school department of this school, of which Mr. Smith is the head.



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GRACE HOWARD SMITH
President

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Mrs. Smith's touch with educational matters has been very broad, as the schools with which she and Mr. Smith have been connected during the last twelve years have been of such an advanced type that they have attracted the attention and visits of educators from all over this country, and even from abroad. She is closely allied with his work as educational consultant for new schools and lecturer on educational subjects.

Mrs. Smith's experience in constructive and executive work is not limited to education, however. One of her major interests has been social betterment, and she has given much time and study to it. She has been president of the allied women's organizations of two churches, one in Baltimore and the other in Brooklyn. She was for several years chairman of a district of the Federated Charities in Baltimore, which comprised 100,000 people, and was a member of many of the most important committees for social betterment in that city. For a number of years she was a lecturer in Social Science at Morgan College, an institution for negroes in Baltimore. During this time she was one of those invited to attend a seminar for social workers at the New York School of Philanthropy where she worked with Porter Lee and other experts.

Mrs. Smith's interest in Gamma Phi Beta has been continuous ever since her college days. She has had a wide touch with members of Gamma Phi as, in addition to her membership in Alpha, she has belonged to the New York, Baltimore and Boston Alumnæ chapters. She was a charter member and president of the Baltimore chapter and the very efficient chairman of the Finance Committee for the Baltimore convention in 1917. Gamma Phi's first piece of national social service work, our A. A. U. W. scholarship, was originated when she was chairman of the Social Service committee.

To her wide interest in education and social welfare, Mrs. Smith adds a charm of personality and a graciousness of manner that make her distinguishable everywhere. She brings to the presidency of Gamma Phi Beta experience and executive ability, understanding of human nature and tact, loyalty to her sorority and the desire to see it stand for all that is best in young womanhood.

LAURA LATIMER GRAHAM, *Vice President and Alumnæ Secretary*

"Most of us have spurts of interest in Gamma Phi, but the truly loyal member like Laura Graham has continual interest," writes one of the New York Alumnæ chapter, and adds, "Mrs. Graham has been an active member of the New York Alumnæ chapter for seventeen years, which means a great deal in this group where the membership is always shifting."



LAURA LATIMER GRAHAM
Vice President and Alumnae Secretary

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Loyalty such as this is inspiring. In her chapter life Laura Graham is acknowledged as an authority on Gamma Phi facts and history, has a wonderful grasp of national affairs, is widely known through her work as assistant editor of *THE CRESCENT*, and is loved by all—not only the ones who have known her for years but the young girls who come to the chapter from all over the country. She also has a wide acquaintance in city Panhellenic and has many friends in other sororities—a fact greatly to Gamma Phi Beta's advantage since there are many national officers, past and present, in New York Panhellenic.

She finished her college course in Syracuse University and is a member of Alpha chapter. In her junior year she was elected to Phi Beta Kappa, and, at the same time, her father was initiated into the same society, as Phi Beta Kappa was not in Syracuse during his college days. Mrs. Graham is also active in Banta Pass chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution, and belongs to the Society of New England Women which stands for much in Brooklyn.

"There is no member of New York Alumnae chapter who is more loyal, devoted and helpful than Laura. I wish, in writing my deep affection for her, that I could better express it all." Could there be a finer tribute?

MARY THOMAS MCCURLEY, *Secretary*

"Mary Tom" are the two most familiar words in the vocabulary of Zeta and Baltimore Alumnae chapters! They are the short cut to Mary Thomas McCurley—member of Gamma Phi Beta and A.B. of Goucher College.

The spare time in her college career was full of student activities. She was president of her class in her sophomore year; she was a member of her class basketball team; she was active in student organization work and was, of course, to be found hard at work on various student committees.

After teaching for two years in Porto Rico and in Poughkeepsie, N. Y., she returned to Baltimore to serve as an assistant in the Bureau of State and Municipal Research, and as a secretary in the war-time Maryland Food Administration.

Her graduate work at the University of California and at the Johns Hopkins University is preparing her for a master's degree, and, at present, she is the exceedingly efficient secretary of the Vocational Bureau—a new and important phase of Goucher College work.



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MARY THOMAS McCURLEY

Secretary

But Mary Tom has never, for one minute, lost interest in Gamma Phi Beta. She was president of the active chapter in her senior year at college; she was a charter member of the Baltimore Alumnae chapter; it was she who served as its first president and it was she who has done most to keep up the enthusiasm of the Gamma Phi alumnae in her city.

Although there are many Gamma Phis of longer standing in Baltimore, the active girls always turn to her for suggestions, information, and advice, and she gives of her valuable time and ability willingly. It is she who knows all of the interesting tales of Gamma Phi history, remembers all of the chapter stunts, and knows best how to straighten out the many small tangles of active chapter life. She has been chosen as the alumnae adviser for Zeta chapter—and she is that in every sense of the word.

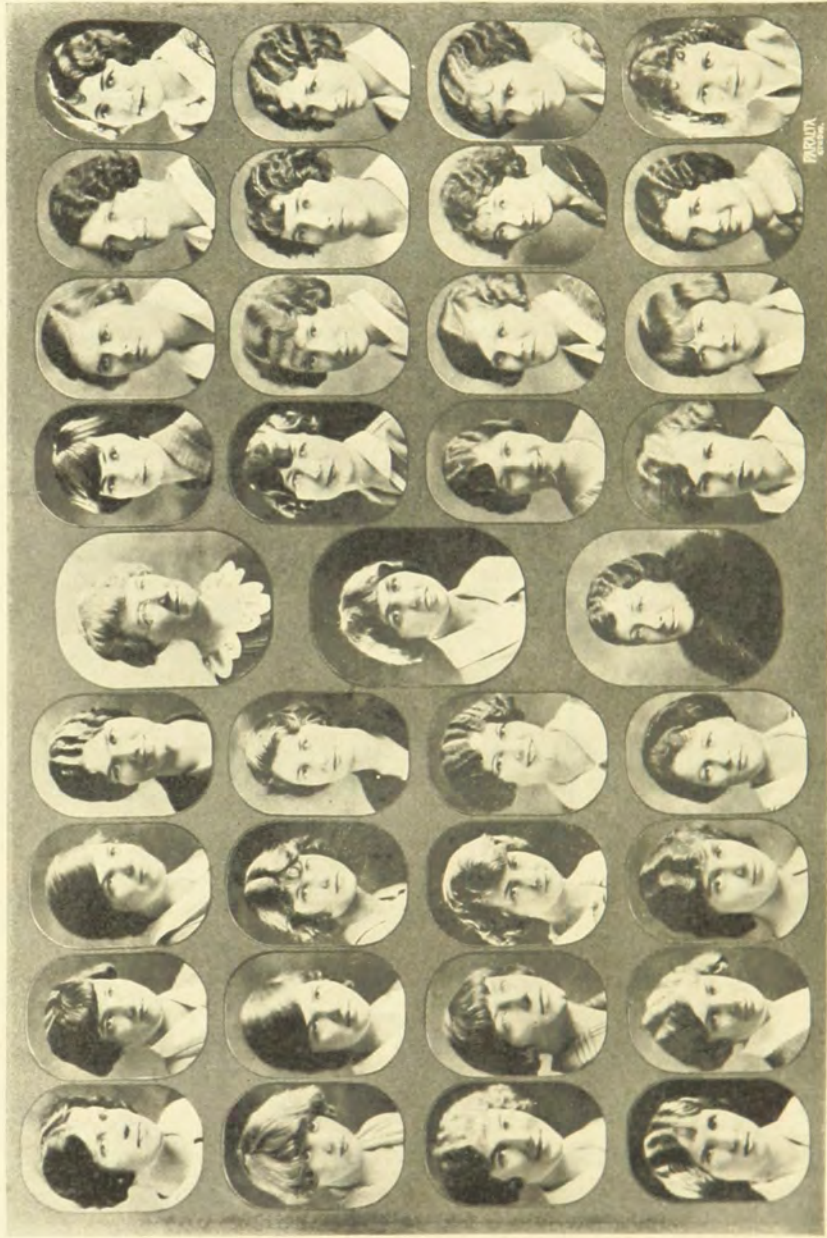
Baltimore alumnae are proud to be able to share her, whom we value most, with the rest of you throughout our national organization.

INSTALLATION OF ALPHA IOTA

SOUTHERN BRANCH, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

The Southern Branch, University of California, was established by the legislature of 1919, and the property of the Los Angeles State Normal School was transferred to the regents of the University of California who established a branch, it being the idea of the legislature at that time that the regents should continue to conduct the Teachers' College and should establish the first and second year of a College of Letters and Science. The faculty has increased since the establishment of the Southern Branch so that for the year 1919-20 it numbered 100; 1920-21, 136; 1921-22, 136; 1922-23, 200; 1923-24, 210, and for the year 1924-25 the number will be 252.

For the first few years the enrollment was to be limited by the regents as the support for this institution was necessarily limited at first. The regents agreed to take 250 students in the College of Letters and Science the first year and the next year agreed to increase the number by 500. In February, 1922, the regents adopted a policy in that the facilities of the Southern Branch would be increased and the enrollment of students in the first two years of the College of Letters and Science should in no way be limited. With this point in view fifty-three new members of the faculty were



ALPHA IOTA OF GAMMA PHI BETA, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SOUTHERN BRANCH

Upper left, first row: Dorothea Cassidy, Eileen Mead, Hilda Klamroth, Marjory Kelly; second row: Marilyn Maubert, Linda Klamroth, Berenice Smith, Thelma Gibson; third row: Louise Hollenbeck, Jerry Bruner, Lenaia Nelson, Lila Hansen; fourth row: Peggy Larson, Helen Erickson, Helen Lloyd Hoover, Henryetta Bohon.

Center, reading down: Barbara Greenwood, Pauline Kutzner, Birdie K. Smith.

Upper right, first row: Helen Catlen, Floris Alexander, Hazel Tilson, Bess Richerts; second row: Marion Shaw, Florence Andrews, Ruth Elizabeth Hoover, Margere Kendall; third row: Dorothy Bodinus, Lillian Jones, Helen Bower, Katherine Wormell; fourth row: Dorothy Hitchcock, Lois Cleland, Carol Morse, Louise Gibson.

added, the president and the regents being particular to see that only instructors and professors of the highest type were appointed and the requirement of the doctor's degree before appointment as instructor, such as maintained in the University of California, was carefully carried out in Los Angeles. This brought in men and women of the highest type from universities all over the United States and the type of instruction was continued as the highest.

In February, 1923, the regents stated that it was their policy to expand the Southern Branch as fast as the need should be demonstrated and funds were available and that, commencing with the year 1923-24, they would establish the third year in the College of Letters and Science. In December, 1923, the regents agreed to establish the fourth year in the College of Letters and Science commencing in September, 1924, and while degrees of bachelor of education were first granted in June, 1923, and will be granted in June, 1924, to students completing the four-year course in the Teachers' College, the degree of bachelor of arts will be granted in June, 1925, and thereafter to all graduates in the College of Letters and Science. While the institution has been a four-year institution with a degree for some time, a degree will now be granted in another college. With these changes the student body has rapidly increased as noted on the attached table, so that from the enrollment of 1,547 for the first year since the establishment of the Southern Branch, this has grown to 4,723 in five years. The enrollment is divided almost evenly between the College of Letters and Science and the Teachers' College.

The Southern Branch, University of California, occupies about twenty-five acres in the heart of Los Angeles and has thereon thirteen buildings, athletic field, tennis courts, basketball courts, and a swimming pool. The university is in process of acquiring fifteen additional acres and already well over half of this desired territory now stands in the name of the university. The support by the state has increased as follows: For the biennium 1919-21, the Southern Branch received \$377,550.00 as appropriated by the state legislature and \$100,000.00 appropriated from the general funds of the University of California at Berkeley. The legislature appropriated for the biennium, 1921-23 a half million dollars and at the time of the expansion in 1922 allowed the Southern Branch to incur additional expenditures of \$200,000.00, which amount was later appropriated and made retro-active. For the biennium 1923-25, the legislature appropriated \$1,450,000.00. In addition to that the Southern Branch has considerable income so that its budget for the year 1924-25 alone will amount to slightly in excess of \$1,000,000.00.



SOUTHERN BRANCH, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

Girls' Gymnasium

Alpha Iota Chapter House

Library Through the Arches

Campus Scene

Home Economics Building

Entrance to Campus

April 17, 1924

Enrollment of students of Southern Branch, University of California, by years:

Year	Total	Total	Total		
	First Half-year	Second Half-year	Both Half-years		
1919-20	1447	1363	1547		
1920-21	1934	1749	2146	599	38.1
1921-22	2527	2372	2853	707	32.9
1922-23	3257	3100	3856	1003	35.1
1923-24	4044	3811	4723	867	22.4
Average annual increase					32.1

INSTALLATION OF ALPHA IOTA CHAPTER

Installation of Alpha Iota chapter of Gamma Phi Beta at the Southern Branch of the University of California, August 22-23, was a California dream come true in the southland where dreams are realized in a most inspiring manner. As well as marking an achievement and a great beginning for the newest chapter, it afforded an opportunity for representatives from many chapters to unite in renewing the bonds of sisterhood while welcoming a new chapter. Sixteen of the active chapters were represented at the installation banquet.

But to begin at the beginning. Such a completely perfect installation could only be possible, it seems, where the installing officers and installing chapter had the active co-operation of such a large and active alumnae chapter as Los Angeles. The installing officers, Ruth Palmer Shepherd, of Epsilon, and Grace Partridge Underhill, of Eta, president and past president of the Los Angeles alumnae chapter, together with Margaret Deahl, president of Eta, and Dorothy Meyer, president of the installing chapter, Mu, with the other members of Mu, deserve the credit for the installation. Active members of Mu were Kathryn Gross, Virginia Bunnell, Eloise McCleave, Muriel Saxon and Wanda Westerfield. San Francisco Alumnae sent Barbara Bridge.

Pledging was held on Friday afternoon at the home of one of the pledges, Florence Andrews. As one by one the more than fifty candidates made the first pledges to Gamma Phi Beta the light of the candles became brighter and brighter. For one short night the pledge pins were worn. Early Saturday morning all gathered at the chapter house for initiation. With all of the inspiration of a Gamma Phi Beta initiation it carried the added greatness of numbers. Eighty-six sisters joined in the mystic circle.

One hundred members of Gamma Phi Beta were present at the banquet in the evening in the ballroom of the Mary Louise. Pink carnations, ferns and candles in crystal candelabra formed the table decorations. Surprise favors made by the initiates, were brown and mode silk cardcases, with the Greek letters of the sorority on an inner ribbon band which held in place the toast list and menu, printed in the double brown.

"We shall be strong to run the race and climb the upper sky," said the motto on the title page, a thought which was carried out in the toasts, "The Music of the Spheres." In a short introduction in which the idea of dreams come true was emphasized, Ruth Palmer Shepherd introduced the toastmistress, Rutherford D. Holdredge, of Alpha. Grace Adele Barry, Epsilon, "a loved national past president," spoke on our Central Power—the Crescent—Our Ideals, and welcomed the newest planet, Alpha Iota, to the universe of planet chapters around the central power, the crescent, symbol of our ideals. Dorothy Meyer, of Mu, explained the Solar System, the national organization, in which each planet must follow its course, true and unfaltering. Grace Partridge Underhill, one who helped adjust the lens that we might see the new planet, spoke for The Planet—Our Alumnae Chapter, emphasizing true loyalty. Star Dust—Founders' of Alpha Sigma Pi by one of the founders, Dorothy Mosher, was an account of the beginnings of the local order. Pauline Kutzner, representing the new satellite, Alpha Iota, expressed its pleasure in being placed in the solar system of Gamma Phi. Edna Gearheart, Eta, speaking of the comet, Our Brilliant Alumnae, escaped for a moment from the note of seriousness in an entertaining simile of the "alum" and the comet and continued to tell of the undying, intangible influence and inspiration of the Gamma Phi Beta ideal. Informal talks by Margaret Deahl, Barbara Bridge and Helen Hoover, new president of Alpha Iota, preceded the reading of congratulatory telegrams among which even a radiogram from Mars was found. Other high spots at the banquet included the singing of two original songs by initiates and the race around the table of six of the sisters.

Chapter roll call showed the following chapters represented: Alpha, 2; Beta, 1; Gamma, 1; Epsilon, 5; Eta, 9; Theta, 1; Kappa, 1; Lambda, 3; Mu, 10; Omicron, 3; Pi, 3; Sigma, 1; Tau, 1; Phi, 2; Alpha Gamma, 5.

Alpha Iota started social life immediately by entertaining at a delightful informal tea at the chapter house Sunday afternoon in honor of the visiting national representatives, Dorothy Meyer and Margaret Deahl. On September 13, the Los Angeles Alumnae chapter will entertain in honor of Alpha Iota. Then on Monday

evening a model meeting was held at the chapter-house, presided over by Dorothy Meyer. The new chapter has made an auspicious beginning.

BELLE FARMAN,
Pi Chapter, University of Nebraska, '23.

INITIATES

Active

Pauline Kutzner Helen Hoover

Seniors

Helen Catlin Dorothea Cassidy

Juniors

Thelma Gibson Linnea Nelson
Dorothy Hitchcock

Sophomores

Floris Alexander	Hilda Klamroth
Gladys Bruner	Linda Klamroth
Lois Cleland	Peggy Larson
Louise Hallenbeck	Marilyn Manbert
Lillian Jones	Eileen Mead
Marjorie Kelly	Hazel Tilson
Margere Kendall	

Freshmen

Florence Andrews	Elizabeth Richerts
Helen Ericksen	Marian Shaw
Lila Hanson	Katherine Wormell

ALUMNÆ

- Isabel Gay Cryer (Mrs. George E.)—Patroness member.
- Dorothy Moser—Director of kindergarten, Huntington Beach School.
- Helen Scheck—Teacher of art in Garden High School.
- Mildred Andrews—Kindergarten teacher.
- Margaret Aron—Assistant in City Hall of South Pasadena.
- Beatrice Baldridge—Kindergarten teacher.
- Marion Burke—Long Beach, Cal.
- Irene Cannon—San Fernando, Cal.
- Emily Cleland—Teacher in Junior High School.
- Mildred Cleland—Kindergarten teacher.
- Carol Christensen—In First National Bank of Los Angeles.
- Elizabeth Deiss—In First National Bank of Pasadena.

- * Edna Farmer—Teacher at Glendale.
- \ Kathryn Golden—Lives at home.
- \ Marjorie Harricks—Music department of Chino High School.
- \ Vyvian McFarren Huffman—Santa Ana.
- \ Agnes Leonard—Teacher in Los Angeles.
- \ Winona Lawrence—Teacher in Englewood Kindergarten.
- \ Cary Merrill—Home Economics and Art in Beaumont High School.
- \ Lois Richardson—Kindergarten teacher.
- \ Ruth Elizabeth Simmons—Pasadena, Cal.
- \ Eleanor Smith—Lives at home.
- \ Agnes Tupper—Teacher in Glendale School.
- \ Mildred Walsh—Teacher of kindergarten in Huntington Park.
- \ Marion Wiley—University of California, '24. Attended University of California Southern Branch two years.

INSTALLATION BANQUET

Alpha Iota Chapter

*"We shall be strong to run the race
And climb the upper sky."*

Toastmistress

RUTHERFORD D. HOLDREDGE, *Alpha*.

THE MUSIC OF THE SPHERES

Our Central Power—The Crescent—Our Ideals

*"That law preserves the earth and sphere
And guides the planets in their course."*

GRACE ADELE BERRY, *Epsilon*.

THE SOLAR SYSTEM

National Organization

*"Have you not listened while he bound the suns
And planets to their spheres?"*

DOROTHY MEYER, *Mu*.

THE PLANET

Our Alumnæ Chapter

*"Who having more absorbed,—more largely yield
And walk on earth as sun walks with the spheres."*

GRACE PARTRIDGE UNDERHILL, *Eta*.



INSTALLATION BANQUET ALPHA IOTA CHAPTER
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 MARY LOUISE, LOS ANGELES, AUG. 23, 1924.

INSTALLATION BANQUET

STAR DUST

Founders of Alpha Sigma Pi

*"A meeting of gentle lights without a name."*DOROTHY MOSHER, *Alpha Iota*.

THE NEW SATELLITE

Alpha Iota

*"Then felt I like some watcher of the skies
When some new planet swims into his ken."*PAULINE KUTZNER, *Alpha Iota*.

THE COMET

Our Brilliant Alumnae

*"I return to the celestial sphere where everyone goes in his turn."*EDNA GEARHEART, *Eta*.

SORORITY WINS LARGER STATUS

Members of the sorority of the University of California, Southern Branch, are rejoicing to-day in a new name which brings distinction and honor. Yesterday the society known until now as Alpha Sigma Pi became Alpha Iota chapter of Gamma Phi Beta by virtue of being taken into the national sorority. This is the third chapter in California to be so honored.

The Gamma Phi Beta was founded in 1874 at Syracuse, N. Y., and has thirty-two active chapters. The charter was granted at the Golden Jubilee convention this year, when two of the original members were present: Mrs. Frances Haven Moss and Mrs. Helen M. Dodge Ferguson.

In addition to chapters in the United States, there is one in Canada, at Toronto.

Charter members of the chapter here include Mrs. G. E. Cryer, Misses Floris Alexander, Florence Andrews, Gladys Brunner, Dorothea Cassidy, Helen Catlin, Lois Cleland, Helen Erickson, Thelma Gibson, Louise Gibson, Louise Hollenbeck, Helen Hoover, Lillian Jones, Dorothy Hitchcock and Dorothy Bodinus.

—Los Angeles *Times* of August 24.

CAMPUS HONORS OF ALPHA SIGMA PI

1. Floris Sibley Alexander, '26.
 Social Efficiency Club (honorary).
 Member Welfare Board, '23-24.
 Treasurer Panhellenic, '23.
 Member Student Body Constitutional committee, '23.
 Four-year committee, '23.
 Senior sister, '23.
 Women's clothes and conduct committee, '23.

2. Florence Grace Andrews, '27.
Music Club.
3. Dorothy Bodinus, '26.
4. Gladys Bruner, '26.
Women's Athletic Association.
Physical Education Club.
Arema.
Ptah Khepera.
Women's Athletic Association basketball team.
Women's Athletic Association hockey team.
5. Lois M. Cleland, '26.
Delta Tau Mu (professional honorary fraternity).
Kap and Bells (dramatic honorary).
Social Efficiency Club (honorary).
Physical Education Club.
Cast
Lead in Spring Pageant, '24.
Greek Drama, '23.
Kap and Bells play, *Ideal Husband*, '24.
6. Dorothea L. Cassidy, '25.
Secretary Associated Women Students, '22.
Secretary Associated Women Students, Western Conference, '22.
Advisory Board Associated Women Students, '22-23.
Executive Board Associated Women Students, '21-22.
Chairman Women's Club Rooms, '23.
Student Representative Arthur Wesley Dow Association or University of California Southern Branch.
Welfare Board, '24.
Cast of *Loveliness Inexhaustible* (Art department play).
Costume committee Spring Pageant, '23.
Four-year committee, '22.
Panhellenic, '22-24.
Art Club.
President Agathai (honorary society), '24.
Social Efficiency Club (honorary).
President Alpha Sigma Pi Sorority, '22.
President's Cabinet, '24.
7. Helen Catlin, '24.
Cast and solo dancer in both
Loveliness Inexhaustible. } Art department plays.
Beyond the Four Gates }

Costume designing and making for

Pageants '22, '23.

Loves Labors Lost, '22, (at Pasadena Community Theater).

Fine Arts Theater, '24.

Solo dancer Pageants, '22-23.

University Entertainers, '21-22.

Art Club.

Art Editor *Gargoyle*, Los Angeles Junior College, '20.

Member Southern California Art Teachers' Association.

8. Helen Erichsen, '26.

Art Club.

Lead "Pageant of Music," '24.

Writer and director of Art Skit.

9. Louise Gibson, '27.

Secretary Sophomore class, '24-25.

10. Thelma Gibson, '25.

Co-Editor *Southern Campus*, '23. (The annual).

President Y. W. C. A. '22-24.

Second Vice-president Student Body, '23-24.

First Vice-president Student Body, '24-25.

Social Efficiency Club (honorary).

Agathai (honorary).

Welfare Board, '23-24.

Press Club (honorary).

Pi Sigma Alpha (Political Science honorary).

11. Lila Hanson, '27.

Freshman Dramatics Club.

12. Dorothy Hitchcock, '25.

Art Club Y. W. C. A.

Y. W. C. A.

Panhellenic.

From Santa Barbara State Teachers' College

Advisory Board A. W. S., '20-22.

President Elect A. W. S., '23-24.

Vice-president A. W. S., '22-23.

Secretary Student Body, '21.

Vice-president Student Body, '21.

President Student Body, '22.

Social Committee Student Body, '22.

Advisory Board Student Body, '20-23.

Chairman "Big Sisters" committee, '22.

President Art Club, '22.

President Class of '24, '21-22.
Assistant Editor College Annual, '21.
Editor-in-chief College Annual, '22.
Reporter College paper (weekly), '20-21.

13. Louise Hollenback, '26.
Kindergarten Club.
Pageant, '23.
14. Helen Lloyd Hoover, '26.
Panhellenic, '23.
"Aggamemnon," '23.
Confidential secretary in University Extension Division.
15. Lillian Norton Jones, '26.
Sophomore swimming team.
Ptah Khepera.
16. Linda Elfrida Klamroth, '26.
Sophomore swimming team.
Ptah Khepera.
Kindergarten Primary Club.
Women's Rally committee, '23.
Four-year committee, '23.
Lead Pageant, '23.
Y. W. C. A.
President Delta Phi Epsilon (honorary kindergarten sorority), '24.
17. Claire Hildegard Klamroth, '26.
Sophomore swimming team.
Ptah Khepera.
Kindergarten Primary Club.
Women's Rally committee, '23.
A. W. S. Census committee, '23.
Four-year committee, '23.
Lead cast of Pageant, '23.
Y. W. C. A.
Treasurer Delta Phi Epsilon (honorary kindergarten sorority), '24.
18. Pauline Ione Kutzner, '25.
Chairman Women's Berkeley Stadium committee, '21.
Student Affairs committee, '22.
Election committee, '22.
Ptah Khepera.
Commerce Club.

- Y. W. C. A. Meetings committee, '23.
President's Cabinet, '23-24.
Panhellenic.
President Alpha Sigma Pi Sorority, '23-24.
Greek Drama, '24.
Pageant, '22.
Secretary Y. W. C. A. '24-25.
19. Marjorie Sylvia Kelly, '26.
Publicity Committee of "Pageant of Music," '24.
Art Club.
From San Diego State College
Art Editor *Del Sudoes te* (yearbook), '21-22.
Vice-president sophomore class.
Vice-president of Junior College graduating class.
Advisory Board of A. W. S. (house committee).
Stagecraft manager of the Dramatic Society.
Publicity committee of spring play, '22.
J. U. G. Club and Sculpin Rowing Crew.
20. Margaret Kendall, '26.
Art Club.
Cast Sophomore art skit, '23.
Cast Women's High Jink's art skit, '23.
Assistant-manager Student's Handbook, '24.
21. Peggy Larson, '26.
Kindergarten Club.
22. Eileen Patricia Mead, '26.
Publicity Staff, *Cub-Californian*, '23.
Reporting, '23.
Vice-president Alpha Sigma Pi Sorority, '24.
23. Linnea Nelson, '25.
24. Elizabeth Richert, '27.
25. Marion Shaw, '27.
Music Club.
26. Berenice Smith, '27.
Physical Education Club.
27. Hazel Tilson, '26.
Costume Committee Pageant, '23.
Poster publicity.
Miniature stage set to advertise Kap and Bells play.

Chairman publicity committee for Panhellenic tea.
Art Club.
Y. W. C. A.

28. Kathryn Wormell, '27.
Art Club.

29. Marilyn Louise Manbert, '26.
Art Club.

An attempt was made by Alpha chapter to re-establish connections with Beta; but the two chapters were so obviously independent and different that the attempt was abandoned, and since that time the two chapters have led altogether separate existences.

Interest in Gamma Phi Beta

4. Alpha Sigma Pi has been interested in nationals, and has therefore looked over the field and studied the history, ideals, and general character of various national fraternities. Gamma Phi Beta appealed to us in every way, and we felt that we would be very proud to be affiliated with an organization of such a character. Further investigation convinced us even more thoroughly of the worth of such a desire, and so we have taken definite steps to seek possible affiliation with Gamma Phi Beta.

Alumnæ

There are fifty-four alumnæ.

The graduates are:

Degrees: One from University of California, Southern Branch; one from University of California, Berkeley.

Thirty-nine finished the prescribed courses which they were taking.

Seven are continuing their courses at other universities. (This university was a Normal School until 1919, and then a Junior College until 1923.

Fourteen live in the city of Los Angeles, where the college is located.

ALPHA SIGMA PI

Founding

1. Alpha Sigma Pi was founded in 1914 at the University of Redlands. Beta chapter was started October 9, 1919, at the University of California, Southern Branch.

Purpose

2. This fraternity was founded to perpetuate friendship, to uphold the traditions of our university, to take an active part in university activities, and to help those less fortunate than ourselves.

History

3. A group of women attending the University of Redlands in the fall of 1914, desired to perpetuate their friendship by forming a fraternity. Mrs. Duke, wife of the president of the university, was consulted and consented to become the faculty adviser and patroness of the organization, and faculty sanction was obtained. The organization was founded with six charter members: Florence Hinderman, Ruth Ward, Ruth Davis, Ruth Lee, Elsie Elliott and Dorothy Davis. Mrs. Duke continued to serve as patroness until the following October, when other duties forced her to give up her work with the fraternity. She then became an honorary member and Miss Todd, head of the English department, became patroness.

As the motive for forming the organization had been to promote friendship, both within and without the fraternity, the name Alpha Sigma Pi was chosen—"Alpha" standing for Friendship, "Sigma" for Constancy, and "Pi" for Fidelity. It was decided that the pin should be a crescent shape embracing six pearls representing the charter members, and standing for Friendship, Constancy, Fidelity, Honor, Love, and Purity. These six ideals were to be the leading factors in the life of each member.

Dorothy Mosher, a member of the fraternity, was in attendance at the Southern Branch of the University of California in 1919. Upon consent of the mother organization she established a chapter at the Southern Branch of the University of California. The charter was signed October 9, 1919, and the constitution submitted to Mrs. Laughlin, dean of women, of the Southern Branch of the University of California. Mrs. Laughlin sanctioned the forming of the new organization and approved the constitution. Beta chapter of Alpha Sigma Pi was established.

Beta chapter had, in 1922, become a very strong organization, and a leader in activities on the campus. The constitution was revised and enlarged, and the pin materially altered—the "Sigma" being added to the original crescent.

Alpha chapter had in the meantime become inactive (1922), and when she was re-established, 1923, the two chapters no longer had anything in common save the name.

OUR NEW JEWELER

L. G. BALFOUR

AT LAKE PLACID convention, L. G. Balfour was added to our list of jewelers and a few items in regard to his establishment, his work and his policies will be of interest.

The L. G. Balfour Company is located at Attleboro, in the jewelry center of America, for in this part of the country the first jewelry ever produced in the New World was manufactured and at present there are 470 manufacturers of jewelry who employ approximately 40,000 workers. Naturally, highly skilled laborers are always near at hand and raw materials, machinery and finished articles for novelty trade can be secured with no loss of time, all of which means efficiency of manufacture and decrease in cost of fraternity jewelry.

Mr. Balfour operates two factories equipped with the latest machines. He manufactures everything in the fraternity emblem line, procures gold bullion from the United States government, melts and assays it, cuts the dies for the emblems, stamps the design, assembles the parts, enamels, sets jewels, finishes and polishes each emblem without sending any part outside the factory. The department of inspection passes the finished badge only after it is proved to be as nearly perfect in design and manufacture as is possible.

Twice a year the company sends a stone expert to Europe who procures stones in quantities as large as fifty thousand to one hundred thousand dollar lots—which procedure not only lowers the cost of jeweled badges but insures a supply of stones great enough at all times to meet the demand.

There are branch offices at Pittsburgh, Richmond, Indianapolis and San Francisco where large stocks are kept for immediate distribution, so that rapid delivery into any part of the country is always possible. The average time required for shipping orders for fraternity badges is less than four days. The Balfour Company has been adopted as official jeweler by at least ninety per cent of the leading college fraternities. It employs more than two hundred skilled workmen; fifty employed in the office take care of orders, correspondence and mailing; sixteen salesmen are constantly on the road, visiting all chapter-houses in their respective territories four to eight times a year. Absolute satisfaction is guaranteed on every purchase. From September, 1922, to January, 1923, more than a thousand orders were received every day at the factory; the percentage of complaints was one tenth of one per cent of the shipment and not a single instance has been recorded wherein the complaint did not receive adjustment entirely satisfactory to the buyer.

A quotation from the February-March *Sigma Chi Quarterly* is appended:

Honest fraternity badges at honest prices have made the L. G. Balfour Company, of which Lloyd G. Balfour, Indiana '07, is president, the largest emblem manufacturing business in the world.

Although Mr. Balfour wears a Sigma Chi pin over his heart, he is responsible for nine out of every ten badges to be seen on any college campus in America. Either of his two factories at Attleboro, Mass., is at least three times as large as any other factory devoted exclusively to college fraternity jewelry.

Indeed a remarkable accomplishment for a man who defied that age-old superstition about Friday the Thirteenth.

Mr. Balfour, or "Bally," as he is known throughout the entire fraternity world, started the L. G. Balfour Company in a thirty-foot loft on June 13, 1913. While at Indiana University he had seen the great field that existed for school and college insignia, and upon graduation he traveled the East as a salesman for a jewelry house. On a visit to Attleboro, Mass., he was impressed with the field for emblem manufacturing. One big concern was operating there, but it appeared to be slipping rapidly and the end was in sight. Mr. Balfour saw the handwriting on the wall and grasped the opportunity. He sought out some traveling companions and with a total capital of less than \$5,000 he established the factory on the most superstitious day of the year.

For a time it seemed as if "Old Lady Luck" were running true to form. On the day of the opening there was less than \$100 left in the firm's treasury. Three men were employed in the factory, all men of recognized ability in emblem making. Mr. Balfour took the line out, making inexpensive jumps around Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut and later the rest of New England, but things didn't seem so good. It was late September before the first order came in and the profit in that was small. It had been nip and tuck to keep the business alive, but he had the courage and even the realization that the first year's business was a money loser failed to slow him up. In fact he drove harder. Then the worm turned.

During that discouraging year the company improved its line and 1914 found one of the best and most complete exhibits of insignia on the market. With the push of Balfour it could not fail. Orders that came in were filled, shipped out C. O. D., or on a thirty-day basis, and the returns grew. More salesmen, carefully trained and instructed by Mr. Balfour, were put on the road and the greatest sales system of the jewelry world was launched.

Balfour quality and Balfour principles built up a business that doubled each year. The sales for 1923 passed the two million dollar

mark. To-day fifty-three salesmen cover all colleges and preparatory schools in the United States, so great is the demand for Balfour-made goods. Large stocks for immediate distribution are kept at branch offices at Pittsburgh, Richmond, Indianapolis and San Francisco. A Canadian factory is in prospect.

In ten years the floor space of the Balfour plant has grown from thirty square feet to 30,000 square feet. The payroll has increased from \$90 per week to \$10,000 per week. More than 400 skilled workmen are employed as compared with three in 1913.

PANHELLENIC DEPARTMENT

SUMMER CONVENTIONS

ALPHA CHI OMEGA

From the moment when the first Alpha Chi Omega arrived at the Congress Hotel in Chicago, convention began. There were no formal sessions held at that reunion dinner in Chicago or on the special train, but the convention was well opened and well started. By the time the train arrived in Swampscott, Mass., for this seventeenth biennial assemblage, June 23-June 28, the spirit of work and play, of alertness and eagerness, of service and purpose was evident in the faces and bearing of the girls. When the names on the official register were counted, the total was 355 delegates and visitors who had come to share in the upbuilding of fraternity, college and world citizenship.

The "stern and rock-bound coast" of our forefathers with all its traditions and sites for historical pilgrimages by auto and by boat offered many unusual features for the program. Likewise the social traditions of the fraternity were carried out in the convention musicale at which Mrs. Edward MacDowell, Winifred Byrd, Vernice Gay, Josephine Durrell and other talented members of the fraternity played; the usual "stunt" night; the reunion dinner, and lastly the convention banquet, at which time the Hera pin, honor badge, was conferred upon six members whose years of fraternity service entitled them to wear it. A special event of the convention was the installation of Alpha Tau chapter, the Pi Alpha Phi local at the University of New Hampshire.

Convention is a place where if one does not give as well as receive, much of the delight and benefit is lost, and so in order that each might contribute, the sessions were devoted largely to inspirational and practical talks by undergraduate and alumnæ delegates on subjects of fraternity and educational interest. Occasional opportunity was given for open discussion. Few legislative enactments were made. Provision was made for the publication of the alumnæ ritual and for inspection of alumnæ chapters and clubs, in connection with the inspection of active chapters. A handbook for pledges was authorized; more strict terms for pledges were adopted; pre-initiation was prohibited. Appropriations were made for the necessary improvements in the Star Studio at the MacDowell Colony, and the profits from the publication of the daily *Convention Transcript* were given to the Endowment Fund of the Colony—about \$325 being realized. A European Tour for 1925 was approved. Regulations were adopted for the award of the Distinguished Service Medal, first awarded to overseas workers, to be awarded in the future for conspicuous service to the fraternity, for acts of heroism, for outstanding social, educational, economic, or political service, and for achievement of permanent value in the arts, sciences or literature. A committee was appointed to care for the awarding of the fellowship for European study which will be available in 1926.

The exhibit of the national altruistic work, Scholarships for Children, formed a most interesting part of the convention exhibits. Many scholarships were granted during the past year and many more applications came for the privilege of administering one or more scholarships. Through these scholarships we help the boys and girls in high school who have been handicapped early in life and often make reality of their dreams for an education. Approval was given for the awarding of five new scholarships during the coming year.

As convention closed and the circles of enthusiasm and inspiration began to spread and widen, it seemed that the week had unfolded many new joys and possibilities for fraternity women as well as reviewing and adding to the canons for good scholarship, fine standards of association, worth-while student life, and capable service. The words of the closing of the Panhellenic Creed were in our minds—"To us fraternity life is not the enjoyment of special privileges but an opportunity to prepare for wide and wise human service."

BEATRICE HERRON BROWN,
President.

ALPHA PHI

Alpha Phi, convening at Glacier Park, June 22-28, scheduled a beef-steak fry, a stunt night, a program of model ceremonials and a banquet. Outstanding business included the adopting of a life-subscription plan for the *Alpha Phi Quarterly* and the granting of a charter to a local at the Southern Branch of the University of California. The general board will remain in Chicago until 1928, and the 1926 convention will be in Boston.

CHI OMEGA

Chi Omega held its convention at Greenbrier Hotel, White Sulphur Springs, June 21-27, with an address upon intelligence by Dean Brimhall of the Psychological Corporation of New York, and another upon personnel by Miss Elizabeth Dyer, Director of the School of Applied Arts at the University of Cincinnati, while Dean Heppner spoke on the qualifications necessary for a dean of women, and Miss Rosamond Cooke, a member of the faculty of Iowa State College, outlined the business side of the profession of home economics. The social side included stunts, a Greek play and a model initiation.

DELTA GAMMA

The 1924 convention of Delta Gamma had the added interest of being the formal celebration of the fiftieth anniversary.

Delta Gamma was founded in Mississippi in 1874. One of her founders was present at this convention and added much interest and pleasure to the occasion. Mrs. Eva Webb Dodd, the one present, has favored us with her presence for a number of conventions so that a great many Delta Gammas of the present generation have come to know her and respect and love her very much. Greetings and good wishes in the form of a letter came from Mrs. Leonard, the other living founder.

This special occasion brought many alumnæ and charter members of many chapters. There were a number of past national officers present.

Under the chairmanship of Mrs. Jessie Roberson Kingery and her state chairmen, the \$50,000 Scholarship Fund was not only raised, but was almost \$8,000 over the amount. All of this has been collected and the interest is available for use this fall, since most of the subscriptions were turned in months in advance. This was the form of celebration Delta Gamma chose in honor of her fifty years of existence.

From this surplus \$1,000 will be given to the Delta Gamma Home for Children in Belgium. Three \$500 scholarship gifts are to be made, one in memory of Anna Boyd Ellington, the other two in honor of our two living founders. The balance of the amount is to be called an emergency fund and from this fund any Delta Gamma in need of special assistance may claim help.

The ingenuity of the entertaining chapters—four in number—provided very clever entertainment: a musical comedy, words and music written by one chapter, for one evening; a pageant, representative of Delta Gamma's history, for another evening; a model initiation, a third evening; an informal dance, another; the last night, a banquet, with a birthday cake holding fifty candles.

So much for the pleasure of convention. The National Council met for business three days in advance. The Province Secretaries had a two-day session in advance. A more definite policy on expansion, also more definite scholarship standards, as well as a better health program and finer ideas on ethical conduct were presented and accepted. We feel we are in a position to develop more uniform chapter housing and insist on the very best chaperonage.

The principal of our Birthday Fund will be loaned to improve and assist chapters who need assistance in financing chapter-houses and in this way will be serving a double purpose.

When the interest on this fund is not all called for by Delta Gamma members, it is available on the same terms to other girls needing help to finish college.

Colorado—and Estes Park in particular—the generous hospitality of the western chapters, made this a splendid convention.

Delta Gamma rejoices with Gamma Phi Beta in her splendid achievement toward her own Scholarship Fund.

NANCY B. WOOLLETT,
National President of Delta Gamma.

KAPPA ALPHA THETA

Kappa Alpha Theta held its twenty-fifth biannual convention at West Baden, Ind., June 27-July 1, and called it Homecoming. One of the founders, Betty Locke Hamilton, was present, and the convention paper, *Kappa Alpha Theta Daily Kite*, summarizes events in an interesting fashion. There was a chapter exhibit, a Scholarship Fund exhibit, a stunt night, a fancy dress ball and a song contest. It was decreed that a convention delegate who failed to return to her chapter must return to the national fraternity the amount of her expense allowance, such return funds to be used in bringing to the unfortunate chapter people who can report to them convention business and spirit. The *Kite* records the following paragraph:

"Dean Agnes Wells, a member of Gamma Phi Beta Fraternity, gave a charming welcome to Indiana."

KAPPA KAPPA GAMMA

The Kappas would urge all their Panhellenic sisters to have a convention at Bigwin Inn, Lake of Bays, Ontario, Canada. It is a wonderful place for both work and play. The climate is ideal—the peppy kind that makes one active mentally and physically; the hotel accommodations are splendid. There is a fine golf course, excellent tennis courts, a good swimming beach, all kinds of boating and the island itself is beautiful. All this sounds like "advance press agent stuff," but we did love every minute we were there and would like others to enjoy it too.

We feel that several forward steps were taken at this convention. A new officer was added to the National Council whose title is Director of Provinces and whose special task is to tie up the work of the province officers and do most of the chapter visiting and inspecting of petitioning

locals. The initiation fee was made uniform for all chapters and is payable to the National Fraternity and covers among other things a life subscription to *The Key*. The badge was standardized, so that after 1925, Kappa keys will be one of two types—a plain slender model or one with fifteen crown set pearls. This action was taken in the interest of good taste and economy as well as unity. The expenses of college girls are growing heavier every year and we want to help minimize fraternity taxes as much as possible. A new finance system was adopted which we hope will make for better financial conditions in all chapters. Uniform budgeting, bookkeeping and auditing will be put into working order this year. The chapters at the Universities of Idaho, Colorado, Oklahoma and DePauw reported chapter-houses just completed and the chapters at the University of Indiana and Iowa University have broken ground this summer. The national fraternity, through its Endowment Fund which was greatly increased at this convention, is now able to lend some financial assistance to chapters that are ready to build. The attitude of the chapters toward extension seemed much more broad-minded at this convention than at any time for years. An Extension Committee was appointed which will make a thorough investigation of new fields before our next meeting. Our Constitution and Standing Rules were completely revised during this administration under the direction of Mrs. Anderson, who worked for years with Dr. Robert of *Robert's Rules of Order* fame, and were accepted at this convention.

But it wasn't "all work and no play." An historical pageant was the outstanding social event of the week. The Indiana chapters gave a skit of the founding of the fraternity followed by a pageant with a member of each chapter dressed in a costume of the period in which her chapter was founded who recited a verse suiting the occasion. The blue and blue masquerade ball was a tax on ingenuity but was a huge success. The costumes were made after arrival at Bigwin of two rolls of crêpe paper. You can't imagine how clever and attractive the results were. One night was devoted to a Kappa sing and another evening was given over to the usual "Stunt Night." We held a model initiation service which is always helpful and instructive and on Sunday the usual Memorial Service took place. Our week of good times together ended with the Poudré Banquet.

We sound as if we liked this convention, don't we? Well, we did—every minute of it—so much so that about a hundred girls stayed on for a three-day houseparty at which we did nothing but play, indoors and outdoors, on and in the water, and on the land, and we hated to leave Bigwin and our Canadian sisters who had proved such delightful hostesses. We trust that the inspiration gained at the convention will make all Kappas better college and Panhellenic women.

ESTELLE KYLE KEMP,
N. P. C. Delegate.

SIGMA KAPPA

Sigma Kappa Sorority held its Golden Jubilee convention, July 1-5, 1924, at Waterville, Me., where the organization was founded at Colby College in 1874. Alpha chapter was the appropriate and very cordial hostess for this Homecoming of almost six hundred Sigmas. Mrs. Grace Wells Thompson, from the alumnæ, and Miss Marion Brown, from the active chapter, were most efficient joint chairmen of convention. The welcome extended by the Waterville Sigmas was greatly enhanced by the extreme cordiality of the Commercial and Rotary Clubs and, indeed, by the entire city itself. The keys of the town were surely given and all doors flung wide open. Indeed, the entire state of Maine proved itself a delightful hostess altogether.

Our convention with Alpha chapter will ever be a vital and joyous experience.

Of the five women who founded Sigma Kappa four are still living. It was the rare privilege of this convention to have the inspiration of the presence of those four women who had not been together—the four of them—for forty-seven years; but the youthful eagerness and enthusiasm of their college days still dominates them—they are excellent examples of being seventy years *young*. It was a joy and a privilege to meet Mrs. L. D. Carver, Boston, Mass.; Miss Louise Helen Coburn, Skowhegan, Me.; Mrs. G. W. Hall, Washington, D. C., and Mrs. Ida M. Pierce, Lawrence, Kan.

The five founders of the sorority have the distinction of having been the first five women students of Colby College in those days when co-education was on trial. Their accounts of those early and trying times were fascinatingly interesting. That they weathered the storms and Colby became co-educational is living evidence to their devout earnestness and ability. Mrs. Carver, who was for two years the only woman student of the college and who was the first woman to be graduated from the college, was awarded the Phi Beta Kappa key. Miss Coburn later won the same academic honor and has since become the first and so far the only woman trustee of Colby College. The institution has conferred on both of these women the degree of Litt.D.

With these antecedents Mrs. Carver seems especially well fitted for the task she chose: namely, the writing of an Historical Pageant which was enacted on the Colby campus at the Panhellenic session of the convention. The pageant portrayed the history, growth and development of the sorority during the half century since its founding. The work was one of literary and artistic merit; rich in original poetry and song; beautiful with color, music, and dancing; full of deep significance to Sigmas and of interest to all who witnessed its dramatization. One hundred fifty characters—Sigmas with a few of Sigma's children—took part in the performance which was viewed by twenty-five hundred people; members of the sorority, their friends of other sororities and fraternities and non-Greeks as well as townspeople.

The founders were, of course, at all times the center of attention, interest and devotion but one afternoon was set aside and designated as Founders' Session. At this time the four of them presided, recalling the past, talking intimately to their posterity of the realization of their dreams and their hopes for the future. The session closed with a pilgrimage to the grave of Miss Elizabeth Gorham Hoag, the fifth founder, who died while still in college, and to whom the sorority has always seemed a living memorial. A brief memorial service was held and flowers were placed upon the grave by the founders, officers and representatives from each of the sorority's districts.

There were four of the several mother and daughter Sigmas present at convention; Mrs. L. D. Carver and her daughter, Mrs. R. D. Emerson; Mrs. George Otis Smith and Helen Smith; Mrs. Mark Hersey and Alice Hersey; Mrs. A. T. Belknap and Elizabeth Belknap.

Coincident with her fiftieth anniversary Sigma Kappa published a history of the sorority. This volume, which contains some four hundred pages, was compiled and edited by the Grand Historian, Miss Emma E. Kinne, who holds the position of assistant librarian at the University of Pittsburgh. Copies of the history especially bound in limp maroon leather and embossed in gold were presented to the founders to whom the book was dedicated.

Following convention two hundred fifty Sigmas enjoyed a week's house-party at Southwest Harbor, Mt. Desert Island, a beautiful spot where it

was easy to be lazy and have only the spirit of play which was welcome after the strenuous days of convention.

Convention being in relatively close proximity to the national philanthropic work of the sorority made possible another unusual experience. Miss King, the educational worker supported by the sorority for the Maine Sea Coast Mission, came in person and reported her splendid work among the peoples of the islands. At the close of the houseparty the officers of the sorority took a several days' cruise among the islands off the coast of Maine. The trip was made in the little mission boat, the *Sunbeam*, which was in charge of the Rev. C. W. Turner, president of the Maine Sea Coast Missionary Society. This cruise more thoroughly acquainted the representatives of the sorority with the conditions, progress and needs of the work. The isolation and inaccessibility of the people largely accounts for their great educational, social and spiritual lack. Their eagerness and receptive ability make it highly desirable to increase the scope of the work.

A very happy experience for many Sigmas was the special train from Chicago to Waterville. Stops were made at Niagara, Toronto, and Montreal, and a jolly time was enjoyed all along the way.

Convention Action Taken

1. The scope of the present endowment fund which was established several years ago for limited purposes was enlarged so as to create a general endowment fund.

2. An executive office with a paid officer was established. For the present the office is to be located in Boston, Mass., under the management of Miss Hattie M. Baker, who has for the past eleven years been business manager of the Sigma Kappa *Triangle*. She will continue in this same capacity but will also have supervision of various other sorority business.

3. The installment plan of becoming a life subscriber to the sorority magazine is to be superseded by the plan of total payment of the life subscription at the time of initiation.

4. A system of levying dues on all alumnæ was inaugurated.

5. The national philanthropic work of the sorority which is the educational work among the islands of the Maine Sea Coast Mission, was enlarged by increasing the appropriations for same. In addition to entirely supporting Miss King as a home economics teacher and missionary, the sorority is to contribute to the maintenance of a second worker, Mrs. Daley, to assist Miss King.

6. The term of the examination committee, which has charge of the sorority examination given each year to each active chapter, was lengthened from one to four years.

LORAH MONROE.



EDITORIALS

*Swift-winged, in truth, is Time—
For fifty years is but a day,
A pause along the shining way
That marks her flight sublime.*

Anticipation has merged into realization—and convention is over. Truly a golden anniversary in every way; golden in its friendship; golden in its achievement; golden in its memories. Never again for Gamma Phi Beta can there be a similar gathering, for a fiftieth birthday comes but once in a lifetime, and ours has been rich in tradition, in atmosphere and in significance, marked by the presence of the founders, haloed by the beauty of the past, enriched by the progress of the present, glorified by the promise of the future.

As the most gorgeous sunset is followed by the paler glow and softer coloring of its afterglow, so the glory and inspiration of our golden anniversary merges into the quiet radiance, the tender retrospection of Memory. And Memory is the most beautiful figure in all of Life's pageantry.

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*Lake Placid, crowned with radiant glory.
Queen of all our song and story.*

A perfect jewel requires a perfect setting, and our birthday celebration would have been dimmed in luster without a fitting background. We have only to remember the whisper of the pines, the velvety softness of a star-studded sky, the radiance of the moon, the ripple of the water, the twilight chimes of "Gamma Phis Forever," to realize the beauty of convention's chosen spot. As a complement to the witchery of Lake Placid was the courtesy of Lake Placid Club—a courtesy so charming and so gracious that not only was each Gamma Phi loath to leave but correspondingly eager to return. Lake Como and Lake Luzerne have had their praises

sung in lyric measures, but it should be the privilege of some Gamma Phi to express—adequately, if possible—the distinct enchantment of Lake Placid.

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*Dea tu sororitatis,
Semper regna pectore.*

An individual distinction and a traditionary charm belong to Alpha chapter. This distinction may have been heralded through sorority pages; this charm may have been reported from chapter to chapter; but, in June of 1924, each group of Gamma Phi Beta came into closest association with the mother chapter and learned for itself what columns of statistics could never give. Alpha's responsibility is great; her influence is wide-spread; her followers are many; and it is Gamma Phi Beta's pride that the qualities of her leader are those to be emulated. The celebration of the fiftieth birthday would have lost its significance with any other hostess, and, although convention has taken its place in the procession of the past, each delegate will carry to her chapter the inspiration of the personal friendship and the personal touch. The presence of the founders glorified the occasion; the charm of the older women was a constant delight; the friendly companionship of the college girls meant much to all of us; the hospitable atmosphere of the chapter-house had its own message.

To Alpha and to Syracuse, Gamma Phi Beta owes much.

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*First, we four alone,
And then those chosen ones whom we may know
Are with us in ambition, aims, ideals.*

Our founders! By their presence they made convention a perfect whole; by their comradeship they brought the traditionary past to the eager present; by their words, their example, they gave the vision of splendid womanhood. Henceforth, Gamma Phi Beta will mean more to its followers than ever before; traditions will be dearer, friendships will be closer and ideals will be loftier.

Nor was the circle incomplete. For we know that in the happiness of the gathering, Eunice Adeline Curtis and Mary Bingham Willoughby were with us in spirit, in love and in understanding.

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*For at the rainbow's end—so we are told—
There lies the wished-for, searched-for pot of gold.*

Dreams come true; determination brings results; hopes become realities, and those who have longed and labored for the Endow-

ment Fund, have seen their efforts crowned with success. The loyalty of the past combined with the enthusiasm of the present has made possible the glory of the future. Surely it has been worth the struggle, and to Blanche Shove Palmer—the one who first had the vision of the Endowment Fund, who never lost faith in the undertaking—has come the happiness of the victory.

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*"Our captain is true and steady,
Her bearings are ever right."*

Grace Howard Smith, our new president, brings to her office an efficiency and an enthusiasm that will mean much to the organization. Of Alpha chapter, closely associated with Baltimore and Boston Alumnæ, she has always kept in touch with Gamma Phi affairs, and has always brought to Gamma Phi problems a keenness of vision and an understanding of conditions that will be of great value in council affairs. Added to these outstanding qualities, she possesses an appreciation of college girls that promises a charming camaraderie.

Gamma Phi Beta has meant much to the retiring president; it has brought enduring friendships and happy associations, and could she bestow one gift upon her successor she would choose as that gift—*loyalty*. Loyalty from those whose policies she will direct; loyalty from all those who wear the crescent; loyalty from those who are associated with her in official duties.

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*"In the rosy month of June,"
Said the little Crescent Moon,
"The night time I'm supposed to be adorning.
But for dear old Gamma Phi,
I've turned everything awry,
And now I am appearing in the morning."*

How many investigated the little room back of the desk in Lakesyd? Those who were admitted to the hiding place of the *Crescent Moon* found a delightful confusion; a table of papers, a bristling array of pencils, an important looking typewriter—and a most charming editorial staff! The convention paper was a trusty chronicler of convention news, eagerly sought on the way to breakfast, feverishly perused before business session, carefully cherished for the days to come! The editor, the assistant editor, and the efficient staff deserve all the hearty praise and sincere approval that has

come their way, for without the beams of the *Crescent Moon*, the fiftieth anniversary would have been less golden.

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*"Forty-nine candles are burning high
For my fifty years," said Gamma Phi.
"I'll add another to make it right."
Lo! There gleamed the fiftieth light.
And then—"for the year that has just begun."
Shone another candle—Fifty-one!*

Doesn't it seem strange—and a bit uncanny—and isn't it decidedly inspiring to realize that Gamma Phi Beta's fiftieth charter was granted during the celebration of her fiftieth birthday? Thirty college chapters—nineteen alumnæ chapters—and then—in 1924 the fiftieth charter to the Vanderbilt group. Truly the brave little petitioner had many experiences crowded into her short stay at Lake Placid. First, the overwhelming joy of the granted charter; then the thrill of the banquet, followed by the whispered command to appear at midnight for initiation. Those who witnessed Upsilon's service in the exquisite little chapel will never forget the solemnity and the impressiveness of the ceremony, and when Helen Dodge Ferguson gave her pin—the first pin in Gamma Phi Beta—to the beatific neophyte the perfect climax was reached.

Nor was Gamma Phi Beta satisfied with the fifty candles on her birthday cake. She must have "one to grow on." So she lighted her fifty-first candle for the girls in Los Angeles; and now, to Alpha Theta and Alpha Iota, come the glory of a convention welcome and the inspiration of a fiftieth-anniversary entrance into the organization.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADDRESSES

If there is any mistake in a chapter representation in the lists of associate editors and corresponding secretaries or in the directory of chapter meetings, please inform the editor *immediately*. There has been great difficulty in obtaining correct names and addresses from chapters, and a few have been so delinquent that repeated inquiries have been ignored. Give this your attention.

PAGEANT

Any chapter desiring a copy of the pageant may obtain it upon request from Juanita Dunlop, 1228 Gaylord St., Denver, Colo.

CONVENTION SOUVENIRS

Several of the beautiful little writing cases, given by Alpha as convention souvenirs, have not been used and are offered for sale at four dollars apiece. Orders may be sent to Gladys Timmerman, College of Medicine, Syracuse, N. Y.

EUROPEAN TOUR

Mrs. Ida Staehle, house mother for Omicron chapter and a member of Gamma Phi Beta, is planning a European trip for next summer,—a “Gamma Phi party” with co-operation of all chapters, allowing each one of them at least twenty-five dollars for every member added to the party.

Mrs. Staehle is most splendidly equipped for the position of guide as she has spent much time in the various countries of Europe, speaks four languages fluently and, through previous tours, has gained much valuable experience. She leaves the business management to an able conductor and devotes her own time to the general welfare of her party. The party may be arranged according to the wish of the members, but Mrs. Staehle suggests New York as the starting point with Italy the first objective, working north, and finishing with the British Isles.

Mrs. Staehle may be addressed at the Omicron chapter-house, 1110 N. Nevada St., Champaign, Ill.

CHANGE IN TIME OF PUBLICATION

Henceforth, the magazine will be published in such a way as to enable each college girl to receive the last number of the year before she leaves for home. This, we trust, will eliminate the “lost, strayed or stolen” CRESCENTS of the summer months. The chapters will be informed of any change.

HISTORY AND SONGBOOK

Histories and songbooks will be purchased, hereafter, through the secretary, Mary T. McCurley.

NEW OFFICERS

The new officers entered upon their duties on September 1, and henceforth, all business matters will be referred to them.

ALPHA THETA

Alpha Theta will be installed during September.

DEPARTMENT OF GRAND COUNCIL

President's Greetings

ONE of the greatest privileges that comes to an officer of Gamma Phi is that of feeling herself a member of each chapter. I feel, therefore, that I can logically welcome each active group back to college this fall and greet each alumnae chapter as it gathers for its opening meeting of the year.

The responsibility you have given me has made me think over the past, the present and the future of our sorority with great seriousness. We will reach our fiftieth anniversary in November, and this is, therefore, a particularly fitting time to re-examine our aims and re-avow our ideals.

Gamma Phi Beta has passed its novitiate. With its thousands of educated and influential women members it must, of necessity, bear a continually increasing responsibility, not only in the colleges where we have active chapters, but also in those communities where our older members live.

The convention at Lake Placid emphasized three, what might be called internal, goals for which we should strive:

Better scholarship;

A finer national spirit;

The completion of the first goal of our Endowment Fund.

Better scholarship should come not alone because parents and colleges demand it and general approbation follows it, but primarily for its own value. Intelligent understanding and wise initiative and leadership were never as necessary to the world as they are now, and woman has never had such opportunities to supply them. Sound scholarship, which implies keen interest, logical thinking and clear expression, rather than only the accumulating of facts, is the foundation of all preparation for service. Let us be ambitious for the best it can give us.

Little by little the world is growing away from sectional prejudice, envy and selfishness. A sisterhood such as ours should be almost free from this taint. The motto of Dumas' Musketeers, "One for all, and all for one," should be ours, and every member should judge sorority matters and conduct herself in regard to the sorority, with no criterion of her own or her chapter's advantage, but only of what is best for us all.

In starting the Endowment Fund Gamma Phi Beta has undertaken a fine piece of constructive work. Year by year the good such an endowment can do will grow until it increases beyond our present

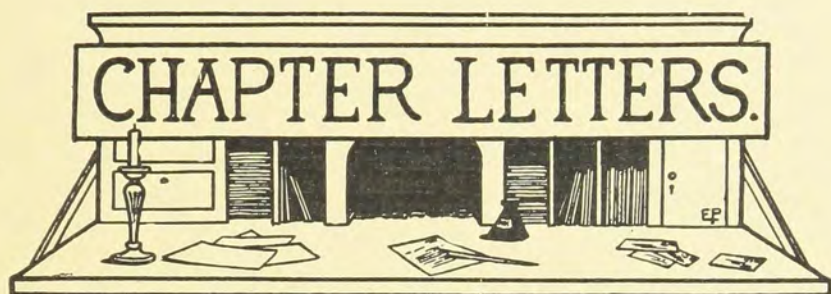
imaginings. Its value justifies the sacrifices we shall find necessary and, I believe, will make those sacrifices a pleasure.

But even if Gamma Phi Beta is successful in her internal aims, I shall feel that she has failed unless one other thing comes to her.

As I have already said, the world needs the inspiration and leadership of intelligent women of high ideals. Gamma Phi Beta was inspired by and founded with such ideals. She can not, in justice to herself, be satisfied to be only a successful association of congenial college women. Rather she must so keep her ideals fresh, so inspire each new member, and so keep the fire alight in all her daughters, that she shall increasingly influence for the better all who come in contact with her.

Let us, therefore, stand always for the best in national and community life, be ready to meet our group as well as our individual problems, and year by year send on a larger and larger band of fine women devoted to their organization and to its ideals or service.

GRACE HOWARD SMITH.



Send All Chapter Letters and Personals to the Editor by October 20

Delinquent College Chapters

Epsilon—Helen Sisson.

Mu—Margaret Lee.

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Rho—Hope Heffner.

ALPHA—SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

Junior Medal—Sophomore Athletic Cup—Basketball Cup

Will there ever again be a time when Alpha girls will be as busy as they were last spring? And they were corking about it too! Between splashes of blue paint and parties and plans, they all found time to bring new honors to Gamma Phi.

Wasn't there once a frog who burst from pride? Well, anyway, we nearly met that fate on Women's Day. We felt mighty good when we entered the gymnasium to view five of our sisters perform in the leading rôles of *Robinhood*: Marion Lovett as "Maid Marion," Harriet Bissell, "King Richard"; Peg Goreth, "Friar Tuck"; Rosamond Tucker, "Queen Elinor"; Elizabeth Marot, "Queen of the Fairies"; but when after the pageant, our own Jerry Goreth received the junior medal, the very highest honor that can be given, based on popularity, scholarship and activities—why—well, we all knew she was the only one to get it. Then, before we had recovered from that, Elita Hyde was presented with the sophomore athletic cup. A few of us cried a little bit—we were so thrilled. Just think! Two Gamma Phis carrying away the two honors of the year! I don't believe it has happened to any other sorority before. We heard several whispers, "What luck!" from some sorority campus friends, but we just smiled serenely since we knew it had to be, because they deserved it.

The W. A. A. banquet was laughingly called by many the Gamma Phi Dinner. You see more than half the members on the board including the president, secretary, treasurer and faculty adviser wear a *crescent*. We also received the interfraternity basketball cup for the fourth consecutive year. The interclass cup came to our mantle as Mickey Mackensie was captain of the winning senior team. Since the banquet our beautiful new chime clock, given the chapter by the seniors, has almost been eclipsed by shiny new cups.

And please right here may I say just a tiny bit about our seniors? I think they realize how much we appreciate them, but we wish all of you to know how wonderful they are. From her entrance into college, each one has been outstanding in college activities and sorority affairs. They have filled the highest honors and offices in all branches of activities. We all feel that the class of 1924 is the most valuable and lovable ever graduated and we are trying to follow in their footsteps.

Do all the most attractive and seemingly worthwhile girls in the world attend spring rushing parties? It seemed so at ours, but in spite of the confusion of so many beauties, the garden party was a success and we're hoping they retain memories of *our* girls until fall.

Then came convention work in earnest! Everyone is weary of hearing about the difficulties of rejuvenating wicker furniture! The work part of those wonderful four days has completely faded and there is only the memory of the joy of meeting and knowing sisters in Gamma Phi Beta. I wish all might have been the entertaining chapter because I think the most joy came to us. Every Alpha girl loved every girl whether from Kappa or Alpha Eta and we're starting out this fall with our eyes on "strong national" rather than "strong local group."

And now our heads must come out of convention clouds and attend to those absolutely essential, earthy rushing days.

ALLADA FEENEY.

BETA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Roses and Commencement

Spring in Ann Arbor—apple blossoms and spring hats; tulips and examinations; lilacs and serenades; roses and commencement!

Easter vacation spelled hurry and flurry for Beta girls, but they were not too busy packing and buying round-trip tickets to enjoy the delightful association with Beta alumnae at the biannual reunion, April 5.

With Easter over, time ran a Marathon, indeed, (especially for the new officers, with Cornelia Shepard assuming the dignified robe of Madam President) and in a twinkling there was "Swing Out," with twelve Gamma Phi seniors resplendent in caps and gowns. Then came Lantern Night—informal exodus of seniors into the ranks of alumnae—with its impressive ceremony and charming pageant in the glow of an Ann Arbor sunset, followed by the mothers' house-party, the long-anticipated breakfast-dance, the senior dinner, and finally the commencement festivities. Verily, spring at Michigan is a busy as well as a romantic time, marred only by the lurking presence of that fiendish ghoul, "Examinations," and by the ever-depressing last goodbyes.

But this time it was less doleful, for was there not a delicious thrill in the words, "Well, I'll see you at convention!"

BETTY POWELL.

GAMMA—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

"In The Spring"

When the October *Crescent* appears, we shall have heard, in a measure, what the light of the *Crescent Moon*, shining on Gamma Phi delegates to the fiftieth anniversary convention, revealed; as we write, however, we can only chronicle the history of those few busy weeks before the close of college in June.

"In the spring, a young man's fancy" has but one direction in which to turn; on that authorities and novel writers are in accord; but a young

girl, if she be a Gamma Phi at Wisconsin, has far more than one demand upon her attention in this, or, in fact, in any other season of the year.

The first event on the calendar this spring was initiation, which took place on March 16, when Elizabeth Adams, Marjorie Biggar, Elizabeth Browning, Helen Davis, Sally Fletcher, Ruth McDonough and Blythe White exchanged their pledge pins for honest-and-truly Gamma Phi badges. At this initiation, Gamma affiliated three girls who have come to us from other chapters: Margaret Campbell from Epsilon, Harriet Borman from Kappa, and Minnie Brewer from Upsilon.

Next, spring formal; the time—May 2; the place—the chapter-house; the girls those of the active chapter, and several alumnae who came back for the festivities; remarks—spring flowers and spring gowns transformed the house into a worthy setting for a “spring formal.”

The house has seldom, if ever, been more attractive than on Sunday, May 11, when Gamma Phi was at home to members of the faculty. Spring flowers, candle light and soft music of violin and piano should always be used in lieu of making any event compulsory.

At the horse show, on May 24, Gamma Phi was represented in the inter-sorority riding contest by Mary Pidcoe, and in style show, corollary to the horse show, by Marjorie Biggar and Maxine Walker, who were among twenty girls chosen as the most beautiful of the girls prominent in campus activities.

In the Venetian Night parade of floats on Lake Mendota, Gamma Phi enrolled “an old fashioned garden,” with stone walls, lilacs, hoop skirts, tea cups, ’n’ everything.

The last social event of the year was alumnae banquet, which was held Friday, June 20 at the chapter-house, and at which about seventy-five active members and alumnae were in attendance.

After banquet, we followed many divergent paths. Elizabeth Adams, Mary Burchard, Sally Fletcher and Maxine Walker went to convention at Lake Placid; Catherine Cairns, Margaret Daly and Ruth Jacobs sailed for a summer’s tour of England and the continent; quite a few of the girls stayed in Madison for the summer session—but before we left, of each and all Mary Pidcoe asked plans, during the summer, for the Christmas bazaar where the sale of lingerie, linens and laces is to help materialize Gamma’s dream for a new house.

So, you see, in the spring a young girl’s fancy is very busy with French lessons, spring formals and plans for the coming Christmas season!

ELIZABETH BROWNING.

PERSONALS

Mary Burchard, Gamma’s official delegate to convention, has been elected to Phi Kappa Phi and to Phi Beta Kappa.

Helen Davis, ’27, is spending the winter at the University of Geneva in Switzerland.

ENGAGEMENTS

Harriet Borman, to Edwin Russell Gilson, Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

Esther Gray, to John Schreiner, Beta Theta Pi.

Grace Maxcey, to Theodore Montague.

MARRIAGES

On June 7 in Chicago, Ruth Parkhill, ’23, to Mr. Lyman Daniels Warren, Sigma Phi. At home, 518 Edgewood Road, Lake Forest, Ill.

On June 14 in Devils Lake, N. D., Evangeline Maher, '19, to James Stuart Robertson. At home, 3318 Sheridan Road, Chicago.

On June 10, in Detroit, Eleanor Pratt Bright (daughter of Mary Pratt Bright, Gamma, '96) to Alan Porter Jones. At home, Fort Atkinson, Wis.

On September 6 at La Crosse, Wis., Helen Cole, '12, to Mr. Bayard Freeman Taber.

On July 9 at Newton Centre, Mass., Grace Brewster Raymond, '21, to Lyndon Newitt Oak. At home, 1648 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, Mass.

On August 21, at Madison, Wis., Helen McCarthy, '21, to Mr. Adolph V. Teckemeyer. At home, 133 E. Gorham St., Madison, Wis.

On July 12 at Joliet, Ill., Leone Pauline Bryant, '27, to Mr. Albert Mark Ohlhaver.

DEATHS

Many Gamma Phis all over the country, sympathize with Mary Clark Brittingham of Gamma, in the loss of her husband, Thomas E. Brittingham on May 2. Mr. Brittingham was one of Wisconsin's foremost citizens, an outstanding man in every way and a well known philanthropist. His wife has always been of our most loyal and devoted members; her interest in Gamma chapter has meant much to the members and the Brittingham home has always been open to Gamma Phis.

From the *Wisconsin State Journal* of May 3, 1924:

Thomas Evans Brittingham, 64, public benefactor and philanthropist and senior member of the Brittingham and Hixon Lumber Company, died Friday aboard ship while on his way home with his wife from South America whither they had gone two months ago on a pleasure trip. No details accompanied the message which was received today by Mrs. Bryan Reid, a daughter, at Riverside, Ill.

Thomas E. Brittingham, Jr., and wife, left Madison Friday for Riverside to be guests over Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Reid. Dr. Harold Brittingham, Cleveland, Ohio, another son, T. E. Brittingham, Jr., and Mrs. Reid have gone to New York to meet Mrs. Brittingham, who will reach that city with the remains Monday. Mr. Reid will come to Madison Monday to make arrangements for the funeral.

Besides being a benefactor and philanthropist, Mr. Brittingham also held a number of honor positions. He first engaged in the lumber business on a small scale at McFarland in 1885. That he was successful is shown by the fact that his company owns a chain of lumber yards throughout the state.

Mr. Brittingham was chairman of the Forest Hill Cemetery Commission 1907-10, chairman of the Board of Visitors of the University of Wisconsin, 1907-09, an honorary member of the Alumni Association of the University of Wisconsin, a former curator of the Wisconsin State Historical society, chairman of the State Park Board, 1907-13, and resident member of the University Board of Regents and chairman of the Executive Committee, 1910-12.

LEAVES THREE CHILDREN

Mr. and Mrs. Brittingham left Madison before Christmas to visit with their daughter at Riverside where they held a family reunion Christmas Day. They visited various parts of South America and sailed from Mollendo, Chili, on the *Santa Luise* for New York. Besides the widow, two sons and one daughter, Mr. Brittingham leaves four grandchildren.

For many years the Brittingham home was at the foot of North Henry Street but for a number of years their residence has been at their beautiful country place, Dunmoven, Old Sauk Road.

Mr. Brittingham was born at Hannibal, Mo., May 18, 1860. He was the son of Dr. Irvin Baird Brittingham and Mary J. League Brittingham.

He received his education in private school and at Hannibal College, now out of existence. In 1880 Mr. Brittingham moved to Clear Lake Gulch, Colo., and afterward to Lake County, Cal., in both of which states he followed the mercantile business. He came to Wisconsin in 1885 and had ever since been engaged in the lumber business. While at Waterloo, he met Miss Mary Lucy Clark, a graduate of the University of Wisconsin and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Clark who lived at Portland, near Waterloo. He was married to Miss Clark, now his widow, December 5, 1889.

Mrs. Brittingham is a member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority. Both Mr. and Mrs. Brittingham have always manifested an intense interest in the university. Their country home has been the scene of many social functions at which university and townspeople were guests.

The following editorial is also quoted:

THOMAS E. BRITTINGHAM

Madison is deeply shocked by the announcement of the untimely death of Thomas E. Brittingham. We awake to the sorrow of it with an inadequate appreciation of what use he was making of his life and his resources, and of what he meant to his community and his state, but we know without enumeration that he was a force for good, one of those rare men in whom a large and active business career had not stifled the finer instincts of humanity. He was a successful business man in a big way. He was a successful man in a bigger way than business, because he made his success count for the betterment and happiness of his fellowmen.

We can not, without inquiry and recapitulation, name all of the good things to which Mr. Brittingham has given himself, but they are covered in the estimate of him that he was controlled by the love of beauty and by the tender regard for the happiness of others. To him happiness meant more than bodily contentment, for to him no conception of happiness was complete that did not include intelligence and spirituality.

We are shot through with Mr. Brittingham's aesthetic side when we find ourselves in Brittingham Park in its bloom. That is just one of the spots at which this side of the man came to the surface. His affection for the university, his constant solicitude for its good conduct and its good repute, have always been near the surface of his conversation, and the practicality of his appreciation is disclosed by the fact that he found in it a source of constant self improvement and entertainment, and bestowed upon it art treasure chosen with fine discrimination.

Perhaps the thing which displays Mr. Brittingham closest to his obsessing motives is the Neighborhood House, in Greenbush. To it he was the most liberal contributor, and he was proud of its work. He found in it a source of hope for the development of a distinctive American people with their own traditions rock ribbed in the common virtues of honesty, industry and cultural aspirations. Here, in the midst of a community born of other history, of a sadder political environment, he saw a center of interest, a point of contact in which "Uncle Sam" was grasping hands from across the sea with such a welcome as would make them happy and useful sons and daughters of their adopted country.

Clean, of fine spiritual fiber, wholesome, and possessed of a robust Americanism, not satisfied to be, but always eager to do, Thomas E. Brittingham had the respect and affection of all who knew him, and the admiration of thousands who knew him only through the things he had achieved or assisted. Sorrow in his death is a passing emotion, for death befriends everyone in time, but that he lived the good life is a happy thought that will dwell with us in years to come.

DELTA—BOSTON UNIVERSITY

Spring—House-party—Convention

Such a gay and busy time for Delta was last spring. Numerous festivities, exams, house-party and convention, but the most important were convention and house-party. Before our last meeting, we surprised Esther Polley and Grace Hawley with a double shower. Much astonishment, confetti and hilarity!

House-party at Marblehead Neck is always the time of times for Delta. Then the freshmen get to know the older members and we learn to better appreciate our newer sisters. We are always brought closer together by an initiation ceremony, but at the house-party it assumes more significance and impressiveness. Leona Leland was initiated this year and we introduce her to you as one well fitted to carry on the ideas and ideals of Gamma Phi. Alumnæ day is the last Sunday, when the freshmen serve as our cooks for that important dinner in honor of Dean Warren and our alumnæ. Many of the graduates with their families call on that day so it becomes a glad climax to the round of swimming and beach parties.

Olive Prout, Lucia Ryder and Eleanor Nune, our delegates to convention, returned thrilled with its enthusiasm and business. They adored meeting everyone, and they, together with us, the stay-at-home sisters, extend a hearty welcome to Alpha Theta and Alpha Iota. Best of luck to these new chapters—may they be successful in the true Gamma Phi spirit. We congratulate Grace Howard Smith, our Grand President, and Delta stands behind her ever ready to aid and support her in every way. She is especially dear to us because, although she is a Syracuse graduate, she is a Boston alumna, and we hope that the next two years will be progressive and successful for her.

Just imagine—summer is almost over and soon we will all be engrossed in rushing. Delta should have a prosperous year with its capable new officers. Olive Prout is president, Persis Hurd, vice-president, Olive Hillman, treasurer, Doris Russell, corresponding secretary, and Winifred Barnes is recording secretary.

HELEN CROSBY.

MARRIAGE

Esther M. Polley, '24, to William B. Southworth on July 12.
Grace F. Hawley, '24, to Arthur Billings on July 15.

ZETA—GOUCHER COLLEGE

Thrills of a House-party

Well, another college year has been successfully traversed and Zeta chapter is scattered far and wide for its vacation. Most of the girls are spending the summer at home with their families but many are away. Corrie Hill and Beulah Leach, seniors, are touring Europe with a party from Montgomery, Ala.; Marguerite Redding and Helene Tilghman are preparing to be married in the fall; Marion Day is in the Spanish School at Middlebury College, Vt.; Charlotte Bush is on a ranch in Wyoming; Frances Brukhalter, our latest pledge, together with the correspondent, are counsellors in camps in Pennsylvania and New York, respectively. We have enjoyed keeping in touch with every one possible through letters and are almost looking forward to another summer of separation so that we can write more.

I know you want to hear all about our house-party. Fifteen of us started out early on the morning of June 3, and after a great mix-up of

baggage on the street car and frantic purchasing of tickets, we piled onto one of the little Bay Line steamers and went to Claiborne. We stayed at Mrs. Edmond's on the Harris River for a week and I'm perfectly sure we'll never forget it and I don't think she will. Ignoring the delicious sea food and "puff devils" which she served in abundance every day, we had several memorable experiences. Our hikes have become famous. Dot Hall, Evy Shields, Lillian Kifer and the writer started out with much energy one extremely hot morning to walk to the next town. We did more "hitch-hiking" than anything else. One gentleman in a new Dodge took pity on us when he saw two of us gingerly walking along the steaming state road in our stocking feet because our shoes hurt and took us as far as a very rusty ice cream wagon which conveyed us in great style to the town. On the way back we hailed a bakery wagon and a great, fat Italian and his little boy obligingly moved the pie trays to the roof to give us room. If we didn't stoop to temptation then—and we didn't—we never will. He took us as far as he went and then we transferred to the general delivery wagon and arrived home amidst mail, chickens and provisions. Our next hike also brought us fame and publicity, for the details appeared later in one of the Baltimore papers. The day was very hot and as our party (it would be wiser not to mention names) approached St. Michaels, knickers were rolled up and stockings down. They had not anticipated the adjournment of the Ladies' Aid Society. The ladies came out, raised their hands in horror and went for the constable! He blustered around for a few minutes, tried to appear dignified, then gently but firmly explained that the citizens were trying to make St. Michaels the most moral town in the country and that he would prefer us to have our knees covered when we came to town. We were very careful to obey when we came in with the Alpha Phis and the Thetas and the Delta Gammas to go to the weekly movie Saturday night. I might also describe at great length the worst storm in ten years, our moonlight swims, our motor boat or sailing trips, but suffice it to say that they happened and that we enjoyed them to the utmost.

We are all looking forward to a very successful rushing season, for after losing fourteen seniors we need others to swell the ranks. They have all promised to come back to help us or to attend initiation. Frances Burkhalter and Charlotte Bush are to be initiated in the fall and we hope many more later on.

MARGARET DENMEAD.

PERSONALS

Emily Foster—Vice-president Student Organization.

Bernice Ryan—Secretary Athletic Association.

Evy Shields—Corresponding secretary G. C. C. A.

Frances Burkhalter—Chairman freshman initiation, captain '27 swimming team, sergeant freshman lantern chain.

Muriel Tee—Letter for athletics, part in freshman-junior boatride play, song leader, lantern chain.

Kate Shaw—Sophomore swimming team.

Margaret Denmead—President sophomore class, leader lantern chain, committee on freshman initiation, part in freshman-junior boatride play.

ETA—UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

"New house"

College has once again begun and we are in the midst of a very full rushing season. This year rushing has a new zest added to it because of the pleasure of entertaining in our "new house." "New house" in quotation

marks because it is our same house remodeled, but so completely renovated that we hardly recognize it. Our alumnae did the remodeling for us, which consisted in plastering the house outside and putting on a beautiful tile roof, in adding new rooms, new sleeping porches and baths. All the wood-work and plaster on the interior was also done over. Our pride and joy, however, is a locker room where there is a good sized cupboard for each girl in which to keep her party clothes—and a stationary folding ironing board!

The chapter itself has been collecting a fund for some time to be used toward purchasing new furnishings. At last our savings have come into use and we have purchased some lovely draperies and pieces of furniture to add to the comfort of our house.

Just at present we are all eagerly waiting to welcome our neophytes at pledging service on the evening of August 28. It will be a solemn and beautiful occasion as well as a happy one.

Everything of interest lies before us in the coming college year. First of all our initiation comes about two weeks after pledging; next—we are planning our annual tea and dance to introduce our new members to the college world. This year it will be a house warming as well. We expect several hundred guests to enjoy the day with us.

Eta is looking forward to a happy and successful year and wishes the same for all of you!

ROBERTA FIELD SPERRY.

PERSONALS

Marjorie Bridge, '25—chairman of the Senior Advisory Committee. This is a new system installed last year in order to assist freshmen.

Katherine Boole, '26—junior manager on the *Blue and Gold Yearbook*, also head of the sales department.

Patricia Sizer, '26—junior editor on the *Daily Californian*.

Madelyn Putnam, '26—member of the Women's Affairs Committee.

Marjorie Bridge, '25; Katherine Boole, '26; Patricia Sizer, '26; Madelyn Putnam, '26; all members of the Y.W.C.A. Cabinet.

ENGAGEMENT

Gladys Mae Wann, '24, to Charles Grant.

MARRIAGES

Kathryn Ann Shattuck to Mr. Van Buren, of Delta Kappa Epsilon.

Helen Williams to Robert McBride Saylor, of Sigma Pi.

Lulu Minor to Raymond Bailey, of Delta Upsilon.

Barbara Curtis, '25, to Edward Melvin Starr.

THETA—UNIVERSITY OF DENVER

"The Tie That Unites Us"

What is there about the end of summer that brings so much confusion to our minds? As we enjoy the present pleasures and think of the good times and plans of the earlier summer we do not seem to have room for anything else, yet as time goes on, the idea of the return of the college year begins vaguely to make itself known. Though each day seems to make it more certain we cannot seem really to separate it from the multitude of other interests that crowd around us. It offers us so many unknown and pleasant things and among the greatest is seeing again all those from whom we have been separated during the summer not only by miles but in hopes, plans and ideas.

There always must be some tie to unite and there are many in a university, but to us Gamma Phi Beta is the strongest. Have we ever felt the tie stronger than this wonderful summer after convention? We all know now that each and every Gamma Phi all over the country is truly a sister and though she may be very far away, we are sure that "the tie that unites us is tender and true."

Those of us who have been in Denver have been busy with rushing. There have been picnics, waffle breakfasts, buffet suppers, theater parties, teas, bridge parties and luncheons—some for only a very few girls in which we are especially interested. These were followed by the dance at the Motor Club in Bear Creek Cañon, the mother's and daughter's tea and the annual house-party at Palmer Lake. This will finish summer rushing. The morning after we return from the always enjoyable house-party, college begins and with it the strenuous concentrated rushing of two weeks for which Madaline Miller, our fine rush leader, is making great plans.

As we think of these first weeks of college with its rush parties, we also recall the jump we made in our scholarship record from sixth to third place among the sororities on the campus and remember that with continued efforts we can gain first place. The closing days of college were so filled with excitement and work that some of us wonder how we ever gained any average. There were many university activities including meetings, entertainments and parties, but the greatest was the Indian Pageant, *Kaye Pori*, under the supervision of our Mabel Rilling and under whom many of us worked to make the fête a success. On the same day Esther Brown, '24, was crowned Queen of the May with Carolyn Helbig, '26, and Laura Graham, '27, as the sophomore and freshman princesses.

The last day of college scheduled one of the most delightful formals Theta has ever had. It was a dinner-dance at the Denver Country Club and anyone who didn't enjoy herself that night can blame no one but herself!

All of these events were interesting and full of pleasure but what was it that combined these two and added something else besides? It was the play—*Tea Toper Tavern*, written by Lindsey Barbee. It was interesting and full of fun but a deeper feeling went with it. As time has elapsed since the night of the play and this day late in summer the experiences of the young girls in their tea house, the entreaty of "Sister Ann, Sister Ann, do you see anybody coming?" dear little Eleanor Kingsley in the old-fashioned blue gown with the gold scarf, and the dash of Thalia Van Orman in her beautiful widow weeds—these are still as vivid as the "opening night."

Frances Mauro, '26, has been away from us for over a year and while she was gone she became engaged to Oliver Malmberg whom she married on August 27 in the garden of her home. She is not the only one who will not return to college, for we shall also miss Katherine Vickery, '26; Vivian Bromley; Carolyn Helbig, who will attend college in Virginia; Genevieve Miller, who goes to the University of Wisconsin; Florence Galbraith and Jean Paulsen.

The heading of this letter holds true for those who are leaving as well as for those who are returning from summer vacations. Evelyn Runnette, Jane Butchart, Eleanor Dennison, Helen Morse and Katherine Wigginton. The writer of this letter has felt the bond very strong during the summer though she has been unable to attend any meetings. In the mountain camp where she has been, the director, Florence Tullis, Theta, recognized her Gamma Phi Beta pin as that of her own sorority. Miss Tullis was a former instructor at the University of Denver, an initiate of Theta chapter, and helped to install Alpha Eta, her own local group while attending Ohio Wesleyan. Another Gamma Phi from another chapter whom we always

love to claim as at least part of our own (though Zeta may not appreciate the fact) is Alice Barber who has helped us again this summer with our rushing.

As we meet again in our tan and brown lodge it greets us newly decorated by our Denver alumnæ. We hope they will come often and see how fine it looks.

KATHERINE WIGGINTON.

BIRTHS

To Dr. and Mrs. James Burris Perrin (Helen Russell), a son, Burris, Jr.

To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Russell (Rosamond Spears), a daughter, Rosamond.

KAPPA—UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

In the Circus Ring

With the armory converted into a three-ring show and the parade grounds decked with merry-go-rounds, ferris wheels, hot dog booths and side shows, the entire university went out to make the circus "the greatest show on earth" on May 16-17, either by taking part in the affair or helping to swell the funds. Of course the Gamma Phis succeeded in carrying off honors in the shape of two gorgeous, silver cups; Kathryn Maddatz by her ready wit and comical outfit gained first place among clowns and a Gamma Phi team, captained by Agnes Newhouse, placed second in selling programs. Many of our freshmen donned gay clown suits, applied vivid make-up, and sold pop and confectioneries during the main performance. Others in the chapter, attired in shirts, smarting with bright color, bandannas, and corduroys, took part in a side show, depicting the "days of '49." Prancing about its stall with ferocious intent and all the while growling savage "moo-aws," the "Gammafreakus," Gamma Phi entry in the menagerie, attracted spectators by its peculiar red-striped body and saucy, blinking eyes.

When all the excitement was over and the sawdust ring had subsided, we turned our thoughts to the Founders' Day banquet which was held at the Minneapolis Athletic club and was in charge of Carol Albrecht. Rewey Belle Inglis wrote a clever bit of verse about the early days of Kappa which sent us all into spasms of mirth.

The next event on our social calendar was our traditional senior picnic—with verdant Miroc Lodge as its setting. Everyone must have stored up a superfluous amount of appetite and pep for never was more food devoured and more enthusiasm manifested. After dark we all went up to the lodge and indulged in good old circle two-steps and Virginia reels. Each senior was presented with cuff pins to carry on the Gamma Phi standards of tidiness and the evening was closed in singing Gamma Phi songs.

On May 26 "the house" was fêted with a birthday party, at which heaps of wash cloths, salt cellars, dresser scarfs, linen and turkish towels, glasses and doilies were presented to add to the diminishing stock. This has also become a tradition of the chapter—and a most beneficial one to "the house"—if not to our pocketbooks!

As a fitting finale to the college year came our spring formal at the White Bear Yacht club. Many went out early so as to swim before dinner. Every one looked her prettiest in dainty lace or georgette frocks of delicate pastel shades and we were all glad to have Gwendolyn Morris back with us from Radcliffe.

After the lull and rest of summer days we will all be back with renewed vigor and enthusiasm—an enthusiasm caused by the glowing tales of convention which our delegates brought back—and we are all agreed that

Alpha should be lauded several times o'er for making our fiftieth anniversary such a memorable gathering!

BARBARA HARRIS.

PERSONALS

Ruth Smalley, '24, was elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

Ruth Leck, '25, and Elizabeth Craddick, '25, were initiated into Delta Phi Lambda, honorary creative writing society. Elizabeth Craddick was also elected to Lambda Alpha Psi.

Eleanor Lincoln, '25, was elected to Mortar Board.

Dorothy Plocher, '25, and Mary Frances Graham, '26, were initiated into Skin and Bones, and intersorority club.

Mary Staples, '26, was elected president of Tam O' Shanter, junior girls' organization, and academic representative to the Board of Publications.

Eleanor Lincoln, '25, has been appointed in charge of W. S. G. A. book store with Frances Bowen, '26, as her private secretary.

Jean MacMillan, '25, was elected academic representative to the all-university council.

Dorothy Plocher, '25, was recently initiated into Pi Epsilon Delta and later was made vice-president of that organization. She is also vice-president of Masquers, a dramatic club.

Barbara Harris, '26, was in charge of general arrangements for the W. S. G. A. sandwich shop, proceeds of which go to the scholarship fund. She was also appointed to Y.W.C.A. large cabinet.

Helen Carpenter, '25, was initiated into Theta Sigma Phi.

Marjorie Jones, '25, Helen Carpenter, '25, and Barbara Harris, '26, were appointed to the Senior Advisory Board.

ENGAGEMENTS

Carol Albrecht to Jack Kelly, Sigma Nu.

Josephine Hurd to Paul McGowan, Delta Kappa Epsilon.

Elizabeth Shackell to Clayton Glenzke, Sigma Chi.

MARRIAGE

Evangeline Skellet to Dr. Willard S. White, Delta Kappa Epsilon.

BIRTH

To Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Baird (Jess Owen), a son, Owen.

LAMBDA—UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

Thetas for Next Door Neighbors

The college year for Lambda closed on June 10 with the wedding of Verona Morgan, former chapter president, to Harold Britt. The wedding took place at the bride's home in the university district and Lambda chapter was included among the guests as was the chapter of Phi Delta Theta, of which Mr. Britt is a member.

Other June brides were Movelyn Robinson who married Carl Halstrom of Spokane and Vivian Lundberg who married Homer Hodge, a Delta Chi. On August 20, Constance Martin's wedding will be solemnized at the chapter-house—the only wedding to be held there this year.

Aside from rushing, a number of social events have taken place during the summer, bringing the "alums" and active girls closer together. Prominent among these was the Gamma Phi picnic at Hunt's Point in Seattle on August 12. Many attended.

The Everett Alumnae association has also been active socially. Early in the summer they had a picnic at the Swalwell cottage on Lake Stevens with the active members as guests. Part of the afternoon was spent in making aprons for the Christmas bazaar. In July the Everett "alums" entertained again with a luncheon at Sandy Point. Hilotje Edwards Woodruff and Gretchen Stryker acted as hostesses.

Lambda started promptly and enthusiastically with her rushing this summer by giving a luncheon at the Yacht Club the day after college closed and a house-party at Sandy Point, the summer home of Gretchen Stryker, our rushing chairman, before rushing closed. There are many splendid girls lined up for Lambda this fall, which really makes the campaign a pleasure. Our fall rushing opens with a bridge-luncheon at the home of Genevieve Walton, our new chapter president, and we have a number of good parties which will follow soon. The system of rushing has changed to a pre-registration rush with the pledging immediately after matriculation, so all will be going back to the house a week early this fall.

The Thetas have just finished a new home next door to us. It is very lovely and we are happy to have them as neighbors. Under the circumstances, we are glad that our own home is still new and attractive.

It is especially gratifying that Dorothy Haggett, who graduated in the spring, is coming back this fall for her master's degree and will teach in the English department. We are very sorry not to have Mrs. Staehle back as house mother because we loved her dearly, but we congratulate Omicron on being the lucky chapter. We are anticipating a pleasant year with Mrs. Russell as our new house mother.

HELEN GORIHAM.

XI—UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO

Sun Parlor and Baby Grand

The campus certainly is growing! Another national fraternity, Delta Chi, has granted a charter to an Idaho group. A new science hall, a new tea room—"The Blue Bucket"—, two new fraternity homes and other improvements will greet us when we return in the fall. *The* improvements which interest us, though, are our sun parlor and our baby grand piano. Right now, they are in our imaginations only, but by the time college starts we hope to have made them very substantially real.

The sun parlor is to be a three-story one, with a chapter room in the basement, the sun parlor proper on the first floor, and a sitting room for the girls on the second floor. Doesn't that sound attractive? We are sure that, with these and a few other changes that are being made, the gray house on the hill will charm everyone and captivate all of the desirable freshmen!

Our confidence that this is to be a successful year from the rushing standpoint is not based entirely upon our house, though. We lost six seniors through commencement, but we still have some fine, though newer members. In fact, we have two very fine, and very new members, who were pledged the second semester and initiated at the very last minute in the spring. They are Lucille Ramstedt, of Moscow, and Orveta Jones, of Rigby, and they promise to be a credit to the chapter.

Those of us who didn't get to go to convention—and of course that means most all of us—are looking forward to hearing all about it. In fact, after a summer's rest we are even thinking longingly of "hash parties" and college.

CHARLOTTE JONES.

PERSONALS

Agnes Cox and Pearl Stalker have been pledged to Alpha Society, the Idaho local petitioning Phi Beta Kappa.

Mary Evelyn Angell had a part in the commencement play, *Everyman*, for which Pearl Stalker was assistant coach.

Agnes Cox was chosen as May Queen for Campus Day.

ENGAGEMENTS

Hazel Seeley, ex-'25, to Guy Wicks, Sigma Nu.

Agnes Cox, '24, to Harold Telford, Phi Delta Theta.

Helen Frantz, '23, to Garde Wood, Sigma Nu.

Hazel Stone, '25, to Adolph Green, Phi Delta Theta.

Florence Walker, '25, to Rodgers Wheaton, Sigma Nu.

MARRIAGES

Claire Shallis, ex-'25, to Seth Wills, Beta Theta Pi.

Violet Seeley, ex-'22, to Eugene Bramhall, Phi Gamma Delta.

Pearl Stalker, '24, to Frank Brown, Kappa Sigma.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Christ (Clorinda Bodler), a daughter.

To Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Lyons (Marjorie Adair), a son.

DEATH

Sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Garrison (Jean Morris), whose small son, Bobbie, was killed in an accident this summer.

OMICRON—UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

"Convention is Gone but not Forgotten"

Convention, convention, convention is in the air! Had I owned a radio I feel sure I could have picked up some convention news—for it seemed that everybody was talking about it, but maybe that's just because I am a Gamma Phi.

To go 'way, 'way back to the days of spring, we had a successful house-party for prospective rushees the week-end of interscholastic, when all the high school athletes come to exhibit their prowess. There were the usual functions, Y.W. stunt show, May Fête and student circus. Preceding the senior farewell, part of the May Fête, a number of prominent junior women were asked to march, led by the president of the Junior Illinæ who received the wand, emblem of her office, from the president of the Senior Illinæ. Three Gamma Phis were asked to march: Cornelia North, Frances Killefer and Nathalie Dodge.

Soon after interscholastic, the *Illio*, the University annual, "came out." This year a unique method of choosing the beauty section was used. First the pictures submitted were sent to May Tinee, movie editor of the Chicago *Tribune*, who selected the twelve she considered most beautiful. Then these were posted in the Illinois Union Building and the eight most beautiful were elected by popular vote. One of our freshmen, Vernalee Burpo, with the sunniest smile and the most irrepressible pep, survived the final cut and now her large, clear eyes look straight at us from the big pages of the 1925 *Illio*. Audrey Miller, a tall, graceful blond, was among those selected by Mae Tinee.

Late in the semester we pledged two girls of whom we are very proud: Rosalind Hadley and Vaille Dry. After final examinations were over we held initiation in the wee sma' hours of the morning for Cornelia North, '25, who had been pledged early in the semester. "Cornie" is the personification of pep, has been prominent in almost every line of activity and someone tells us she is the most popular girl on the campus. This summer she added a few more links to her chain of honors by acting as chairman of the Women's Entertainment Committee for summer school and playing one of the feminine leads in the summer play, *Let's Get Married*. Needless to say, after initiation so early in the morning, we gave her a rousing welcome at a breakfast.

Soon after our delegates returned, happy and full of new ideas from convention, Dorothy Styant, our rushing captain and one of our official delegates, called a meeting of all those in town and those attending summer school and, after convention chatter had died down, we planned our summer campaign. Several swimming parties have been held for local rushees, and Chicago reports luncheons and get-togethers too, so we have not been entirely idle during the summer months.

One of the coziest gatherings of the summer was a picnic with the town alumnæ. We all drove to the renowned Crystal Lake, renowned because it is the only one of its kind for twenty-five miles, amidst the natural beauty of Illinois. After much salad, many sandwiches and deviled eggs, and much ice had been consumed we heard Dorothy Styant and an alumna, Nina Gresham, tell us incidents of the business and pleasures of convention as we all sat around the huge picnic table in the dusk.

Having begun with convention I suppose it is proper to close with it, for every time we see a delegate we listen eagerly for some stray bit of interesting news she may have forgotten to tell about, so you see, convention is gone but not forgotten.

NATHALIE M. DODGE.

ENGAGEMENTS

Constance Vereoe, '23, to Evan Davis.

Claire Meyer, '25, to Lieutenant E. R. Golden, Sigma Phi Epsilon.

MARRIAGES

Catherine Hastings, '24, to Leonard Braun, '23, Theta Upsilon Omega.

Helen Burpo, ex-'25, to Henry Mathias, '23, Sigma Chi.

Annette Gross, '25, to Russell Johannsen, Chicago.

HONORS

The following Gamma Phis have been appointed to Woman's League Committees: Cornelia North, chairman Homecoming Committee; Frances Killefer, chairman, Hello Day Committee; Nathalie Dodge, chairman, History Committee; Dorothy Styant, '26, and Dorothy Chester, '26, members, Big and Little Sister Committee, and Vernalee Burpo, member, Orange and Blue Feather Committee.

PI—UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

Intersorority Sing Trophy

It has been so long since the last CRESCENT and so many things have happened since that I hardly know where to begin!

Spring really began for us on the day of our spring party—April 19. There were about thirty rushees with us; we entertained them at a teadansant in the afternoon and at a breakfast the next morning.

The close of the year brought Pi chapter a number of honors, as I am sure it must have the rest of you. Fortunately, they came to us gradually, relieving us, we hope, of any undue chestiness.

Early in the year, Dorothy Supple was elected W.A.A. president for the coming year, and during the few days this spring when it neglected to rain in Nebraska, Dorothy won the singles in a hard-fought match during the university women's tennis tournament. She is now Nebraska's champion.

When our *Cornhuskers* came out, we were so delighted to find Helen Kummer's picture among the ten representative Nebraskans. Dorothy Teal, our renowned swimmer and student, was rewarded for her scholastic efforts with a Phi Beta Kappa key, while Pauline Gund, Florence Frahm and Joyce Adair were elected to the three honorary sororities, Valkyrie, Silver Serpent and Xi Delta, respectively.

On Ivy Day, Neva Jones was doubly honored in being Maid of Honor to the May Queen and masked Mortar Board. Neva was certainly worthy of the honors and we are very proud of her.

I think the most surprising honor, however, was the winning of the intersorority sing trophy. In all modesty, we are forced to admit that our good fortune came about through a happy choice of songs, rather than any unusual ability as songsters.

With a few refreshing exceptions, such as veiled hints of summer engagements, the contributions to our summer round robin have been monotonously the same. All the girls are enjoying a quiet rest at home, and are eagerly looking forward to the opening of college.

It will seem good to read about you all in the new CRESCENT.

GRACE MONTROSS.

SIGMA—UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

Preferential Bidding

"Let it contain all the news since the last published letter." So read the instructions for the October CRESCENT letter. That means looking backward—backward at pleasant memories, it is true—but looking backward when each Sigma is looking forward to the opening of college and rush week, now only a matter of days.

Busy days were those last ones before the end of the semester last spring. Our annual Brothers' Day and our day for our parents were two of the ones we most enjoyed. Our house-party, May 16-18, when thirty attractive girls were guests of Sigma, quite filled another week-end. On Friday evening of the house-party we entertained with an informal house dance and on Saturday with a formal dinner followed by a dance at F.A.U. Hall. The very real surprise of that evening was the announcement of the engagement of Barbara Becker to Earl Tucker, Sigma Chi. Our annual senior breakfast in a grove near Lawrence was lots of fun—even for the freshmen who had most of the work to do—although we felt a little sad to realize that so many of our chapter were seniors and that we were sure to miss them greatly. Little time remained for regrets, however, for finals demanded our attention, and then, before we scattered for our vacations, initiation was held for Raechel Siefkin, Wichita, and Mildred Hardesty, Pratt, Kan. Every Gamma Phi Beta can imagine what a happy memory that is.

Now, may I have a word for looking forward? It is almost September and in a few days we will all be in Lawrence again, eager to hear the summer's experiences of each sister and especially those of Mary Lois Ruppenthal, Harriet Gilbert, and Barbara Becker, who represented Sigma at the Lake Placid convention.

The rush period this year at the University of Kansas is to be conducted under the preferential bidding system, first suggested to the local Panhellenic by Sigma, and promises to be a most successful one for Gamma Phi Beta. Through the summer months, our energetic rush captain, Barbara Becker, has been writing innumerable letters and directing the rushing activities of Sigmas all over the state. Josephine McMurry, working with Elsie Frisbie Norman of the Kansas City alumnae, and Mary Jane Melton have given Barbara some very able assistance in Kansas City and in Lawrence. I only wish it were a month later so I could write the latest list of Sigma's wearers of the "little brown p-i-n."

RUTH ELIZABETH HILL.

PERSONALS

The election of Marion Ross to Phi Beta Kappa has made us even more proud of her than we were before.

Louise Saltmarsh had the lead in the K. U. senior play which was directed by Margaret Larkin.

Margaret Phillips was elected to the position of point system manager on the Women's Student Government Association.

Sue Mason was chosen president of Omicron Nu, home economics sorority, and was sent by the K. U. chapter to the convention at Lincoln, Neb.

Mary Lois Ruppenthal was elected to a place on the first cabinet of the Y.W.C.A. and was one of the delegates to the Estes Park convention in July.

Ruth Elizabeth Hill is vice-president of Theta Sigma Phi, journalistic sorority.

Moyne Rice was granted membership in Pen and Scroll, freshman-sophomore literary society.

Lillian Bixby was elected secretary-treasurer of the College of Liberal Arts.

Alfreda Oakes is to be the business manager of the Women's Glee Club in 1924-25.

Moyne Rice has earned the necessary points for membership in the Women's Athletic Association.

Ruth Elizabeth Hill is on the editorial board of the *Oread*, publication of the three literary societies of the university.

ENGAGEMENTS

Barbara Becker to Earl Tucker, Sigma Chi.

Mildred Odell to Howard Blum, Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

MARRIAGES

Adelyn Anderson to Raymond Stanley Clark.

Mariam King to Alva Fenn.

Cleta Johnson to Harold Rees, Acacia.

Ethel Dick to Lee Sorey.

BIRTH

To Mr. and Mrs. Maurice P. Young (Ruth Davis), a son, Philip Maurice.

TAU—COLORADO AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

Dances in Estes Park

Without any preliminaries I shall start by telling you about the memorable dance we gave this year. The crackling logs and the inviting odors

of a gorgeous dinner welcomed us as we opened the wide doors of the Lewiston Hotel in Estes Park after a brisk, invigorating ride through the Big Thompson Cañon. After dinner we danced in the spacious ballroom while we looked out upon the snow-capped, moon-drenched peaks. Without the least bit of conceit I can honestly say it was *the* dance of the year.

In about two weeks Tau chapter will be piled upon someone's bed in someone's room eagerly questioning and listening to Mildred and Lois Long telling about convention. Then each inspired member will anchor Tau's "ship of fate" to a star, and, we hope, a sea of success in everything for the coming year.

Things happen so quickly it didn't seem right to see our five beloved seniors in their caps and gowns. We hated to lose them but every thought of their splendid record of leadership in all things will be an added inspiration to us. Beulah Crabb, Lois Trumbull, Nilea Blaker and Dorothy Heisen are all going to teach school. Dorothy Leach will continue her Sociological Survey work and Mildred and Lois Long are both planning to do extra work in the college this winter. Lois will head the chapter again.

There were so many good times crowded into two months that I can't tell you all about it. We had an old-fashioned party for our high school rushes and our peppy pledges presented the *Follies of '24* to bring us back to modern times.

Then there was a lovely day spent up the Poudré Cañon with two of our patronesses acting as hostesses. After chicken salad and much whipped cream on strawberry shortcake, not to mention what came before, we sang songs and reminisced until dusk.

Then there was the senior feed and serenade at the Long home. We were spirited away from the chapter-house and gorgeously fed and entertained.

As I read this over I note I have not forgotten to mention our "eats." I am on a diet, too, but all good dieters have to break over once in a while and that is what Tau intends to do this winter.

With the new inspirations from convention, our new house and our "old" girls with "new ideas and pep," we know that it will be one wonderful "gain" year.

DOROTHY HEISEN.

PERSONALS

Carolyn and Gertrude Lauche and Lillian Roberts spent the summer in Estes Park.

Beulah Crabb will teach in Post Falls, this winter.

After an extended trip through southern Colorado and New Mexico, Dorothy Heisen will go to Paonia where she will teach this winter.

Beulah Crabb will teach in Post Falls, Idaho, this winter.

Nilea Blaker will teach in Haxtun, Colo., this winter.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mildred Long to Jack Hauser, Sigma Nu.

Jeanne Robinson to Sam Service, Sigma Nu.

Genevieve McKee to Douglas Helbig, Alpha Tau Omega.

Mary Haddox to Clair Walfer, Phi Delta Theta.

Marjory Williams to Stanley Alford, Sigma Phi Epsilon.

MARRIAGE

Hazel Nevius to Frank Wilson.

UPSILON—HOLLINS COLLEGE

Happy "Mile Posts"

Thinking back over the last few days of this year at Hollins, the good times the Gamma Phis, their families and their alumnae had together are the mile posts of the year. There was the banquet, of course, with toasts, songs, stunts, peanuts and olives. Many of our alumnae were with us for the banquet and some stayed during all of commencement time. Our other guests of honor were the families. A Gamma Phi breakfast was given for these visitors of ours at the Tinker Tea House. Those who arrived Friday or Saturday were present at our Sunday morning cozy hour, an institution of which Upsilon is vastly proud.

This year's senior class had the distinction of being the first to bury their class records at the corner of the new Little Theater. Ivy was planted at the Class Day exercises, each senior casting on a spade full of earth. All the customary rites were observed, such as the garden party, class singing, the bonfire, in which each senior burned the thing which had troubled her most in the past four years and the statement of the senior class's ideals for each of the other three classes.

Most of our meeting time was taken up with a discussion of convention business. We are looking forward to the splendid things Kathleen Barron, our official delegate, will have to report and suggest to Upsilon.

We had an initiation in May and our two new sisters are Margaret McClellan and Grace Sellars. It was hard to tell which was happier, the chapter or our two initiates.

As September comes nearer it seems a very happy time, when we think of the renewal of those friendships which meant so much last year, and best of all the feeling of unity with Gamma Phi as a whole, which is necessarily lost to a certain extent in the summer.

MARTHA SPILMAN.

PERSONALS

Eleanor Russell played a violin solo in the commencement concert.

Mary Page Stone and Pamela Sparrow sang in the commencement concert.

Mary Wells Knight and Margaret Sorg were made members of Ye Merrie Masquers, an honorary dramatic organization. Both took parts in the senior class play.

PHI—WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

Bridges and Meetings

Convention! That word was uppermost in our minds long before the great event occurred and now that it has come and gone it is still uppermost in our minds—thanks to the capability of Alpha. How anxiously the St. Louis girls awaited the return of the delegates and how thrilled we were by the tales they told, only one who was among us can realize. That great camp-fire, that wonderful initiation, our lovely sisters from all parts of the land—it sounded like the unfolding of a wonderful story. Each one of us is more determined than ever to get to the next convention, and already we have started to hoard away our pennies!

However, during the excitement of convention Phi paused long enough to realize that graduation meant the loss of nine fine seniors: Ruth Black, Beatrice Fulgham, Grace Oberschelp, Vera Oberschelp, Wilmot Snyder, Georganne Tracy, Olive Townsley, Opal Urban and Lucille Miller. However, we remembered, "Once a Gamma Phi, always a Gamma Phi," and

they would soon be "alums." The active chapter gave them a farewell breakfast at Vescova's "University Inn" at which each senior received a gift.

Those actives who are in St. Louis during the summer are kept busy attending the bridges and meetings. The bridge is the place where a gay social time ensues and the meeting is the place where business and rushing are discussed, and as to "rushing"—let me tell you about some of Phi's parties. There is to be a swimming party and breakfast at Riverview Country Club, a rose bridge, a gay Bohemian party in a "Samovar," a theater party and a progressive dinner.

Yet, all cares and worries have been cast aside long enough for the active chapter and "alums" to accept the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Kotsreau (Beatrice Jennings) for a house-party at their cottage "Tanglewood" on the Meramac River.

Laura Hinchman.

PERSONALS

Margaret and Charlotte Ewing have given up their wanderings in Europe and have returned to America.

ENGAGEMENT

Vera Oberschelp to Jack Hill.

MARRIAGE

Grace Oberschelp to John Alexander McGeoch.

CHI—OREGON STATE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

Headliners in Vaudeville

Saying goodbye is difficult, but it is soon over-shadowed by memories of a wonderfully successful and happy year. It is these memories that carry us through the summer months and enliven our enthusiasm for the coming year.

Last week Mary de Grandpre had a house-party for the Seattle girls at her home on Lake Washington. The first afternoon we sat for four hours saying nothing but "do you remember this" and "do you remember that." Then we discussed each event at great length.

First there was the junior vaudeville, or rather I should say, the Gamma Phi vaudeville, as our house was better represented than any other house on the campus. Mary Robinson was in the sophomore act, Lois Thurston had an act of her own in which she did some lovely dancing, Fern Rymers had the lead in the freshman act with Ruth Joslyn in a minor rôle, and Mary Lamkin came forth with some high notes in a trio of song-birds with the O.A.C. strollers' act.

We all chimed in when it came to discussing the formal. Everything for it was done very simply with spring flowers glorifying the house. We also used our large porch for dancing, where lanterns furnished dim lighting, so essential to one's complexion. "The way to a man's heart—," that never failing proverb, was taken into consideration when we had delicious refreshments. They were served in study rooms, also decorated with spring flowers, palms and lanterns. Much good time was the result!

Initiation was unexpectedly and joyously held at the end of college. It brought into our ranks five splendid girls—girls we had learned to feel were out for the highest goal as they went through a college year in the house with us. Mary de Grandpre, from Seattle, was initiated, Mary Porteous, from Fresno, Cal., Marion Needham, from Roseburg, Ore.,

Eleanor White and Agnes Hesseldenz, from Portland. An impressive yet enthusiastic banquet was given, where Martha Mason did very graciously the honors of toastmistress.

Then came the dreaded goodbyes on the next morning when we gave our "convention girls" a royal send-off. I heard the other day that Dorothy Dunne, our delegate, returned from convention by way of California and visited our Fresno members. We are all eagerness to hear about everything from Dot—those of us who were not so fortunate as to go back and meet all you fine girls. Better luck next time!

RUTH JOSLYN.

PSI—UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

Week-end Party for Mothers

Dull summer months and a new CRESCENT correspondent may not result in a good letter from Psi, but there are a few interesting events that the chapter wishes to report.

It was not an easy task for the girls to leave the new chapter-house when college closed, but there remained the pleasure and satisfaction of meeting there again in September. The house was left in charge of Gamma Phis who attended summer school.

Eight Gamma Phi Betas were listed among this year's graduating class of the university and this is the largest number of graduates in Psi's history. Those who were given degrees were Rilla Winn Scarritt, Opal Wilson, Marie Tackett, Marion Foster, Lorena Craft, Mary Ellen Stafford, Marjo Shaw and Margaret Aler.

Election of officers was held two weeks before college adjourned. The 1924-25 officers are Lucille Moore, '25, president; Ruth Humphries, '25, vice-president; Dorothy Sanborn, '26, treasurer; Faye Todd, '25, recording secretary and Evelyn Farmer, '25, corresponding secretary. Billie Rives, '27, was elected rush captain.

A week-end party was given in honor of the mothers of Psi chapter on May 10-12. Twelve mothers attended the party. A tea for the mothers and patronesses was given by the chapter Saturday, May 11.

Dorothy Walter, '21, of Tonkawa, Okla., accompanied Lucille Moore, chapter delegate, to the convention at Syracuse. Oklahoma was proud to have two representatives.

Marian Gerlach, Omicron, has been appointed to succeed Ethel Lyons as dean of women at the University of Oklahoma. Miss Gerlach was dean of women at Washington State College last year. The chapter is very proud to have another Gamma Phi Beta on the university faculty.

Miss Ida Kirk, who has been Psi's chaperon since installation, has resigned. Miss Kirk has been with the chapter so long that the girls will miss her very much. Mrs. Doane, of New Orleans, has been selected as chaperon.

Initiation will be held on September 8 for the pledges who made their grades last semester. They are Lucille Walter, Lulu Miller, Charlotte Holley, Doris Snively, Maurine Rives and Lois Scarritt.

Rush week is the second week in September. With more advantages this year than ever before and with the enthusiasm already displayed among the girls, it is certain that Psi will have a most successful campaign.

PULLA HILL.

ENGAGEMENTS

Jean McCoy to Percy Brown, Sigma Nu, University of Oklahoma.

Helena Stone to Harvey Cobb, Sigma Chi, University of Oklahoma.

MARRIAGES

Dorothy Way to Robert Lamphere, Delta Tau Delta, University of Oklahoma.

Lucille Pollard to Charles Parker, Phi Gamma Delta, University of Oklahoma.

Lulu Smith to Curtis Bryan, Tulsa, Okla.

OMEGA—IOWA STATE COLLEGE

Is Moving into a New Home

When I start to write of Omega's activities this spring, Veishea immediately looms up, excluding everything else, so I'll tell you about it first. "Veishea" is the name given an annual three-day celebration held at Ames each May, taking the place of the divisional holidays which we formerly had. The name is derived from the initials of all the divisions: veterinary, engineering, etc. It develops far more of the all-college spirit and less of rivalry than the old method. The program was varied, including a May Fête, high school baseball tournament, a carnival and Apache dance hall in the Armory, a big parade, open houses in all departments, and—as a climax—a musical comedy, *Yalami*, with a cast of one hundred fifty people, which was written by two Ames seniors. Of course Gamma Phi was well represented in everything except the baseball games. A bridge-tea for house guests of Gamma Phi, alumnae and friends, was the inspiration for a down-pour of rain one afternoon, but it didn't succeed in spoiling the party.

Gamma Phi Beta lost ten of the finest seniors on the campus this year. We don't know what we'll do without any one of them, but we at least evened up matters by initiating ten girls who give every promise of living up to all that Gamma Phi is coming to mean at Ames. The ten initiates were Bertha Benson and Dorothy Cooley, Fort Dodge; Virginia Buck, Des Moines; Dorothy Smith, Sioux City; Miriam Buettell, Dubuque; Maryola Phillips, Pleasantville; Gwendolyn Bingamin, Marshalltown; Frances Dunlop, Knoxville; Nadine Beatty, Mapleton, and Erma Salomon, Dennison.

Do you have Big Sisters at your colleges? We have them here as a junior organization under the auspices of the Y.W.C.A. and the Woman's Guild, and Ethel Greenway has been elected Big Sister Chief for the coming year. She plans big things, not only to aid the freshmen when they first arrive, but throughout the year. Already she has nearly every junior corresponding with two or three freshmen.

Speaking of freshmen just naturally brings one to rushing. "Ole" Jammer, who is rushing captain, has most of her plans well organized. Rushing rules are much the same as last year, with all sorority pins barred during the first week. Then a week of daily teas given by all houses, instead of the week of calling of former years. After two weeks of parties will come pledging, early in October. Each sorority is allowed but one drawn date at which it may decorate and have real entertainment. Gamma Phi drew one of the first, unfortunately, but we're not letting it worry us overmuch. Gamma Phi Beta is not so easily daunted, especially when we have the inspiration of two much-thrilled convention delegates in our midst.

Julia Hurd, one of our fine faculty members, (they're all that) and acting vice-dean of Home Economics during the last year, is leaving us this fall, to take further work at Columbia University. We're wishing her the best of luck, but we'll miss her, for she has been one of those handy people who could furnish chaperonage, luncheon sets or good advice at just the proper times.

After being the "swamp angels" for ten years, we are losing our right to the first half of that title, for Gamma Phi is moving this fall. The new residence is not the home of our own for which we are still working and planning, but it is a vast improvement over the old one in many ways. We will welcome our friends there quite as cordially as ever we did in the other house where Gamma Phi Beta first hung out her shingle as Zeta Iota, way back in 1914.

KATHERINE HOLDEN.

PERSONALS

Viola Jammer was elected to National Collegiate Players and Florence Hahn and Nelle Taylor made Omicron Nu, national home economics honorary.

Ethel Greenway and Katherine Holden were elected to Jack o' Lantern, honorary society for sophomore girls.

Dorothy Cooke and Dorothy Olsen were awarded W.A.A. blankets.

Gertrude McArthur was elected vice-president of the senior class.

Nadine Beatty is the new secretary of Woman's Guild.

Ethel Greenway received the \$50 scholarship given by the Faculty Women's Club toward expenses for the Y.W.C.A. Conference at Lake Geneva.

Nelle Taylor and Florence Hahn were elected to Mortar Board, senior honorary society.

Ethel Greenway and Katherine Holden were elected student representatives to the Music Council and publication board of the *Student*, respectively.

Agnes Noble will attend the Merrill-Palmer School at Detroit this fall.

ALPHA ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

A Wonderful Summer

It has been a wonderful summer!

Sure, and it had to be, of course, with Gamma Phi Beta celebrating her fiftieth anniversary and all. What tales we have been hearing ever since last June about the convention and the good times when Gamma Phis from every corner of the continent were gathered together at Lake Placid! We stay-at-homes of Alpha Alpha chapter have heard nothing but, "There never was anything like it. You can't imagine what you missed!" But there's the rub—we *can* imagine, and, being less fortunate than some of our sisters, we have to "take it out" in imagination.

When they tell us of Lindsey Barbee's magnetic charm, of meeting two of the wonderful women who founded Gamma Phi, of coming into personal contact with sisters from every state, of the very newest chapter, of Alpha's chapter-house, of the pageant and the campfire and Lake Placid itself—well, we just wish with every inch of wishbone we ever had that we could have been there, too.

Alpha Alpha has had a busy time at home this summer. First of all came the dinner for this year's graduates which was held in the sun rooms of the Diet Kitchen Annex on the eve of Convocation Day. It was a gay dinner with pretty favors and carnations everywhere. Afterwards, each graduate was presented with the official sapphire and gold University of Toronto pin, and Doris Armitage made a graceful little speech on behalf of the graduates.

Plans for our bazaar which will be repeated this autumn are well under way. Mae Harris, one of our most capable "alums," is convener of the Plans Committee and she has already sorted us out and placed us in our respective booths, figuratively speaking.

The girls of the flower booth recently chose an original way to make a little money when they invited us to bring our friends to a picnic garden party. It was a delightful affair and had the added advantage of being highly successful from a purely monetary standpoint. Again, on Saturday, August 9, Marjorie Hunter, of the alumnae, invited us to her summer home at West Hill for the day. In the afternoon we sewed for the bazaar and in the evening our men friends motored down for a dance. It was a jolly party from beginning to end.

I almost forgot our house-party. It was just a week-end this year, held at Lake Simcoe, but what we failed to cram into those few short days was hardly worth "cramming." Incidentally, we discovered that some of our ought-to-be-dignified "alums" have a well-developed sense of the humorous and are fond of practical jokes.

Now, as the summer is ending, we are looking forward eagerly to college days again, but—it has been a wonderful summer!

MARXINE WRIGLEY.

CAMPUS HONORS

Three Alpha Alpha girls are on the House Committee of Queen's Hall women's residence. Elsie McBride, our incoming chapter president, is head girl in Number 4, Queen's Park; Margaret Parker is head girl in Number 9, and Kathryn Roos is junior representative for Number 9.

Joy Kniveton is women's editor of the university daily, the *Varsity*.

Marjorie Hull is president of the local Panhellenic society.

Marxine Wrigley is president of her year, '26, and member of the W.U.A. executive.

Viola Gilfillan, who was pledged last spring, is president of the Women's Literary Society.

PERSONALS

Elvina Walker, '24, is to be married on September 10 in Knox College Chapel to Donald Hossack, a lawyer of Toronto. Elvina is an ex-president of Alpha Alpha chapter and one of the most popular of this year's graduates.

Christie Barr and Josephine Orr, two of the ten women who graduated in medicine last June, are Gamma Phis.

ALPHA BETA—UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA

Same Cook for Five Years

Now that convention is over we can hardly wait to get back to college to hear the details and ask our millions of questions which have been stored up for ever so long.

The biggest event for Alpha Beta before college closed was our informal party given May 31. Alice Erie, Dorothy Richards and Louise Ryan were the committee in charge and they adhered to the rules and made it *very* informal with lots of horns and noisemakers. We sang our Gamma Phi songs and the favors were combination leather picture frames and programs.

During our Easter vacation the University Women's Glee Club gave concerts throughout the state and four Gamma Phis were numbered among them: Mildred Fraser, Marjorie Watt, Madge Allen and Hazel Walker. They tell some exciting stories and one especially of Hazel, who snapped her squirrel choker on the director's coat and then allowed him to walk down the main street.

On May 10 our bridge sharks were in their glory—for our alumnae and Mothers' Club sponsored a bridge party in the lower auditorium of St. Mary's Church.

High School Conference Week brought many high school people to the university and the principal feature for their entertainment was the annual May Fête given at the Bankside Theater. Marie Ann Lysing had the leading rôle and danced several beautiful solos.

We are so happy to have Mother Weston back again for our house mother. Lillian Swan, our cook, is coming back for her fifth year with us. She thought she ought to be graduated with the seniors but we persuaded her to stay and get her master's degree, so we are looking forward to a mighty successful year.

ALICE ERIE.

PERSONALS

Hazel Walker, violin, and Marie Nielsen, voice, are to be instructors at Wesley College this year.

Marjorie Watt played the rôle of Momona in *Miss Lulu Bett*.

Bernice Boyd was sponsor of the Third Battalion, R.O.T.C.; also the chairman of the University Republican Club; was elected to Quo Vadis, honorary fraternity for senior women and to Grey Gown.

Dorothy Richards is a member of Dean's Assistant Council.

Alice Erie and Gladys Black are Panhellenic delegates.

Louise Spriggs is a member of the girl's rifle team.

Kathleen Harriss is chairman of the Rooms Committee of the Y.W.C.A.

ENGAGEMENTS

Marie Anne Lysing, '25, to Maurice Johnson, Phi Delta Theta.

Adele Condie, '24, to Harold Ferguson, Phi Delta Theta.

Edna Haga, '27, to Russell Kenyon, Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

MARRIAGE

Harriet DePuy, '22, to Charles C. Finnegan.

ALPHA GAMMA—UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA

Third Birthday

Fairy stories are delightful things but the loveliest fairy story ever told was the one about Mr. Alpha Gamma and his automobile Gamma Phi Beta, which is a marvel of mechanism. This important personage celebrated his third birthday by a breakfast at Mrs. Morrison's beautiful home overlooking the river. Then we learned that our tiny freshmen are the gas, that we are always after more gas, but we never run out. The sophomore wheels run us a merry chase, and goodness knows where we would land if it weren't for the junior brakes! Our seniors constitute the important steering wheel, while the alumnæ light up Mr. Alpha Gamma's pathway with huge head lights. After the story every tiny piece of mechanism joined in toasts and praises of Gamma Phi, ending a happy morning with

"Heigh-ho, way down upon the sea,
If anybody loves dear Gamma Phi,
It's we, we, we, we, we."

In honor of our new officers we entertained at a dinner party at our home. We attempted to add a tiny touch of formality by wearing formal dress, but it failed to dampen our spirits, and the end was most riotous when we read aloud our place cards which were prophetic of the future.

A moonlight night, warm breezes, gold, blue, red lighted Japanese lanterns nodding amid the green foliage of apple trees, inviting wicker seats in obscure places, iced punch and glorious music—that was our

farewell lawn party to our five dear seniors, Erma Eason, Eunice Allen, Verda Luce, Vera Smith and Hortense Haughney.

We are glad to announce the pledging of Ione Fathergill.

The new stage is in readiness for a perfect year. We will have the same homey setting in the house that we have learned to love.

FLORENCE BENOIT.

PERSONALS

Lucille Blake and Anna Maud Stern were elected to the senior women's honor fraternity, Cap and Scroll. Lucille was made president for this semester.

Elizabeth Barndt made Delta Alpha Epsilon, English honor society. She also won a three hundred dollar scholarship for being the highest-averaged English student.

Lucille Blake is president of Delta Alpha Epsilon.

Fay Graves, Pauline Wren and Elizabeth Barndt were initiated into Campus Players, an organization which encourages interest in dramatics.

Anna Maud Stern was elected president of W.A.A., and attended the convention at Berkeley, Cal.

Florence Benoit is vice-president of the junior class.

Gladys Douglass was made a member of Mu Beta Sigma, Psychology Club.

Marcelline Kenny, who has been taking postgraduate work at the University of California, returned to Reno to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi. We were happy to have her with us again.

Lucille Blake is women's representative to Finance Control Board.

MARRIAGE

Georgiana Steiner to Roy Boyer, Sigma Nu.

BIRTH

To Rae Griswold Cunningham, a son, Griswold Cunningham.

ALPHA DELTA—UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI

Sun Parlor

To us who stayed at home, missing out on the live news of the front ranks of the convention at Lake Placid, have come the gleanings, second hand but charged with a breadth of vision and spirit for a new growth in Gamma Phi Beta. For a solid half century we have stood well on our feet, a bit conservative regarding expansion, a bit content with our own strength, but with news of new charters granted, revision of the constitution, a new manual being compiled, the centralizing of office, comes the satisfaction that we have not grown smug. On the contrary, with constant talk of modern movements, we are keeping abreast, we are expanding and growing. Alpha Delta, a new chapter, can feel this keenly.

The first requisite of strength is new material. This comes from rush week. For that reason summer and fall rushing is of primary importance. Alpha Delta elected three rush captains, Mary Allen Neal, Hazel McClure and Elizabeth Gunn. The final reports on dates, plans and parties are given in the first rush week. Two of the girls were put in charge of Kansas City where the greatest number of the new students live. Towns in which there are five or more Gamma Phis were made responsible for rush parties or benefit bridges. The parties have been charming and rushees often write telling how glad they have been to have attended them.

We are retaining the same house we occupied this year. It is in a splendid location in fraternity row, one half block from White Campus and

two blocks from the Red Campus. It is a three-story brick with beautiful floors and spacious rooms. Changes are being made and our sun porch is being transformed into a sun parlor. Each freshman will secure and care for a fern. Our chaperon, Miss Pearl Mitchell, who is remaining with us and who has devoted several years to collecting *objets d'art* abroad, lends us her Newlander sconces, mirrors and chandelier in old silver. These give our dining-room a rare distinction which we could scarcely secure without her kind interest in the chapter.

Alpha Delta held initiation on Sunday, June 1, 1924, for Dorothy Mayes, Paris, France; Dorothy Whittaker, St. Louis, Mo., and Vada Morse, Kansas City, Mo.

The class of '24 took from us our president, Blanch Baker, who loyally served Gamma Phi every hour of her college life and who will stand in the shadow of her old place, watching and advising, this next year.

Lois Maupin, of our local founders, merited almost every honor that a woman may receive at Missouri; of the twelve senior women chosen for Mortar Board she was one, and one of the four chosen for L. S. V. She is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, the Panhellenic Council and has served on the Student Government Council.

Louise Bartbald averaged twelve or thirteen hours, E, our highest grade, each semester. She attended summer school and may return in the fall.

Hazel Cally was mentioned in the selection of Beauty Queen for the '24 *Savitar*. She was a member of Women's Athletic Association, Women's Student Government Association and of House President Council.

Eekka Gordon was interested in every advance of the chapter, always especially earnest in rushing.

Corrine Heim was one of our most charming girls and efficient workers. She served as vice-president and in other chapter offices, and to her fell every task that we wanted especially well done. Three rush seasons found her with the hammer, nails, paste, tissue paper, list of groceries and addresses of rushees. Girls who have worked with her know her unfailing good humor, level headedness, cleverness of mind and thoroughness in detail.

Mary Lee Simpson has worked steadily and with true loyalty, serving as secretary, correspondent and freshman adviser; Mary and Martha McCuve specialized in Education and both were members of the French and Spanish Clubs, and Ernestine and Helen Mar Frieday graduated in Education. They were always earnestly ready to work and to do their part. Margaret Stein undertook the irksome, tedious task of house treasurer, an office requiring ability and a business head.

These are the thirteen graduates who have worked for Alpha Delta and who now pass on the torch to unfailing hands.

We have chosen for our president, Dorothy Alexander, a senior, a member of Zeta Sigma, and serving on the Panhellenic Council—a girl who has worked as the president of her own junior sorority and who has been trained for the leadership of Alpha Delta. She attended convention at Lake Placid. Cordelea Burns, of ability and artistic talent in painting, is vice-president; Ruth Baker is secretary; Mildred Haas, majoring in Commerce and Business Ethics, is treasurer.

We return to another year of preferential bidding and will rush with the inspiration of the celebration of our fiftieth anniversary.

MARY ALLEN NEAL.

PERSONALS

Miss Margaret Stein, of St. Joseph, Mo., is attending summer school in New York City.

Miss Georgia Appel of Fort Smith, Ark., formerly of Omega, is spending the summer in Manitou, Colo.

Miss Elizabeth Gunn, of Kansas City, Mo., is attending summer school in Boulder, Colo.

Miss Esther Platt, of St. Joseph, Mo., is touring the Northern States and Canada.

Miss Dorothy Whittaker, Mary Lee Simpson and Louis Barthold are attending summer school at Columbia, Mo.

Miss Dorothy Mayes is spending the summer with her family at Nice, France.

ALPHA EPSILON—UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

Rushing Plans Complete

We are looking forward to a most successful year for Alpha Epsilon. Nearly all the girls are returning for the fall semester and our rushing plans are practically completed.

The last two months of college were most exciting and joyous. We underclassmen entertained our seniors, Maude Plunkett, Agnes Carpenter, Florence Bertine, Elsie Tucker and Helena Simms with a dinner party one glorious moonlight night. The programs, crescent shaped, were very unique. Katie Carson, toastmistress, announced the speakers of the evening—"The Beginning of the Rainbow," Patricia Sponagle; "The Trail," Mary Kingsbury; "The Vision," Margaret Christy; "The Pot of Gold," Maude Plunkett. After these interesting speeches, Katie Carson, an incoming senior, gave a short talk and Frances Keegan read a truly funny prophecy. Afterwards, Elsie Tucker entertained us with some vocal solos.

We are very proud of our new pledge, Lucille Chambers, of Kingman, Ariz. She is a very fine baseball player and it is due to her ability as a pitcher that her dormitory won the baseball tournament.

We were very sorry to hear that our president-elect, Tacy Clagett, would be unable to return to the university this fall on account of illness. Our new choice was Margaret Christy, another *real* Gamma Phi!

Commencement week was a great event for Alpha Epsilon. The only thing to mar our happiness was that Mrs. George LeRoy Brown, our house mother, was called back to New York and will be unable to return next year. We shall miss her.

In the Honor Assembly, girls from our house were awarded certificates for work on the *Wildcat*, the campus newspaper, and for the *Desert*, the annual student body publication. Louise McKee received freshman honors for scholastic standing and Florence Bertine, senior scholastic honors.

PATRICIA SPONAGLE.

PERSONALS

Katie Carson has been elected to Mortar Board.

Velma Belt and Louise White took part in the senior follies, *April Fool*.

Mary Kingsbury and Florence Bertine have had parts in the University Players' programs.

Verla Oare won the Navajo County scholarship to the university.

Ada Mae Wilkey is at the head of a tea room in El Paso, Tex.

Martha Vinson plans to attend Ohio Wesleyan College this year.

Mrs. James Bruce, Omega chapter, visited Alpha Epsilon. She plans to remain some time in Tucson.

ENGAGEMENT

Martha Vinson to Randolph Parker, Lambda Chi Alpha, of the Southern Methodist University.

ALPHA ZETA—UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

A succession of Triumphs

Alpha Zeta's delight over events in the chapter during the last few months amounts almost to hilarity. In fact, it does at times break out into that very thing since during the past summer months, several of the vacationing girls have come together and have reviewed our happy successes. The latest news is of the success which the summer-schooling Gamma Phis have made of keeping the house open during the summer months. Non-sorority girls and girls from other organizations have been allowed to room and board in the house and the latest reports from Austin say that the idea as executed by the girls of the chapter who remained behind for more learning has worked in the best of style and has succeeded financially as well as from the angle of sorority interests in other directions. College work seems to have interfered very little with the good times that have rewarded scholastic ambitions, for when the weather has been warm at Austin, as it has been most of the time, the girls have risen early for sunrise breakfasts on Austin hills and have indulged in twilight swims after study hours. One week-end Alvina Abrahams entertained with a house-party at New Braunfels, a summer resort a few miles from Austin. Swimming and riding and dancing were enjoyed by almost a dozen Gamma Phis and their friends.

In spite of all the fun, the rushing season has been kept in mind. A bridge party was given at the house and some rushing was done.

The spring term was as full as that period usually is of gaiety and work, but for Alpha Zeta it has been a succession of triumphs. Florence Smith was made president of W. A. A. and Mildred Beall was elected by the highest count to the Woman's Council. Kathryn Shipp and Rachel Dunaway were taken into Mortar Board and our little pledge, Fannie Eisenlohr, danced off with the 100 points given for highest honors in Orchesus, the university aesthetic dancing club. Grades show a very appreciable rise and we are sure that we will stand well up in the sorority rating for 1923-24. The scholarship committee, which has done very diligent and effective work during the year, awarded the Gamma Phi Beta scholarship cup for the active members to Johnnye Gilkerson and for the pledges to Eva Belle Quaid.

Initiations to announce are those of Lucy Cummins, Lela Welch and Nanette Gilkerson. New pledges are Dana Bramlette, of Longview, Irene and Pauline Gibson, of Austin, and Virginia Rutledge, of Palestine. One of our first deeds when we get back to college will be the initiation of all these new pledges as well as of Katy King, Eva Belle Quaid and Margaret Chamness.

We have been doing things in the social line, also. Several of our girls have represented us at the fraternity formals and at the annual banquets of a number of campus organizations whose celebrations are rather splendid affairs. About the middle of the spring term the actives entertained the pledges with a picnic at Barton Springs. Later in the term a tea honoring the patronesses and the departing seniors was given. Our house was lovely in its spring coolness, with pink and orchid color scheme of delicately colored flowers as decorations. Just before the opening of "dead week" Kathryn Bryant gave us a delightful dance at her home so that we might take one last draught at the cup of pleasure before the deluge.

Then came commencement. We were both glad and sad to see several of our girls don the cap and gown. Mattie Belle Crook took a B.B.A. and Lola Posey and Bernice Moore received the B.A. degree. Lola will

teach in the Wortham High School this winter while Bernice will be a supervisor of art in the San Antonio schools. In August several others left our fold by way of the diploma platform. They were Johnnye Gilkerson, Mary Ruth Sneed and Gretchen Steele. Kathryn Shipp will not be back this fall since she is to wield the frying pan and spoon in a west Texas town as a teacher in the Home Economics department. More than usually reliable rumor says that Rowena Davies will also be wielding frying pan and spoon when fall comes, but that they will not belong to the Home Ec department of any school.

Even in the isolation of vacation comes word of the great thrill the Alpha Zeta representatives received at convention. Ruth Hilliard's letters are as glowing as a bright new crescent itself, and it seems the others were equally impressed and inspired. We had four girls there, Kathryn Bryant and Ruth Hilliard, from the chapter, and Edwina Duer and Mary Buckner, representing our "alums."

Just before college closed we elected a new officer whom we call the ex-student secretary. Her duty is to write a news letter every three months telling of the doings of the "exes" and the actives. This letter is to be sent to every "ex" and to the chapter, and will contain the little interesting details that make chapter life so dear to us all. Johnnye Gilkerson, who is to teach business administration in Hillsborough this winter, was put in charge of the work. By this scheme we hope to strengthen the tie between our "alums" and the active members of Alpha Zeta, and to keep alive the fires of interest and love that were started in undergraduate days.

We are everyone full of enthusiasm and plans for the fall term which will usher in the fourth college year of our happy existence on Texas University campus.

RACHEL DUNAWAY.

PERSONALS

Edwina Duer will spend the first part of the winter in New York.

Helen Boysen was made secretary of Sidney Lanier Literary Society, and treasurer of the Chemistry Club.

Kathryn Bryant is the new vice-president of Reagan Literary Society.

Aileen Burns, after a long illness and operation, is improving, and we hope she will be back in college this fall.

Mary Mixon is chairman for 1924-25 of the World Fellowship Committee on the Y. W. C. A. cabinet.

Mildred Ellis attended the summer conference of the Y. W. C. A. at Estes Park in August where she did active work in committee work. Mildred was elected on our campus as president of the Cosmopolitan Club, secretary of the Prek Law Association, assistant undergraduate representative, as well as being the Gamma Phi Beta freshman adviser for this year.

Rachel Dunaway was made national president of the Student Assembly of the Y. W. C. A. at the Y. W. convention in New York. She was among the new members of Orange Jackets, Alpha Phi Epsilon, and dancing club.

ALPHA ETA—OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

No Longer the Baby

Alpha Eta's nose is broken! She is no longer the Baby. Like all infants she *would* outgrow her baby clothes and highchair, leaving them to others whom the gods have favored. They say that she was born with

a silver spoon in her mouth but I firmly believe that it was a *gold* one, for she is such a healthy child and is pampered with all kinds of good fortune and opportunities! For instance at a very tender age she was taken to beautiful Lake Placid where she was allowed to meet many, many of her older sisters—all so very charming that she wonders if it is possible for her to grow up to be like them, but she became so thrilled and inspired and she carried away so much enthusiasm that it is going to be much easier for her to grow up gracefully. Every one was so kind—and she was given honorable mention on her first attempt—her poster.

Already Alpha Eta has cut her first tooth!—she holds the highest and most honorable position on the campus, for Margaret Wilson is president of the Woman's Student Government this year. Peg, I think, is the best-liked girl on the campus due to her own personality and to her democratic spirit. She is also our prize athlete besides being prominent in a great many other activities. We are mighty proud of her and we know that she will do great things in the coming year.

Just before commencement in June the big social event of the year took place—the spring party, held at the Maramour, in Columbus. It was a lovely party and quite outshone the one of the year before. Our dean of women, who was one of the chaperons on both occasions, said that next year she fully intended to chaperon our spring *dance*. Everyone was quite delighted for, so far, dancing has been an unheard of thing as it has been against the rules of Wesleyan.

About the same time we held our first real initiation for three girls, Katherine Squire and Aileen Simmons, juniors, and Helen Stoddard, a sophomore. It was a thrilling affair from start to finish and one from which we learned a great deal. That leaves us eleven freshmen for fall initiation, or rather thirteen, for we have two new pledges, Frances Colvin and Margaret Bing. Both are most charming and promising.

One day in the spring we were quite delighted to receive an invitation saying that the Baby Chapter of Delta Gamma invited the Baby Chapter of Gamma Phi Beta to a breakfast hike. The hike proved a great success and it marked a fine beginning of intersorority spirit and harmony on the campus.

In the field of activities Alpha Eta is traveling by leaps and bounds. She is confident that she will have a splendid year and every girl in the chapter intends to work very hard in order to make it so. The convention delegates are anxiously awaiting the beginning of the college year when they can put into practice their new suggestions and ideas.

And so Alpha Eta moves on, leaving the nursery to the new chapters. She hopes that their infancy may be as happy as hers has been.

HENRIETTA ALBAUGH.

PERSONALS

Louise Merwin has been elected to Boosters, a club of representative women, also to English Writers and to the Philosophy Club. She will be vice-president of the Social Science Club and assistant in the History department.

Katherine Squire has been elected to English Writers and to the Social Science Club. She was also elected to the honorary dramatic fraternity, Theta Alpha Phi, and to vice-president of the Clio Literary Society.

Marox Young has been awarded her swimming "W."

Henrietta Albaugh has been elected to the place of woman's business manager on *Le Bijou*, the university annual, and woman's business manager on the *Transcript*, the weekly newspaper.

Gwendolyn Mills has been elected president of Clio Literary Society.

MARRIAGE

Emily Lee Hoskinson, '23, to John Sincos, Phi Delta Theta.

ALPHA IOTA—SOUTHERN BRANCH, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

The Baby!

The summer of 1924 has been a most momentous one for a certain group of girls at the University of California, Southern Branch, known as the Alpha Sigma Pi Sorority, for August 23 saw the passing of that sorority and the creation of Alpha Iota chapter of Gamma Phi Beta in its stead.

The pledging took place Friday afternoon, August 22, at the home of Florence and Mildred Andrews, two of the charter members, and Saturday, August 23, we were initiated into Gamma Phi Beta at the chapter-house, 427 N. Vermont Ave. There were fifty-two of us, twenty-six active members and twenty-six alumnæ, also one honor member, Mrs. George E. Cryer, wife of the mayor of Los Angeles.

Following the afternoon ceremonies, the installation banquet was held at the Mary Louise Tea Rooms. There were over a hundred guests present, including representatives from eighteen chapters. Alpha Iota, needless to say, boasted the greatest representation.

The favors for the banquet were individual envelope purses of tan moiré ribbon containing a printed booklet with the names of the charter members, the program for the evening and the menu. These booklets were held in place by a narrow band of brown ribbon, with the Greek letters, Gamma Phi Beta, embroidered in tan. Thus we had our "brown both dark and light."

Rutherford Holdredge, of Alpha, presided as toastmistress. The speakers were Grace Adele Berry, of Epsilon, Dorothy Meyer, of Mu, Grace Partidge Underhill, of Eta, Edna Gearheart, of Eta, Dorothy Mosher, of Alpha Iota, and Pauline Kutzner, of Alpha Iota.

Sunday, following installation, we held a most informal afternoon at the chapter-house, and to-night (Monday) we will hold our first meeting as Gamma Phis.

You may be sure that if any of us had any regrets at the approaching fall term which will spell the end of leisure hours for another year, our installation has just more than reconciled us to that fate, and we are all most anxious to begin working for Gamma Phi.

These past few days have been such eventful and exciting ones that I'm afraid I may have let my enthusiasm run away with me in this, our first letter to *THE CRESCENT*. On the other hand, I hardly think there is any other chapter that has reason to feel quite as enthusiastic and proud as we at this particular time.

The four installing officers, Grace Underhill, Ruth Shepherd, Margaret Deahl and Dorothy Meyer, have helped and inspired us beyond my power to express, to say nothing of the splendid women in the alumnæ chapter here to whom we owe so much.

We hope that our next letter will be full of many accomplishments—and I promise you that if even half of our hopes and plans materialize, it *will* be. Again let me say how happy we are to be of you in the splendid bonds of Gamma Phi Beta.

EILEEN MEAD.

PERSONAL

Mildred Louise Andrews has set the date for her marriage to Frederick Sherman Tisdell for September 9.

ALUMNÆ CHAPTERS

DELINQUENT CHAPTERS

Chicago—Margaret Daly.
Boston—Mrs. Cyrus Kauffman.
New York—Dorothy Dean.
Denver—Mrs. George Morrison.
Spokane—Thelma Ehrenberg.

SYRACUSE

Convention Memories

The wish of Syracuse and Alpha expressed through this column in the last issue of *THE CRESCENT* was that there might be a record convention attendance. Placid and the long-looked-and-worked-for week of convention came and went. The registration not only broke all previous records but brought more old Alpha girls together than any Alpha reunion of the past. Upwards of eighty made the trip to Placid and many more to Syracuse for the final scenes of the convention celebrations. It was wonderful—getting together with delegations of the eighties and nineties and being hostesses to hundreds of sisters from all parts of the country.

Just what everyone did with those four glorious days and how successful the convention turned out to be, we will leave to others to tell about in this convention *CRESCENT*. One of the most valuable features of it, many of us believe, was, after all, the long months of preparation during which time every available alumna was sent notices for countless Convention Association meetings, chapter-house supper parties, the bazaar, the movie benefit, the food sales, the subscription dances and all the smaller gatherings which were constantly called in order to discuss the thousand details of convention. It brought together Gamma Phis who have been living in the city for years and who for some reason or other have not been in active touch with the chapter. It brought occasionally Gamma Phis from near-by towns to the city and to the chapter-house more frequently than ever before. In fact, it tended to bind all of Alpha and Syracuse into one big family working for, and anticipating the same thing.

It is something which can be lived again only in the written records of the sorority and in the memories of the Gamma Phis who were present, and still, it is with us all, the wonderful associations, the friendships formed, and the unspeakable inspiration felt by everyone—of love for the deeply rooted and enveloping ideals which penetrate every Gamma Phi at such a time.

It was with great regret that we realized that every one could not come to Syracuse for the last day of the convention. We entertained you at Lake Placid but we wanted really to be at home to you here, to have you see the places in which the history of Gamma Phi began. Although it all was old to us it was great fun to take people around and to show them so many little things, meaningless to an outsider, but of vast significance to a Gamma Phi.

The Alpha Phis were most gracious and hospitable. We certainly appreciated the way in which they opened up their chapter-house to us, drove the delegates around the city and entertained at tea in the afternoon.

Shortly before convention one of our members was presented with a check for five hundred dollars by Dr. A. R. Cook, one of Syracuse's prominent dentists. The gift was given in memory of his wife, Kate Gardener Cook, who was for many years, until her death, one of the most active of all Alpha Gamma Phis. Dr. Cook made the request that the money be used toward payment of the mortgage on the chapter-house. He believed this was the greatest need we had for it.

ELIZABETH S. MAROT.

ENGAGEMENTS

Marjorie Mansfield, '25, to Philip Esaton.

Katherine Wheatley, '23, to John Winters, '21, Psi Upsilon.

MARRIAGES

Frances M. Ward, '24, to Edward F. Rice, '25, Delta Kappa Epsilon.

Dorothy Creighton, ex-'23, to Harold Frank.

Willie May Wallace, ex-'27, to Harold Dunlop, '23, Phi Delta Theta.

Margaret Haskins, '22, to Charles Van Vleet.

Helen Codling, '16, to Donald Halsted, Phi Kappa Psi.

DEATH

After an illness of three months, Adelphia May Quivey Stabler, one of Alpha's early members, passed away on June 20 in Grand Rapids, Mich.

MILWAUKEE

Successful Bridge Party

The only redeeming feature about this letter is that you cannot see me as I write. It is enough to tell you that this northern country is experiencing its annual warm day and that I am dressed for the weather.

Since the last CRESCENT letter we have had several interesting meetings and a most successful bridge party which netted us one hundred five perfectly good dollars. Our annual bridge parties are a source of great pride to us for people look forward to them and always compare them favorably with those given by other groups in Milwaukee.

Our May meeting was held at Mrs. Marshall Moss's summer home at Thiensville. The day was bright and cool enough to give us reason to enjoy to the full a lovely grate fire in a living-room which was a veritable storehouse of interesting antiques. As if it were not enough that we had the opportunity to be in such charming surroundings, we were served with a most delicious tea so that we all forgot that there were calories in the world, and got through (with less boredom than usual) with the election of the following officers: President, Anna Raymond; Vice-president and Secretary, Alice Fitzgerald and Treasurer, Mary Kieckhefer.

Just before our two delegates, Alice Coerper and Isabel Kuehn, left for convention we had a luncheon for them at the College Women's Club to speed them on their way. As soon as they returned, we met again to hear all about convention. Such a glowing report it was, of ideal weather, of business most creditably handled, and of new friendships formed.

Vacation time will be over when you all read this but I hope your play-time has made each one of you healthier, happier and better able to meet the tasks the coming months may bring.

ALICE FITZGERALD.

BIRTHS

To Kathryn Mullane, a daughter, Kathryn, on April 20.

To Mary Kieckhefer, a daughter, Marilyn, on July 17.

SAN FRANCISCO

Greetings to "Little Sisters"

Such a long period has elapsed since spring that it is difficult for me to gather up the loose ends of San Francisco Alumnæ events. To harken back to pre-convention days would seem like ancient history. However, I haven't forgotten the delightful afternoons the alumnæ had at the homes of Ruth Wetmore Thompson and Winifred Bridge Allen before the summer vacation.

We were happy to greet each other at a combined alumnæ meeting and Eta house warming at the chapter-house last week. Bessie Waldron and Barabara Bridge, our convention delegates, were enthusiastically welcomed and we were greatly interested and inspired by their reports of the happy and profitable days at Lake Placid. Our delegates have brought home to us the big national relationship and we all feel eager to "carry on."

San Francisco alumnæ wish to send congratulations to the new group of little sisters at the Southern Branch of the University of California at Los Angeles. "May your paths lead to success," is the sincere and loving wish of your older sisters.

It was so nice to see some of our new graduates at the alumnæ meeting and we hope that every one of them will become active members of our organization. Let us all try to make our alumnæ bigger and stronger than ever before.

LESLIE UNDERHILL LOCKWOOD.

PERSONALS

Harriet Pasmore has returned from a prolonged and very successful concert tour abroad.

MARRIAGES

Lula Minor to Raymond Bailey, August 11, 1924.
Dorothy Rankin to Richmond Young.

MINNEAPOLIS

Summer Bridge Club

Our Bridge Club every other Friday has been so popular that even the heat of summer cannot break it up. We meet at different homes and usually have three full tables. In this way those of us who have not gone on vacations manage to have a pretty good time at home. The last bridge was held at Eunice Erdall's and the time before we met at the new home of Mary Ray Burns, into which she had moved only a month before. Helen Lovell Randall had a meeting in June and we were glad to welcome back Sadie Finley who had just returned from a winter in Illinois. Every meeting finds a few more of the old standbys with bobbed hair, and I must admit that the usual discussion pro and con takes up some of the time which we should be devoting to the game.

Katherine Silversen came back in June from her year's trip abroad and says she would like to go right back again and do it over. However, we are very glad that she is to stay with us for a while. She entertained at a tea at her home in honor of her sister, Clara Taney Will, of Kappa and Seattle Alumnæ. Clara had just come from the convention at Syracuse, so we heard all the inspiring news first hand. The following Friday, Millicent Hoffman gave an afternoon party for Clara and we all had another good time together.

The annual banquet of Kappa and Minneapolis Alumnæ chapters was held on May 21 at the Minneapolis Athletic Club. There was the usual goodly attendance of over a hundred and much enthusiasm prevailed. Kenena MacKenzie was the toastmistress. Dorothy Craddick received the Marion Jones pin as the junior best representing Marion's ideals.

At the April business meeting at the home of Dalie Michelson we elected Marie Moreland and Carol Albrecht our official delegates to convention. They eventually went to Syracuse but that seems like ancient history now and it is time for me to stop when I have to go as far back as that for my news.

ANNA P. BARTON.

PERSONALS

Marie Moreland has been appointed press chairman of the Woman's Party of Minnesota.

Beatrice Pierce, Gamma, has been appointed chairman of the Get-Out-The-Vote Campaign in Minneapolis this summer for the League of Women Voters.

Dorothy McCormick, who has been with the Studio Players in Minneapolis and appeared last season at the Shubert, has joined the company of *The Fool* which was produced for a week at the Metropolitan Theater here last spring. She is playing the part of "Pearl Henning" and is understudying the leading rôle of Claire Jewett.

Clara Taney Will, as the visiting delegate of the western district at convention, met her sister, Katherine Silversen, in New York on her return from Europe. She visited her sister in July after convention.

At the last alumnæ meeting in April there were six members of Gamma chapter, one from Theta and one from Iota.

Adah Grandy is teaching English at the University of Minnesota.

Rewey Belle Inglis taught in the summer school at the University of Minnesota.

Ella Morse took a trip through the Canadian Rockies in June.

Gertrude Hagey Allen has just returned from a visit with Marie Allen Granfield in Omaha.

Mary Sudduth has just recovered from an operation for appendicitis.

Carol Albrecht, one of the delegates at convention, took a trip through the East visiting New York and Washington before returning home.

Katherine Kingsbury visited in Minneapolis a few days at commencement time.

Mary Ray Burns' new home is located 1309 W. Minnehaha Blvd.

Eunice Erdall and Bertha Chapman have motored to Canada for a short camping trip with their families.

Lucile Babcock has gone abroad with the Advertisers' Convention.

The sympathy of the chapter is extended to Hazel Strong Bishop in the loss of her little daughter in April.

MARRIAGE

Evangeline Skellett to Dr. Willard White. Dr. and Mrs. White will live in Minneapolis.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Norris C. Jones (Margaret Aldrich) a son, Aldrich Charles, Feb. 28, 1924.

To Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Kopplin (Dorothea Simons) a son, Edwin Orlando, Jr., March 14, 1924.

To Mr. and Mrs. Harold Huey (Louise Weesner) a son, Grant, on June 21, 1924.

LOS ANGELES

"A Child of Great Promise"

So much has happened since our last letter that I ought to walk sideways like a crab to cover the distance, so I think I will begin eight days from now and go backwards. You remember Maeterlinck's *Blue Bird* and the unforgettable scene therein where Father Time guards the gate in the Land of the Unborn Children. He has promised to open that gate on August 23 and allow little Alpha Iota to be born. We feel that she is really our Dream Child. For over a decade we as an Alumnae Chapter have been wedded to National Ideals. The union must indeed have been blest in Heaven, for behold our progeny, a child of great promise to bless our old age. It is with great restraint that the doting mother chapter refrains from monopolizing the conversation by extolling the virtues of her firstborn.

Ever since the girls received the telegram from convention, Los Angeles has been a busy and happy place. These last weeks are humming with preparations for installation and the real account of installation which will be sent on as soon as the banquet, too, becomes a memory will give you all the details—doubtless you have read that already. The Alpha Sigma Pi alumnae are giving a bridge-tea to-morrow; we had an informal meeting yesterday; two weeks ago Mabel Sperry Stone opened her house for a picnic meeting and Ruth Shepherd gave some intimate glimpses of convention. A dozen or more of the new girls came in for tea and perhaps you can imagine how enthusiasm ran riot.

We heard at convention of several sisters who had moved to Los Angeles. We do beg and beseech you as individuals to send us your addresses so that we may call on you. If the chapters would send name and address as soon as a girl leaves, no unhappy or lonely sister would live here, but we do need a clue, and "What's in a name?" if no dwelling is indicated.

Our new officers were installed at the May meeting, each coming from a different chapter. Our executive board is thus symbolical of our cosmopolitan group. They are president, Ruth Palmer Shepherd, Epsilon, 1260 Havenhurst Drive, Hollywood; vice-president, Mary White King, Lambda, 2106 Third Ave., Los Angeles; recording secretary, Florence Mackay Jeffers, Mu; corresponding secretary, Eleanor French Whitman, Eta, 716 N. Harvard, Los Angeles; treasurer, Sadie Platt Greening, Beta, 2010 Hollenbeck Court, Los Angeles, and auditor, Mabel Sperry Stone, Omicron, 1039 S. Rimpau St., Los Angeles.

Year before last we had nineteen members, last year we had fifty-one and this year we should do even better, as we are taking in thirty-five alumnae members of Alpha Iota. Convention has inspired us and it is with renewed vigor that we start afresh. After the reception for Alpha Iota on Saturday, September 13—the day after college opens—we shall concentrate on the bazaar which will be held at the Women's University Club on Friday, November 14.

GRACE PARTRIDGE UNDERHILL.

PERSONALS

Belle Farman of Pi attended our August meeting. She has been spending the summer at Santa Monica. Elsie Baumgartner of Pi also attended the August meeting. She is living at 1333 Linwood Avenue.

Amelia McFee of Omicron, who resided at Long Beach last year, has moved to 3057 Leeward Ave., Los Angeles, for the winter.

Gertrude Comfort Morrow and Barbara Bridge of Eta and San Francisco Alumnæ motored down for the tea given by the Alpha Sigma Pis to the Los Angeles Alumnæ chapter in April.

Margaret Burton Daly of Mu has a young son, Morris, Jr.

Georgia Bloeser of Mu has a brand new daughter.

Isabel Faye of Eta spent the summer visiting in Los Angeles.

Dora Atwater Wallace of Eta was the guest of her sister, Juliette Atwater King, in May.

Margaret MacKay, who was president of Mu chapter last year, is now living in her home in Los Angeles. She is a sister of Florence Mackay Jeffers.

May Atkinson of Eta and Los Angeles Alumnæ had an interesting eastern trip this summer.

Eleanor French Whitman is spending the summer in Berkeley.

Claire Parkey of Theta was married in April to Mr. C. L. Beresford.

Mrs. Gideon L. Draper of Alpha (Frances Haven Moss' sister) visited in Pasadena on her way home to Japan from convention. Several of the girls called on her and fell in love with her on the spot.

Mrs. George G. Hunt, Harriet Harazthy of Eta, spent the spring and summer in the Hawaiian Islands.

Pauline Griswold Cunningham of Alpha Gamma has a son, Griswold Cunningham, born in May.

Marjory Shelley Leland of Chi has a son, Randall, Jr., born in June.

Vera Luce and Anna Brown of Alpha Gamma will teach at Bell this year, the former living in Inglewood, the latter in Huntington Park.

Madge Shoemaker Johnson of Alpha Gamma has returned to Los Angeles. They are living at 5324 Virginia Ave., Hollywood.

Margaret Hodgen of Eta taught Social Economics at the summer session of the Southern Branch of the University of California at Los Angeles this summer.

Margaret Garthwaite of Eta attended the summer session of the Southern Branch.

Helen Robinson Adams of Eta (daughter of Mrs. Robinson of Alpha) of Riverside, is the proud mother of Henry Robinson Adams, born June 9.

Helen Erickson of Alpha Iota claims three Gamma Phi cousins in Oregon—the West girls of Nu.

Agnes Leonard, one of our new Alpha Iota alumnæ, is the cousin of Marion Mansfield of Xi.

DETROIT

Committee-hostess Plan

Convention, which occupied the minds of all Gamma Phis in the last issue of *THE CRESCENT*, still holds its own, for the fiftieth anniversary of Gamma Phi Beta was a huge success and Alpha and Syracuse chapters are to be commended for their splendid efforts. Those Detroit alumnæ who were lucky enough to attend the convention are still living over the happy times and good fellowships which were theirs to claim, and those who were unable to go to Lake Placid are looking forward to hearing about them at the next meeting to be held early in September.

The Detroit chapter found the committee-hostess plan of entertaining its members so successful last year that it is planning to continue this method for the coming year.

The last two meetings of the past year were held at the homes of Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Lynch, who proved delightful hostesses. Mrs. Brown entertained the chapter with a bridge-tea and Mrs. Lynch with a supper.

Detroit alumnae are sorry to lose one of their most loyal and conscientious co-workers, Jess Herman. Jess expects to spend the winter in Boston, Mass.

DOROTHY A. SWEET.

BALTIMORE

Claims the National Secretary

Enthusiastically we packed our suitcases and started in June to Lake Placid and loaded down with a hundred times more enthusiasm, we came home to tell the wonders of convention to those unfortunates who had to stay in Baltimore. We immediately arranged an evening picnic of Gamma Phis and husbands so that we could tell all the good news and discuss all the newly-laid plans.

Is it any wonder that we just "bubbled over?" The new National Secretary is right here in our very midst and Mrs. Smith was one of us for seven or eight years and is still good enough to list the Baltimore alumnae among her friends.

And is it any wonder that plans for the coming year seem to be written all over our faces? We want to have two or three editions of a newspaper, on the order of the *Crescent Moon*, published during the coming year and sent not only to city alumnae but also to all other alumnae in our district and in Philadelphia where many former Zeta girls live.

We want also to have a bigger and more interesting Founders' Day celebration than ever before. By a local Panhellenic ruling, Pledge Day comes very close to November 11 and we plan to invite all near-by Gamma Phis (from Maryland, Pennsylvania and Washington) to an afternoon pledge service followed by a supper, and, to crown it all, have a presentation of Lindsey Barbee's Anniversary Pageant in the evening, by the alumnae and actives.

As soon as November 11 has gone by, we shall start to work on our bridge and mah jong party in order to keep up with the insurance premiums, which have a way of coming due just when we feel the poorest!

You see, we have to behave ourselves now as never before because we have Mary McCurley to reckon with during the next two years, so I am hoping that our enthusiasm, which started to bubble at convention, will last until our one hundredth anniversary, when we shall be given a new supply.

HESTER CORNER WAGNER.

PERSONALS

Frances Sweezy went to Salt Lake City this summer to attend a penal conference.

Julia Sprengel, Zeta, '21, is to be an assistant statistician for the State Board of Education and she will be living in Baltimore next winter.

Frances Coventry, Zeta, '20, has received her doctor of science degree at the Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene. She will be an instructor in Medical Zoology at the School of Hygiene next year.

Cecelia Keilholtz, Zeta, '23, was elected recording secretary of the Baltimore Alumnae chapter of the Goucher College Alumnae association.

The following Baltimore alumnae and former Zeta girls were at convention: Dorothy Frey Stauffer, Clara Wagner Sutton, Margery Sawyer, Mary McCurley, Hester Corner Wagner, Frances Coventry, Betty Wingert, Helen Codling Halstead and Dorothy Sweet.

WEDDINGS

Eliza Bennett Young, Zeta, '21, to Wade Hampton Heavey, in August.
Helen Codling, Zeta, '27, to J. Donald Halstead, on June 30.

Eleanor Chism, Zeta, '20, to Harold Myers, June 21.

Kathleen Jennison, Zeta, '16, to Dr. William L. Lowrie, Jr., on June 5.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Arthur M. Hayes (Mae Westcott, Gamma), a son, Arthur M. Hayes, Jr.

To Mr. and Mrs. Roland Benjamin (Minna Treide), a son, on August 7.

DEATH

Baltimore sympathizes with Virginia Henkle, '23, in the loss of her mother.

SEATTLE

Lambda's Birthday Party

May 17, Lambda's twenty-first birthday, was celebrated in gay carnival style at an evening bridge and mah jong party at the house. The active chapter as hostesses conducted themselves with the same charm and vivacity which marks their every effort. The entertainment of music and readings was delightful straight through dainty refreshments and last adieux. I know all parents with daughters soon to come to college held the silent hope that those daughters might meet our Lambda girls. It was a happy day when Lambda entertained her friends.

In addition to a good time the party also proved highly successful financially and much credit is due Billy Taylor and her committee for the hundred dollars turned into National Endowment Fund.

June 6 at the Women's University Club, the annual banquet was enjoyed, proving a huge success. It left us all with a wild desire to be off to Lake Placid and convention with the nine sisters then enroute. Those who attended convention were Clara Will, Dollie Callow, Genevieve Walton, Adelle Thompson, Helen Smith, Elizabeth McElroy, Helen Sander, Mary White King and Margaret Younger.

All N. P. C. sororities have chapters at Washington now and many new locals are thriving. Dean Haggett has these under her supervision for the first year and then it is her plan to ask a well established group to sponsor each new one through its second year. Gamma Phi has been asked to start the good work under the direction of Dollie Callow and to operate through city Panhellenic. California and Illinois are the only other colleges confronted with this problem at the present time.

August 12 brings the Gamma Phi picnic at Hunt's Point which every one anticipates with glee, for it will be our first big opportunity to hear convention news from the girls in person.

Now to take a long breath and prepare for the rushing season so near at hand! It is so hard to think and be energetic these August days.

AGNES WILSON.

PERSONALS

Orpa McAusland traveled for a month in the East and South with her husband, Bob.

Helen Allen has returned from spending three months with her sister in Minnesota.

Marion Grabel Anderson, with Stanford, has returned from a tour of the Orient.

Charlotte Mann Baker is spending the summer with her husband's family in the South.

Helen Thompson Gray and son are home from Honolulu for a visit.

Pauline Smith Speidel's husband has been sent to Kobe to represent his lumber firm. Pauline will join him there this fall.

Rondi Thomes and Kristine went to Norway this summer. Kristine will return with her captain brother via Panama.

Lillian Brock Anderson has returned to Seattle and Elizabeth Hessler Carroll, of Denver, is making Seattle her home.

Nita Merry Wheeler and Ruth Norton Smith have just returned from more than a year spent in Honolulu.

Imogene Cornet is home after several months spent in the East and South.

Doreen Kennedy has gone to join her family in Chicago.

Lucile Hicks is secretary of the Theater Guild.

VISITORS IN SEATTLE

K. B. Pierrot, Detroit; Barbara Bridge, Eta; Dorothy Matie, Spokane; Violet Demgan Kieth, San Francisco; Ann McMicken Monroe, Nu; Marie Moreland, Minneapolis; Dr. and Mrs. Kane have been with Mrs. Haggett and Mabel Posson Redline arrives this month.

MARRIAGES

Ilma Meerschiedt to Ed Jenner, Seattle.

Trudie Tingling to Howard Burke, Seattle.

Verona Morgan to Harold Britt, Everett.

Evelyn Johnson to Bob Burkhart, Cleveland.

Marie Holcomb to Paul Camp, Los Angeles.

Connie Martin to Harry Newman, Ogden, Utah, August 20.

BIRTHS

To Freddy Sully Shaw, a daughter.

To Emily Nettleton Walker, a daughter.

To Zona Shulz Edmondson, a son.

To Edna Johanson Bouillon, a son.

To Willow Coffman Healy, a son.

To Elizabeth Bridge Currier, a son.

To Al Ives Richardson, a son.

To Imogene Carroher Burwell, a daughter.

To Dorothy Troy Morgan, a daughter.

To Lurline Brown Crawford, a daughter.

DEATHS

Lambda mourns the death, in January, of Dorothy Coffin Ballard, '18, who in her short time in Lambda endeared herself to many of us.

We grieve with Margaret Wayland Smith and Elizabeth Frye Bogue, who have lost their mothers, and Isabel McCormick, Margaret Brady and Shirley Skewis Hedden whose fathers have answered the final summons.

PORTLAND

Garden Party

Every one has heard of the terrible drought in the West. Here in Portland it is a general topic of conversation, for instead of our usual ten months of rain we've had only nine, consequently all crops are small and scarce, especially the crop of news of Gamma Phis and their doings.

Our last meeting for the year was held with Mildred Reichardt and was well attended. The special feature, besides the delicious lunch, was the report of the financial board of Nu's building committee, submitted by Caroline Benson Unander.

A most charming and original affair was the the garden party given in June by Nu chapter at the beautiful home of Ruth and Thelma Hopkins at Riverwood. The girls spared themselves no work and the party was most picturesque and clever. Nu's letter will contain the details, no doubt, so we must not steal their thunder.

We have scheduled a tea for the first week in September as our contribution for Nu's rushing campaign.

Plans for our winter activities will be discussed at the September meeting. We hope to take up some special social service work this year.

Our best wishes to all sister chapters for a happy and successful winter.

UNSIGNED.

PERSONALS

All Gamma Phi re-unions did not take place at convention this summer. Florence Lewis Tarrens had the pleasure of entertaining two of her class mates on their way home from the convention—Mary White King, of Los Angeles, and Violet Dungan Keith, of San Francisco. All three girls were originally of Lambda and had not met for some years. So one can imagine how the talk flew!

Alice Benson Allen, who is spending a year abroad with her children, was the Oregon representative at the International Congress and Centennial Celebration of the Royal Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals held in London in the latter part of June. She read a paper on "Wild West Shows on the Pacific Coast and Stock Range conditions." Mrs. Allen attended the banquet of the Royal Society at the Hotel Cecil over which the Prince of Wales presided.

ENGAGEMENT

Eloise White to Frank Hutchinson.

DES MOINES

News Postponed Until Next Letter

Because of sickness and vacations and other varied causes the Des Moines chapter has not been able to hold a meeting since the last *Crescent* letter, so unless I make a copy of the Sunday society page, telling who has spent the summer where and doing what, I think we had best dispense with our chapter letter this time. We are very sorry not to be represented in this issue.

MIRIAM LAMAR MOTT.

ST. LOUIS

Money and Matrimony

If this communication were from the active chapter it would relate to dreams and ambitions—enthusiastic plans for the year which they are about to begin. Less soaring are the affairs of the Alumnæ chapter, for a chronicle of their summer is concerned chiefly with such mundane matters as money and matrimony. Proudly we assert, however, that the one is not the motive for the other! It is only the collective group that soils its mind by dwelling on thoughts of the earthy metal which is to fill the chapter coffers. The romantic souls of the individuals soar into matrimonial heights.

Money—yes, we always have to have it for, oh, a number of things! There are the funds for the future chapter-house of Phi, current expenses of our own organization, and that from which go annually the fees and assessments to the national sisterly exchequer. Most of these have formerly

been supplied by a single terrible and concentrated effort—the annual bazaar—but so terrible has the effort been in the past, in contrast to the returns therefrom, that it was suggested, decided and decreed to adopt this year a more leisurely plan. The occasional summer bridge in behalf of ourselves has proved pleasant and successful. There was also a Gamma Phi house-party sponsored by Beatrice Jennings Kotsrean at the Kotsrean Kottage on the Meramec—also in behalf of ourselves! We hope that the financial success of the house-party will not smite Mrs. Kotsrean as a means of the future inflation of her personal income! I understand that a report of this frolic would not impress our elsewhere sisters with our dignity and profound wisdom or, as Mr. Kipling would say, “our infinite resource and sagacity.” Hence I pass on to the rummage sale. Quite in contrast to the laborious bazaar, the annual rummage sale represents the concentrated effort of a *very few* days and the gratifying returns therefrom make us beam at each other with sisterly affection during the whole season. This event is to take place early in the fall (strategic time, you will note) and already we are poking about in forgotten corners for our stock of goods.

If “the climax is where they get married,” this paragraph is the succinct and dramatic climax of my tale. In vain did we heave that sigh of relief when June passed with only a few spring casualties, for the matrimonial virus remained in our veins throughout the summer and three of our members succumbed to its insidious poison—Mary Harold West, Irmgard Zetlmeisl and Mary Jones—and Lucile Riedel has admitted that it has her in its grip.

I shall list below a record of our individual achievements and, since the annals of the poor should be short and simple, I broadcast good wishes and cease.

FRANCES BARBOUR.

ENGAGEMENT

Lucile Riedel to Walter Mueller.

MARRIAGES

Beatrice Jennings to Chester Kotorem.

Helen Scholz to Milton Lowenstein.

Mary Harold West to George Easterbrook.

Irmgard Zetlmeisl to Albert Lowe, Jr.

Mary Jones to Wallace Snyder.

BIRTHS

To Grace Lewis Miller, a son, Jefferson Lewis.

To Elizabeth Chapin Carson, a son, Norman Bruce, III.

N. B. Pittsburgh Association—Elizabeth Wood Mize has moved from St. Louis to Pittsburgh.

RENO

Helping to Line up Rushees

All summer long the leaves on the topmost branch of the maple looked longingly at the leaves on the branch that was very near the ground. The west leaves, too, had many things to tell the little leaf that swung on the eastmost twig. Patiently they waited for the late August breeze to bring them together, gay and bright, still thrilled by summer adventure. So

Reno alumnæ members are waiting for August and Autumn to bring them together again. Already an early breeze has blown our convention delegate back to us, more enthusiastic than ever about Gamma Phi. Our president is still an eastern leaf while the treasurer prefers Western Sierras. There have been too few of us in Reno to hold regular meetings, but Gamma Phi spirit is very much alive and we are already helping Alpha Gamma to line up rushees and plan parties. Soon the scattered leaves will be together again working for a banner year for both actives and alumnæ.

ANNA E. BROWN.

PERSONALS

Norma Brown has been enjoying a delightful trip in Panama and Cuba and at present is studying at Columbia University. Bonnie Stephens is visiting in Sparks but will soon return to San Francisco where she will teach next year. Thres Haughney, of Lovelock, is visiting at the home of Mrs. Robert Farrar.

Our most members will be widely scattered this fall. Erma Eason is to teach at Panama, Eunice Allen will teach at Fallon, Vera Smith will be in Berkeley and Verda Luce in Los Angeles.

MARRIAGE

Georgiana Steiner to Roy O. Boyer, Sigma Nu.

TORONTO

Convention and Abroad

I'm so full of envy and chagrin that it's a crime I should be writing at all. I'm liable to say mean and cantankerous things about perfectly respectable Gamma Phis, spread unsound reports, deliver moral and intellectual black eyes and otherwise get even with the rest of the chapter: Everybody's been abroad or to convention, or abroad *and* to convention—that is, everybody but me.

The ones who were at convention are particularly annoying. They rave about pageants and presidents; they chortle over unintelligible phrases that begin "Don't you remember"; they begin discussions about how other chapters do certain things and then they turn pityingly to us and say, "But you've never been to convention, have you—poor thing."

Honesty compels me to say they try their best to give an intelligible report of what happened—but start off as sober as they will, they're always raving at the end of the third sentence. All of which, of course, makes it much more thrilling to us—for who ever had a wonderful, thrilling time and could give a sober account of it? So we're looking forward to THE CRESCENT very much for the proceedings. Joking aside, the Toronto girls had a particularly jolly trip because I believe they took in the Thousand Islands, Lake George and the Saguenay. May Harris, Alice Smith, Janet MacDougall, Edyth Cockburn, Isabel Peaker and Gertrude Beasley were among the alumnæ.

Last fall rumors of the exodus to Europe began. By April it had started, and now some of the pilgrims are already back. May Scott sailed with her sister in June, Leone Harris went with her family, Mary Dalley attended the World Advertising Convention, the McElroy girls just went to poke about and Iva Wright, like the pussy cat in the nursery rhyme, "went up to London to look at the Queen." There were others, too, scores of them, so you can see how righteous my grievance is.

But those of us who were left in Toronto had one compensation, anyhow. Annette Whalley Gayton has been visiting her mother and she brought, all

the way from Saskatchewan, her little daughter, Alpha Jeanette. Margie Hunter gave a garden party at her country home and the men say nobody even looked at them—Alpha Jeanette was the whole works. By the way, I wasn't there myself, but I hear that it was a perfectly lovely party, with a dance in the evening. As usual, there is not much concerted effort toward Gamma Phi activities in the summer, but parties such as Margie's and the one the enterprising members of the lingerie booth for the bazaar gave, help to "bind our hearts together" until the fall. And with the fall there will be BAZAAR spelled out in big letters just like that for every Gamma Phi. One of the big things CRESCENT letters have shown Toronto is the marvelous results other chapters have had from bazaars, so last year we started and made a startling success and this year we're going to buckle on our armor, roll up our sleeves, polish up our brains and "carry on." Will you wish us luck?

GRACE MARGARET TREMEER.

PERSONALS

Lily Speers, after some years in the West, is coming back to Ontario to teach at Peterboro and we can hardly wait to see her.

Jessie and Helen Vawter, who came to Toronto from Chicago, have been conducting very successfully, for the past year, a lending library called "The Book Nook." It is situated right down town and has made its biggest appeal to business people. I wish you could see the charming interior and the crowds that flock in and out. Helen started a studio in connection with it, but the books became so important that all efforts had to be concentrated in the one direction. This is a real business venture that has been put over on a sound basis and we are very proud of both of them.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mills (Jessie Crumb), a daughter, in July.

CLEVELAND

Our Débutante!

No débutante ever made her bow with more delighted trepidation than does Cleveland alumnæ chapter. Can you see us clutching our bouquet with a worried look, sure that our nose must be shiny and an ear in evidence, but having a thrilling time nevertheless? Though we stand where "the brook and the river meet" our feet are far from reluctant as we step from association to chapter, with twenty-three members, representing eight active chapters and a background of three years' work together as an association, besides informal meetings before that was formed.

We are a very congenial group and our meetings in the past have been prone to emphasize the social side of life. Perhaps our outstanding achievement last year was a rummage sale by which, with very little effort, we raised what *we* thought was quite a lot of money. One of the things we intend to do with it is to make our Gamma Phi chapter at Ohio Wesleyan a gift of some sort for their house.

Margaretta Williamson, of Zeta, who has been one of our most delightful members, has gone to Philadelphia as regional organizer for the League of Women Voters. We shall miss her very much this year and her mother, too, for she extended her motherly interest to all the Gamma Phis.

Dane Vermillion and Grace Maxey, of Gamma, whom we enjoyed so much last winter, have also folded their tents like the Arab, etc. We understand there are two men in the case. No, they didn't say which ones.

They had both held responsible positions with the Bell Telephone Company, and oh, how the service has slumped since they went!

We were privileged to have a glimpse, too, of Airdie Kincaid, who lived in Cleveland for a short time before she returned to the West. We were sorry, indeed, that her stay with us was so brief.

Since this letter seems to speak mostly of partings, it comes at last to the saddest one of all. Beta girls who knew her will be no more shocked than were we here in Cleveland to learn of the death of Stella Knapp Sykes, Beta, '15, on July 31, following an operation. None of us knew of her illness, which lasted but little more than a day, and it is still impossible to believe that we shall not look again into those wonderful eyes full of dark fires, nor hear her music anymore. Never was anyone more truly named and Stella's memory will always shine like a star in the hearts of those who loved her. Besides her husband she leaves a little daughter, Sally.

Perhaps you would like to know the names of our officers for the coming year. For president we are fortunate to have Anne Dimmick, Zeta; vice-president, Helen Ely Charlton, Beta; the recording secretary, Marguerite Stephenson Evans, Theta; treasurer, Katherine Haggard, Theta. The corresponding secretary is, of course, ye scribe!

Children should be seen and not heard and as the infant alumnae chapter we should have ceased talking long ago, but we formed the visiting habit at Lake Placid during that memorable week in June and find it hard to stop. We fear we have put personals where no personals should be and made many another *faux pas*, but we hope to learn by experience to become the complete letter writer and, besides, we hate to write it over, now.

We hope the college year now starting will be the best so far in every way for every chapter, active and alumnae.

HILDEGARDE HAGERMAN JOHN.

PERSONALS

Mrs. Charles Dibble (Mary Lyons, Epsilon) and her daughter, Alice, Epsilon, '28, spent part of the summer in Ludington, Mich.

Mrs. R. L. Drake (Pauline Adams, Beta) with her two little daughters, Jean and Pauline, were in Negaumee, Mich., the latter part of the summer.

Mrs. S. Keller (Dorothy Winchell, Epsilon), Mrs. A. P. Baston (Ruby Laird, Kappa) and Mrs. Ralph M. Watkins (Alice Kenyon, Alpha) are moving into new homes of their own this fall.

Gladys Stearns has spent most of the summer traveling through the West with her husband.

Mrs. Charles Dibble (Mary Lyons, Epsilon) is president and Mrs. Eugene Smith (Lillian Boynton, Beta) is secretary of the Michigan Women's Organization in Cleveland, which has over a hundred members.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Charlton (Helen Ely, Beta, '16), a second son, Richard Ely, born June 24.

To Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Geibel (Abbie Lane Anderson, Upsilon) a little son, John Williams, Jr., born May 4.

DEATHS

On July 31, Stella Knapp Sykes, Beta, '15.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to Alice Kenyon Watkins and Gladys Stearns, each of whom mourns the loss of her mother.

ALUMNÆ ASSOCIATIONS

EVERETT

Delectable Menus

Oh! What a wonderful summer we Everett "alums" have had! One grand and glorious picnic after another.

The first was in June at the Swalwell summer cottage, Lake Stevens, given in honor of our newest "alum," Verona Morgan Britt, a June bride who had just arrived in our city to make her home. Luscious baked ham, perfection salad, hot rolls, pickles, jellies, home-made strawberry ice-cream and angel foods constituted our first spread. I know I'm making every one's mouth water, but just the same I'm going to tell about our next meeting and then you will all wish you were Everett "alums."

Another picnic at Sandy Point on July 11, guests of Lottie Edwards Woodruff and Gretchen Styker. We all took the ten-thirty boat from here, a forty minute ride, and shortly after arriving unpacked our baskets for our stomachs were getting the best of us. Delicious creamed chicken, potato chips, hot rolls, vegetable salad, ice cream and cakes of all kinds. Sounds pretty good, don't you think? Later in the afternoon we all enjoyed swimming and the boat came entirely too soon. On August 27 another picnic is scheduled.

Esther Harris Taylor from Chi chapter is making her home in Monroe and meets with us. Vivian Tundberg Hodge, of Snobomist, also joins our happy throng.

CORINNE MILEY.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Awaiting Fall Elections

The city of Washington is always having a convention. This year we spent much time listening to the Cleveland and New York conventions, either willingly through our own radio sets or unwillingly through our neighbors' loud speakers. It was a new experience to have the cheering in Madison Square Garden keep one's small daughter awake most of the night.

Unfortunately, Gamma Phi did not broadcast so we have no direct news of her activities. In spite of our comparative proximity to Lake Placid, none of our members could be there the last of June, and an account of our mild activities here will seem strangely out of place in a convention number of *THE CRESCENT*.

We have had no meetings this summer. Washington's heat drives away most of its inhabitants. We met with Dr. Jane Shurzer in April. In May we had tea at the Columbia Country Club with Mrs. Johnson and in June we had Sunday morning breakfast together at the Pierce Mill Tea House in Rock Creek Park. We were to go to Mrs. Dulaney's in July and meet young "Billy," who was born last winter in Florida, but the meeting was given up because Mrs. Dulaney was called suddenly to Nebraska.

Now our latest piece of news—Ernestine Hall was married on July 14 to Dr. James Alfred Rolls. It was a University of Michigan wedding with the blue and yellow colors of Michigan carried out in the arrangements and with a Michigan Gamma Phi, Elinor Leonard, as one of the bridesmaids. We are glad we are not to lose Ernestine and that she and Dr. Rolls will remain in Washington.

We have no active chapter to assist through the throes of rushing so have little interest in this year's freshman class, but we do wonder what the

November elections will do to Washington—what changes will be made and what Gamma Phis and Gamma Phi husbands will come here to live.

MARY ALLEN JOHNSON.

PERSONALS

Leta Adams is spending the summer in Europe.

We enjoyed meeting Carol Heysett, Beta, who was in Washington in June.

Helen Hildner and her two small boys left in May for Oklahoma where they will remain until autumn.

Kate Buchnam, after the N.E.A. convention, left for a short visit to her old home in Iowa. She will go to Maine for the last of the vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Bebee are now located in their new home on Shepherd Street.

MARRIAGE

Ernestine Hall, Beta, to Dr. James Alfred Rolls, Phi Gamma Delta.

DEATH

Our sincere sympathy goes out to Katherine Johnson Lipscomb, whose mother died very suddenly while visiting in Washington this summer.

BOISE

Discusses Rushing

The last meeting of the Boise alumnae was held in May, at the home of Milinda and Mary Shurtz. The hostesses were Milinda and Mary Shurtz and Ruth Guppy.

A goodly number was present and the main topics of the evening were rushing and the prospectives for next year. Certainly much interest was shown.

The summer months have found the alumnae widely scattered. After lively discussions as to vacation plans the meeting adjourned.

M. RUTH GUPPY.

OKLAHOMA CITY

Miriam Gerlach, New Dean

It has been so long since our alumnae chapter appeared in THE CRESCENT that we have a considerable budget of news.

A never failing topic of interest during the vacation months is fancy work for the annual bazaar. Lois T. Walter (Mrs. O. W.) is in charge this year and has sent out very definite directions and helpful suggestions in a recent number of the *Screamer*. Lois has set an ambitious goal and we feel sure that with the support the girls are giving her she will equal or even surpass last year's unqualified success. The bazaar will be held December 6.

On May 17, the alumnae entertained the eight seniors with a tea at the home of Mrs. William G. Schmidt. Although we realize that the active chapter will miss them sorely we are very happy to welcome these new alumnae. They are Margaret Aler, Lorena Craft, Marion Foster, Mary Mitchell, Marjorie Shaw, Mary Ellen Stafford, Marie Tackett and Opal Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. William G. Schmidt are also entertaining a young daughter, Marianne, who arrived January 31.

Frances Sanford is acting as president of the alumnae association in place of Helen Berg Kline who is in the University Hospital recovering from a slight illness.

Stella Wantland LeMaster was recently elected president of the Oklahoma City Panhellenic association. Stella is spending a month's vacation in Colorado.

Grace DeMotte, who has been teaching English in the Southwestern Teachers' College this summer, will spend her vacation visiting in Texas and New Mexico. Grace will be back in the university this year to work toward a master's degree.

Della Brunstetter of the Modern Language department of the university is traveling overland through the New England States. Della took her master's degree at Radcliffe in '23 and will visit college friends on her trip.

Edith Mahier and Ida Hoover are sailing this week from New York for Europe. Edith is assistant professor of painting at the university and Ida is head of the Art department in the East Central Normal College. They expect to spend the year studying in Paris and visiting points of interest.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Norris are spending some weeks in Colorado.

Marguerite Streeter recently returned from Mexico with the American Editorial Association and has accepted a position in Minnesota as advertising manager for the Thousand Lakes Association.

Norman Gamma Phis have been delighted to have a number of our girls visiting in town. Among those welcomed were Mabel Harrington Henry and Mrs. Bailey Vinson.

Pauline McKinney is spending the summer in California.

On May 20, a private view of Edith Mahier's paintings was given at the chapter-house. The paintings were hung to advantage in the new house and many people came to see them. The collection was then sent to New Orleans for exhibition. We are very proud of Edith's work.

Perhaps our greatest piece of news is that Mariam Gerlach, formerly of Illinois University, has been appointed dean of women in the university to take the place of Miss Ethel Lyons who resigned recently. Miss Gerlach was here for a few days during the summer and an informal tea was given for her at the chapter-house.

EUGENIA KAUFMAN.

ST. PAUL

Convention, Rushing and Rummage Sale

We come to this issue in sackcloth and ashes—no, not cigarette ashes, but the good old-fashioned kind used by early Christian sinners as a badge of repentance. The sackcloth is quite becoming. We like it. But the ashes are bitter. We don't care to be delinquent again if it means more ashes. Yet it wasn't exactly our fault. A stiff arm laid us low at the crucial moment—to say nothing of a misspent brain. But here we are again, back to abnormalcy.

To begin at the beginning, back in March Winifred Briggs decided that the St. Paul alumnae must have a rummage sale—a tactful way of persuading us to discard our old clothes and freshen up a bit. We fell in with this suggestion, found a good store and set a day, but on the appointed Saturday we were walking in snow to our ears. Walking is the correct term, or perhaps ploughing would be more accurate. It was the most terrific blizzard since the year the big wind paralyzed all traffic. Nothing ran—neither street cars, taxis, nor kiddie cars—and our beautiful cast-offs sat in cold storage, unseen, unopened and unsold, but the next Saturday, when most of the snow had been shipped to California, our rummage sale went off with a bang. We are now planning to have another in the fall.

The final supper meeting of the year was held in April at Louise Maurer's home. Over the frozen meringue pie we discussed everything from somebody or other's new wife—his third, my dear—to somebody else's new Airedale. In meeting we discussed the convention, rushing and rummage sale, but particularly convention.

On May 19, St. Paul went to Minneapolis for the Founders' Day banquet. The Athletic Club gave us a mighty good dinner, more than one hundred of us were there, and our emotions ranged from riotous to grave and back again. Rewey Belle Inglis kept us shrieking over her rhymed history of the class of 1908. Bobbie Smalley with splendid poise gave us a résumé of the year for the active chapter. Marie Moreland took us back to gravity when she persented the Marion Jones pin for scholarship to Elizabeth Craddick, and the active chapter finished us off in laughter with a travesty of Shakespeare.

St. Paul has had one summer meeting and that was a picnic luncheon at White Bear Lake with Marion Blodgett as hostess.

We are looking forward to our first fall meeting when we shall hear about convention. The summer is almost over and we haven't been really warm since the big blizzard. We golf, wrapped in blankets, and swim, in three bathing suits, but it's bad for the disposition and any day now we're liable to have a childish phantasy and commit a few murders.

KENENA MACKENZIE.

BIRTH

To Mrs. George Noel Ruhberg (Gertrude Hauser), a daughter, Gertrude.

PERSONALS

Pauline Schwartz spent the summer in the East.

Alice Gall attended a wedding in California and went from there to a girls' camp in Vermont.

Jeanne and Audrey Borden are spending the month of August at Lake Vermilion.

Mrs. Wentworth Freeman (Henrietta Brawley) has been visiting her parents in St. Paul.

Mrs. Robert Withy and daughter, Patricia, spent the summer in California.

Harriet Thompson was in St. Paul for a few days en route to the West. Her work takes her on visits of inspection to Presbyterian colleges.

Mrs. Harold Sommers (Marjorie Hurd) spent some time in Alexandria.

Mrs. Paul Maurer (Louise Arosin) has returned from the northern part of the state where she spent several weeks.

ENGAGEMENT

Josephine Hurd to Paul McKown, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Dartmouth.

CHAMPAIGN-URBANA

Regular Summer Meetings

The regular correspondent, on her vacation in the Front Range Camps in Colorado, just sent me a notice of THE CRESCENT letter's being due and complains that she has no typewriter and no news, so she is sending it post haste to me and imagines that I will be ready to hang her. She isn't far from right, although I think I'd prefer slow poison. Not having been expecting this honor I haven't been garnering any news items.

All I know is that we have enjoyed our regular meetings on the first Tuesday of each month. One of the last, in the prettily furnished apart-

ment of Roxie Stuart Erb, was marked by a shower for Helen Burpo, who became Mrs. Henry Mathias in June.

About twenty-five Gamma Phis—alumnæ and actives living in town and several girls in summer school—had a delightful picnic at Crystal Lake, August 7, under the supervision of Nina Gresham and Cornelia North. Our usual good time was made more enjoyable by the talks on convention given by Nina Gresham and Dorothy Styant. They made us long still more to have been there.

We are all planning this summer for our rummage sale and bazaar to be given in the fall—not simultaneously, but for the joint purpose of raising money.

We are more than sorry to say that Charlotte Barr, our faithful corresponding secretary and CRESCENT correspondent, has left us. On her return from a vacation trip in Colorado she will go to Chicago to be secretary to Miss Howe and Miss Boyle of the American Library Association in the John Crear Library. Another valued member who is no more is Martha McCammon Clark who, with her husband and baby boy, will leave shortly for the University of Missouri.

I have received the most glowing accounts of convention from Mrs. Moss and I know that she would want me to say that she had the most wonderful time and that she is happier than ever that she is one of the founders.

UNSIGNED.

PERSONALS

Lillian Johnston will be a religious secretary at the Fourth Presbyterian Church in Chicago.

Mrs. Ida Staehle, '22, will be with us again in her capacity as house mother for Omicron. We are glad to have her here after her two years' absence in Europe and at Lambda chapter. We will all miss Mrs. Adams, though, so we are all glad to hear that she will still be on the campus as house mother for the Tri Deltas.

MARRIAGE

Helen Burpo, ex-'25, to Henry Mathias, '23, Sigma Chi.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Mason Herbert Campbell (Georgia Brownfield), a son, Mason Hubert.

To Mr. and Mrs. Marshall G. Clark (Martha McCammon), a son, Malcolm McCammon.

COLORADO SPRINGS

The Colorado Springs association, with an active membership of five, can boast of very little interesting activities, if any at all. At our last meeting we seriously discussed abandoning our association but finally decided that while we could not do much for the sorority or any chapter in particular, we could keep our Gamma Phi spirit and interest alive within ourselves, so we will continue our meetings once a month.

Ruth Carsan Gilmore, with her family, is spending the summer at her beautiful new cabin in the Black Forest, fifteen miles from Colorado Springs.

Mrs. D. W. Smith has entertained several times for her daughter, Margaret, who is at home for her vacation. She was initiated into our chapter at Northwestern this last year and we are delighted to have at last an active girl among us.

Hazel Earl is spending her vacation with her mother in Syracuse, N. Y. We were all very happy when we knew she would be dietitian at Colorado College again this next year.

Lucy Moore Lennox and her three sons spent six months in California and are now at the Hotel Colorado in Glenwood Springs for a few weeks.

So far, we have only met one visiting Gamma Phi this summer. Next year we hope to send cards to each chapter before college closes so that we may be sure to get in touch with any Gamma Phis who may be guests in Colorado Springs.

LUCY M. LENNOX.

DAVENPORT

Our Newest Association

The Davenport Gamma Phis have at last taken courage to organize and have become the Davenport Alumnae association. For the last two years we have held meetings more or less regularly and in the fall we have always had a rushing party for high school girls. This summer we became formally organized with the following officers: Betty Perry Lafferty, Gamma, president; Janice Hynes Howes, Rho, vice-president; Margaret Decker, Rho, treasurer.

We meet every two weeks on Wednesday with a short business meeting after which we play cards. In August we are having a large rushing picnic for all tri-city girls. In September we are planning a very attractive smaller party.

For a new association we think we did very well in our representation at convention as three of the eight members were present—Betty Lafferty, Margaret Decker and Ruth Folwell.

As Davenport is one of three cities we invite any Gamma Phis who may be in Moline or Rock Island, Ill., or vicinity to let us know and come to our meetings. We are very anxious to form an alumnae chapter and can only do this by having an interested group in the tri-cities.

RUTH FOLWELL.

MARRIAGES

Lucille Everett, Rho, '22, to Donald McMurray, Beta Theta Pi.

Eleanor Miller, Rho, to David Bloodgood, Sigma Nu.

May Steffen, Rho, to Philip Steffen, Phi Delta Theta.

BIRTHS

To Esther Bechtel Rittenhouse, a daughter, born in Chicago, where Esther is now living.

DIRECTORY OF CHAPTER MEETINGS

- ALPHA meets every Friday evening at 7:30 in the chapter-house, 113 Euclid Ave., Syracuse, N. Y.
- BETA meets every Monday evening at 7:30 in the chapter-house, 1520 S. University Ave., Ann Arbor, Mich.
- GAMMA meets every Monday evening at 7:30 in the chapter-house, 428 Sterling Court, Madison, Wis.
- DELTA meets every Wednesday night at 7 o'clock, in the chapter-rooms, 844 Beacon St., Boston, Mass., Suite 5. Telephone Olive Prout, 22 Cheriton Road, Wollaston, Mass.
- EPSILON meets every Monday from 5:00 to 6:00 P. M. at the sorority rooms, fourth floor, Willard Hall, Evanston, Ill. Telephone Elvira Woolner, Willard Hall.
- ZETA meets Friday afternoon at 5:15 in the chapter-rooms, 2309 Charles St., Baltimore, Md. Telephone Jean Turn.
- ETA meets every Monday evening at 7:30 at the chapter-house, 2732 Chan-ning Way, Berkeley, Cal.
- THETA meets every Monday afternoon at 2:30 at the Lodge in University Park, Colo. Telephone Eleanor Dennison, 2288 Elm St. Franklin 1699.
- KAPPA meets Monday afternoon at 5:30 at the chapter-house, 310 10th Ave. S. E., Minneapolis, Minn.
- LAMBDA meets Monday evening at 5:00 at the chapter-house, 4529 17th Ave. N. E., Seattle, Wash.
- MU meets every Monday evening at 7:15 at the chapter-house, Stanford University.
- NU meets Monday evening at 7:30 at the chapter-house, 1316 Alder St., Eugene, Ore.
- XI meets every Monday afternoon at 5:00 at the chapter-house, Moscow, Idaho.
- OMICRON meets Monday evening at 7:00 at the chapter-house, 1110 West Nevada St., Urbana, Ill.
- PI meets every Monday at 7:15 at the chapter-house, 1248 J St., Lincoln, Neb.
- RHO meets Monday evening at 7:00 at the chapter-house, 310 N. Clinton, Iowa City, Iowa.
- SIGMA meets every Monday evening at 7:30 at the chapter-house, 1147 Tennessee, Lawrence, Kan.
- TAU meets Wednesday evening at 7:15 at the chapter-house, 322 W. Laurel St., Fort Collins, Colo.
- UPSILON meets every Sunday evening at 9:00 in Room A West, Hollins College, Hollins, Va. Telephone Dorothy McIntosh.
- PHI meets every Monday afternoon at 3:30 at the chapter-rooms in McMillan Hall, St. Louis, Mo. Telephone Grace Hayward, McMillan Hall.
- CHI meets Monday evening at 7:30 at the chapter-house, 238 South 8th St., Corvallis, Ore.

- PSI meets every Monday evening at 7:30 at the chapter-house, 602 W. Boyd St., Norman, Okla.
- OMEGA meets Monday night at 7:00 at the chapter-house, 218 Welch Ave., Ames, Iowa.
- ALPHA ALPHA meets Monday from 4:00 to 6:00 P. M. at the chapter-rooms, 401 Huron St., Toronto, Ont.
- ALPHA BETA meets Wednesday evening at 7:30 at the chapter-house, 201 Cambridge Ave., Grand Forks, N. Dak.
- ALPHA GAMMA meets Monday evening at 7:00 at the chapter-house, 833 Ralston St., Reno, Nev.
- ALPHA DELTA meets Monday evening at 7:00 at the chapter-house, 1205 Wilson Ave., Columbia, Mo.
- ALPHA EPSILON meets Monday evening at 7:00 at the chapter-house, 111 Olive Road, Tucson, Ariz.
- ALPHA ZETA meets Wednesday evening at 7:00 at the chapter-house, 610 West 24th St., Austin, Tex.
- ALPHA ETA meets Monday evening at 185 North Washington St. Telephone Louise Merwin, Austin Hall.
- ALPHA IOTA meets Monday evening at 7:30 at the chapter-house, 427 N. Vermont Ave., Los Angeles, Cal.
- CHICAGO meets the second Saturday of each month, after a luncheon, in Chicago. Telephone Margaret Daly.
- SYRACUSE meets the first Friday of every month at the homes of members. Telephone Marguerite Woodworth, Colonial Hall.
- BOSTON meets the first Saturday of each month at the Delta rooms, or at the home of a member. Telephone Gladys Kuegman, 168 Arlington St., Wollaston, Mass.
- NEW YORK meets October 6, November 3, December 3, February 2, March 3, May 3, at the homes of members. On the third Thursday in each month luncheon 12:30 to 2 at Hotel McAlpin. Red Room on Mezzanine Floor.
- MILWAUKEE meets the third Wednesday of every month at the homes of members. Telephone Mrs. R. E. Fitzgerald, 402 44th St.
- SAN FRANCISCO meets the third Wednesday of one month; third Saturday of next month. Communicate with Mrs. John Buwalda, 2531 Ellsworth St., Berkeley.
- DENVER meets fortnightly at 3:00 on Friday at the homes of members. Telephone Mrs. J. R. Henderson, 1401 Madison.
- MINNEAPOLIS meets the last Friday of the month at the homes of members. Banquet in May. Telephone Mrs. J. E. Finley, 5238 Xerxes Ave. S.
- DETROIT meets monthly either at the homes of members or at some of the various club buildings. Telephone Mrs. Ralph Holmes, 674 Baldwin.
- BALTIMORE meets monthly at Zeta rooms, 2309 N. Charles St., with the exception of a few meetings held at the homes of members. Telephone Mrs. Robert B. Wagner, 2425 Guilford Ave.
- SEATTLE meets the second Tuesday of every month at the Lambda chapter-house. Telephone Mrs. C. H. Will, 621 West Galer.

- PORTLAND meets at the homes of members the second Saturday of each month. Telephone Mrs. D. W. Luper, 365 E. 51st St. N.
- LOS ANGELES meets on alternate fourth Thursdays and fourth Saturdays at the homes of members. The Saturday meetings are down town luncheon gatherings. Telephone Mrs. J. H. Pope, 1726 Stanley Ave., Hollywood or Mrs. L. J. King, 2106 3d Ave., Los Angeles.
- DES MOINES meets the first Saturday of every month for an informal luncheon at one of the tearooms. Reservations to be made with Mrs. J. G. Chase, 24 Foster Drive.
- ST. LOUIS meets the first Saturday evening of each month at 8 o'clock in the chapter-rooms at McMillan Hall. Telephone Dorothy Hetlage, 3005 Allen Ave.
- RENO meets the fourth Saturday of each month. Telephone Mrs. W. H. Bray, 545 8th St., Sparks, Nev.
- TORONTO meets the first Tuesday of each month at 8 p. m., at the Alpha Alpha chapter-room, 401 Huron St. Telephone Alice Smith, 19 Northcliffe Blvd.
- SPOKANE meets last Saturday of each month at one o'clock at the Crescent Tea Room. Telephone Thelma Ehrenberg, 106 S. Post St.
- LINCOLN meets the third Saturday of each month for a 12:30 luncheon at the Lincoln Hotel. Telephone Mrs. Philip Watkins, 112 Floral Court.
- OMAHA meets the last Saturday of each month at homes of members. Telephone Mrs. George Howell, 5013 Western Ave.
- EVERETT meets the first Monday evening of each month at homes of members. Telephone Corinne Miley, 1107 Rucker St.
- ASTORIA meets every other Tuesday evening at the homes of members. Telephone Florence Sherman, 704 Jerome Ave.
- PITTSBURGH meets the first Saturday of each month. Luncheon at Duquesne Club for luncheon. Telephone Mrs. Dean R. Wilson, 1505 Shady Ave.
- CLEVELAND meets on the first Saturday in February, April, June, October, and December. Telephone Mrs. R. M. Watkins, 1653 Carlyon Road.
- BOISE meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p. m. at the homes of members. Telephone Ruth Guffy, St. Margaret's School.
- SALEM meets on the second Saturday of each month at the homes of members. Telephone Mrs. Kenneth S. Hall, 545 Court St.
- LAWRENCE meets at 7:30 p. m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the homes of members or at the Sigma chapter-house. Telephone Sybil Martin, 1004 Mississippi St.
- OKLAHOMA CITY has an informal luncheon at the Criterion Tea Rooms on the first Saturday of each month. Telephone Mrs. B. W. Vinson, 1412 W. 21st St.
- FORT COLLINS meets the last Saturday of each month at the homes of members. Telephone Mrs. R. V. Billington.
- ST. PAUL meets at 2:30 every three weeks on Friday at homes of members; every other meeting at 6:30 is a supper followed by business. Telephone Mrs. Allan Briggs, 597 Lincoln Ave.
- MOSCOW meets the last Wednesday in each month at the homes of members. Telephone Mrs. R. E. Everly.

EUGENE meets at 3 o'clock on the third Thursday of each month at the homes of members. Telephone Mrs. W. W. Snyder, Bartle Court.

AMES meets first Monday of the month at 7:00 P. M. at different homes. Meetings once a month with Omega patronesses for sewing. Telephone Clarissa Clark, 117 Stanton Ave.

CHAMPAIGN-URBANA meets the first Tuesday of each month at the homes of members. Telephone Georgia Campbell, 710 W. Nevada St., Urbana.

COLORADO SPRINGS meets each week at the homes of members. Telephone Mrs. Ralph Gilmore, 20 E. Buena Ventura St.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

KANSAS CITY meets the first Saturday in each month at the homes of members. Telephone Elizabeth Witmer, 363 Pennsylvania Ave.

DAVENPORT meets every second Wednesday at the homes of members. Telephone Mrs. Herbert Lafferty, 22 Edgehill Terrace.

OUR CONTEMPORARIES IN BLACK AND WHITE

FOR APRIL: *Banta's Greek Exchange*; *Caduceus* of Kappa Sigma; *Diary* of Alpha Kappa Psi; *Phi Gamma Delta*; *Trident* of Delta Delta Delta; *Emerald* of Sigma Pi; *Garnet and White* of Alpha Chi Rho; *Beta Theta Pi*; *Key* of Kappa Kappa Gamma; *Aldebaran* of Beta Phi Alpha; *Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi; *Scroll* of Phi Delta Theta; *To Dragma* of Alpha Omicron Pi; *Paper Book* of Delta Theta Phi; *Purple, Green and Gold* of Lambda Chi Alpha; *Adelphean* of Alpha Delta Pi.

FOR MAY: *Quarterly* of Sigma Chi; *Laurel* of Phi Kappa Tau; *Anchora* of Delta Gamma; *Eleusis* of Chi Omega; *Pentagon* of Phi Omega Pi; *Record* of Sigma Alpha Epsilon; *Kappa Alpha Theta*; *Alpha Xi Delta*; *Themis* of Zeta Tau Alpha; *Scroll* of Phi Kappa Psi; *Phi Gamma Delta*; *Caduceus* of Kappa Sigma; *Delta* of Sigma Nu; *Star and Lamp* of Pi Kappa Phi; *Palm* of Alpha Tau Omega; *Journal* of Sigma Phi Epsilon; *Triad* of Aca-cia; *Quarterly* of Alpha Epsilon Phi; *Aglaia* of Phi Mu; *Triangle* of Mu Phi Epsilon; *Lyre* of Alpha Chi Omega; *Quarterly* of Alpha Gamma Delta; *Journal* of Kappa Alpha; *Quarterly* of Delta Chi.

FOR JUNE: *Trident* of Delta Delta Delta; *Quarterly* of Alpha Phi; *Caduceus* of Kappa Sigma; *Paper Book* of Delta Theta Phi; *Beta Theta Pi*; *Octagonian* of Sigma Alpha Mu; *Scroll* of Phi Kappa Psi; *Adelphean* of Alpha Delta Pi; *Diary* of Alpha Kappa Psi; *Angelos* of Kappa Delta; *Triangle* of Sigma Kappa; *Arrow* of Pi Beta Phi; *Purple, Green and Gold* of Lambda Chi Alpha.

FOR JULY: *Banta's Greek Exchange*; *Emerald* of Sigma Pi.

FOR AUGUST: *Triangle* of Mu Phi Epsilon.

TO BEGIN THE COLLEGE YEAR

We re-print:

THE PANHELLENIC CREED

We, the fraternity undergraduate members, stand for good scholarship, for the guardians of good health, for whole-hearted co-operation with our college's ideals for student life, for the maintenance of fine social standards and the serving, to the best of our ability, of our college community. Good college citizenship as a preparation for good citizenship in the larger world of *alumnæ* days is the ideal that shall guide our chapter activities.

We, the fraternity *alumnæ* members, stand for an active, sympathetic interest in the life of our undergraduate sisters, for the loyal support of the ideals of our Alma Mater, for the encouragement of high scholarship, for the maintenance of healthful physical conditions in the chapter-house

and dormitory, and for using our influence to further the best standards for the education of the young women of America. Loyal service to chapter, college and community is the ideal that shall guide our fraternity activities.

We, the fraternity officers, stand for loyal and earnest work for the realization of these fraternity standards. Co-operation for the maintenance of fraternity life in harmony with its best possibilities is the ideal that shall guide our fraternity activities.

We, the fraternity women of America, stand for preparation for service through character building inspired in the close contact and deep friendship of fraternity life. To us fraternity life is not the enjoyment of special privileges but an opportunity to prepare for wide and wise human service.

AND TO EMPHASIZE SCHOLARSHIP

We have chosen the following paragraphs:

Fraternities should never permit their pledges to ask professors to raise their grades in an endeavor to reach the required average for initiation. Sometimes a pledge may lack a fraction of a unit of having the required average and by pleading with or weeping over a professor may inveigle the latter to raise her grade enough to make the average satisfactory.

Such a practice has always been condemned by Pi Beta Phi as it in the first place belittles the ability of the professor to judge fairly, it gives the pledge something to which she probably is not entitled and it places the chapter permitting such a practice in a peculiar light.

Begin immediately after pledging new girls to explain to them concerning the scholarship average which they must make for initiation. Impress upon each one that she must strive to make not just the average but must set her goal far above it in order that she may come in at the end of the race with colors flying. Many a splendid runner has stumbled and failed to reach the wire.

Arrow of Pi Beta Phi.

What is scholarship for? It is for to keep living in the minds of men and Kappa Alpha Thetas the essential forms of great human life. *Humanus, homo, humi*: from dust we come, earthborn; to dust we shall return except for this spiritual adventure in which mothers and scholars, both founders, alike establish and preserve our fund, our basis, both literal and figurative.

And hence it seems to me that the essential activity of the college graduate is scholarship in this larger and finer sense: the preservation of those forms of social effort which are most significant and valuable. The college graduate who is an artist may well ask how the conventional games of war, finance, football, motoring and bridge, are to be made into art which is significant and valuable, as for instance drama or the spiritual struggle of life itself. The educator plans to transmute his gigantic establishments and his bulky curricula into significant and valuable education. The scholar fights his way from dictionaries and concordances into significant and valuable learning. Have we the love and foresight to make a scholarship fund significant and valuable?

And it seems to me that a college graduate who is also a fraternity alumna is particularly well prepared for scholarly service. She has been bred in a tradition as old as Greek and as young as the Renaissance. Plato's Common Wealth is hers and all the Greek letters in it. She knows

with him that unity is necessary in the healthy city and integrity in the healthy individual. When Spenser's schoolmaster, Richard Mulcaster, says, "It is not a mind we have to educate, nor a body, but man," she understands him best out of her fraternity experience.

And, finally, it seems to me that a college graduate and a fraternity alumna who is also a member of Kappa Alpha Theta may consider herself most highly responsible in scholarly life. On our shield we wear stars. I spoke of Joan as a human torch, not because she was burned at the stake, but because in some way as true as it was mysterious she turned into light what else would be no more than ashes. Can we change our stars over into something more valuable than diamonds on a gold pin? What is scholarship for? Living light! Living truth!

Kappa Alpha Theta.

SHORT CUTS TO HIGH GRADES

"Short cuts to high grades?" quotes the merry little sister. "Do you believe in short cuts?" "Sure I believe in short cuts to any thing providing the destination is desirable, the short cut safe and I don't miss anything by taking a bee line!" said the alumna.

Who doesn't believe in getting the most for the amount spent? If it's money that's spent or time, energy or thought? So short cuts to high grades are most desirable. There are a number of these cuts, but few of them are often taken.

First, there is a short cut that in many cases will reduce the mileage to high grades fifty per cent. The cut is *concentration*. When you study trigonometry don't let your mind wander and, instead of dealing with sines and logarithms, day dream of the signs that indicate a bid to Chi Chi's ball with its dancing rhythms. Or, if Caesar be the subject, don't spend any time pondering if the pattern for that junior prom dress cuts the material in three parts. The first short cut is the path of concentration.

The second short cut is always taken on Saturday. Get your Monday's work Saturday. The object of Sunday or the Sabbath was to rest and refresh the mind as well as the soul of man, woman and child. You'll have far more sparkle in your work, in your scholarship; the element of brilliancy that often leads to high grades with develop because of the one rest day when you catch your breath and rest and get ready for another week of concentration. The second short cut is Monday's work prepared on Saturday.

The third short cut is the policy of having Monday's lessons whether you have them on any other day or not. There are two reasons for this. Most students do not have recitations of great brilliancy on Monday. The time for a dim star to shine is when all other stars are a bit low in luster. A good run is a great help for a leap. Well prepared work for Monday is a leap in the right direction.

Fourth. Keep your work up, if you have to cut a date occasionally. The tree of high scholarship has not as many dates as the bush of low grades but they are lots bigger and more delectable.

Fifth. It is the extra ten minutes that does the polishing. After you have prepared a lesson, give it an extra ten minutes to take off the rough corners.

Follow these five short cuts and see how rapidly you arrive at the gateway of high grades.

Quarterly of Alpha Gamma Delta.

ONE OF OUR OWN ORGANIZATION

Has contributed this article to *Eleusis* of Chi Omega:

THE SELF-SUPPORTING COLLEGE WOMAN

Of the women registered at the State College of Washington, 26.82 per cent are earning all or else a part of their expenses while they are in college. The following tabulation will give some idea of the kinds of opportunities.

<i>Kind of work</i>	<i>Number employed</i>	<i>Aver. No. of hours a day</i>
Clerical work in college offices.....	52	4
Waiting tables and in kitchen in residence halls	22	3
Irregular work by the hour in homes	30	
Housework in private homes for board and room....	12	4
Managers in group houses (half or all board given)...	17	2 3
Library assistants	20	4
Student assistants	10	4
Housekeepers in residence halls	3	2
Teaching private lessons, piano and vocal music.....	6	3
Downtown office work		
Doctors' assistants	2	4
Telephone operators	3	2
Bookkeepers	1	5
Secretarial work	7	4
Clerking in Students' Book Store	4	4
Assistant dietitian	1	
Draftsman in Architectural Department	1	4-5
College print shop	3	4
Playing for gymnasium dancing classes	4	2
Newspaper correspondent	1	2
Laundry work, Home Economics Department.....	1	3
Inventory work, Home Economics Department	2	1 1/2
Correcting papers for Professors	2	2
Hairdressing	1	3
Interior decorating	1	

The college insists that, unless a woman is strong physically and unless she has an unusual record in her class work, she be scheduled for not more than sixteen hours of college work. If, for instance, a woman is giving four hours a day toward earning her room and board, the college recommends that she register for twelve hours. The college has made another recommendation, that a woman student have at least \$150 before she arrives upon the campus. A woman can earn her room and board but it is exceedingly unwise for her to try to earn every cent she spends. If it is necessary to leave college to earn more money, the best time is between the sophomore and junior years, because, according to the arrangement of courses, there is more of a break in the curriculum between the sophomore and junior years than between the freshman and sophomore years.

Unless a woman is taking music, or courses with heavy laboratory fees, \$400 is quite enough for her to have for the year if she lives in one of our residence halls, where board and room are obtained for \$216 a year. Four

hundred fifty dollars is enough for the expense of living out in town. Of course this does not include expenditures for clothes.

Some of our women students have more money than this and they make it difficult for those who are compelled to earn part of their way because it is a human attribute to want to do what others are doing. There are some girls who are spending as little as \$300 for the year. One hundred fifty girls have earned all the money to come to college. They have done all sorts of things; worked on fruit ranches, clerked in stores, taught in schools and worked in offices. One hundred seventy-three women have earned part of the money to come and either their people are supplying the rest or else they are continuing to earn now that they are here.

Of the young women earning money in college, 19.21 per cent have demonstrated that they can take an active part in student activities and earn part of their expenses as well as carry their college work creditably. The scholarship average for this group is 89.61 per cent, which compares favorably with the 84.85 per cent average for all college women. Only two of the group of thirty-five are carrying less than thirteen hours, and seven of the unusually capable ones are registered for over sixteen hours, with an average of 88.10. Not one of these young women has been in the college hospital this year.

Is it wise to earn one's way through college? I am not at all sure that it is unless it is absolutely the only way of getting a college education and even then the price in strain is sometimes too great. It is undesirable because the average woman sacrifices not only in nervous energy and strain but also in the opportunity for developing character in student activities and for gaining poise by taking part in social affairs. If she tries to do these last two things, she is likely to sacrifice in sleep and thereby undermine her health. However, the above study does not seem to indicate that the situation is serious on our campus. It almost seems that the more a capable young woman has to do, within limits, the better her record. Of course, there is always the thought that she who is sacrificing an unusual amount of energy now, may suffer later on, but to test that, the study would have to be carried on over a period of years.

MIRIAM GERLACH, *Gamma Phi Beta*,
Dean of Women, State College of Washington.

CONCERNING OUR OWN CONVENTION

The Golden Jubilee Convention Gamma Phi Beta opened its session at the Lake Placid Club at Lake Placid in the Adirondacks on June 23, holding its final session at Syracuse, N. Y., on June 27 where the sorority was founded. It was the privilege of the convention to have present two of the founders, Helen Dodge Ferguson and Frances Haven Moss.

The special features marking the session were:

1. The presentation of pageant written for the occasion by the president of the sorority.
2. The raising of \$55,000 for Endowment Fund. (Campaign for \$50,000.)
3. The granting of charters to locals at Vanderbilt and Southern Branch of the University of California. The Vanderbilt petition was presented by one of its members who, after the granting of the charter, was initiated at midnight in the chapel at Lake Placid.

4. The naming of Gamma Phi Beta Social Service Fund after the retiring president, Lindsey Barbee, in recognition of her service as editor and president.

5. The creation of a new officer who combines duties of executive secretary, treasurer, business manager of magazine—thus establishing a definite central office with headquarters at Chicago.

Banta's Greek Exchange.

"WHO IS RESPONSIBLE"

Is the subject of a fine article in a recent issue of *Kappa Alpha Theta*—from which we quote:

We hear much of the responsibility of pledges, and far too little of the equally important responsibility of members. Unless these members create the proper atmosphere of fraternity, unity and cooperation, unless their acts and words uphold the finest fraternity standards at all times, they are not worthy to receive any new members into the fraternity. To make good in the eyes of pledges is quite as important as for pledges to make good in the eyes of the chapter.

This does not mean that pledges have no responsibility. Their responsibility is to make good in scholarship and college activities and to prove their allegiance to the highest standards of social and community life. But they are new at the college game and are entitled to sympathetic help, encouragement and guidance, as well as lenient understanding when they stumble along the complicated paths. You can stimulate and draw forth their best, for every girl goes to college with fine ambitions and determination to make the best of herself; you can also stunt and even destroy these fine intentions by the sort of example you as experienced members of the college community exemplify.

Careless speech, idle banter aimed at the finer things in college, the careless cutting of a class, the seeming satisfaction with "getting by" in a course, or the search for "snap courses" upon the part of fraternity members can do more to ruin the possibilities of a pledge than any other element in her college life.

OUR EXPANSION NUMBER

Still brings pleasant commendation:

If you are interested in late, up-to-date information read the Expansion Number, October, 1923 of *THE CRESCENT* of Gamma Phi Beta. The chairman of expansion of Gamma Phi Beta sent out a questionnaire to the National Panhellenic Congress fraternities and the answers have been compiled and arranged in *THE CRESCENT*. We should all be grateful to Gamma Phi Beta for this Expansion Number.

Arrow of Pi Beta Phi.

The following comprehensive study on expansion as reflecting the views of the then eighteen national Panhellenic fraternities was made by Irene C. Garrett and published in the October issue of *THE CRESCENT* of Gamma Phi Beta. Its content is so valuable and interesting that it is quoted almost in full.

Themis of Zeta Tau Alpha.

IN A LIGHTER VEIN

Are the following clippings:

WHAT IS A UNIVERSITY?

By CHARLES REYNOLDS, '18

Athlete: "A place to get on a team and win a great big 'W.'"

College Flapper: "Oh, without these sorority and fraternity parties, and all the fellows begging me to wear their pins, I would die!"

Professor of Philosophy: "My dear sir, I will explain life to you, but a university?"

Professor Gilman: "An inspiring place to learn to serve others."

Hash-Slinger: "Same, here, only leave out the inspiring part."

Girl in Love: "Isn't it wonderful? We are together in four classes!"

Boy in Love: "Didn't the Girl give you a hint, just a hint?"

The 14-Year-Old Freshman: "The complexities of modern life in all its vicissitudes, with war's aftermath of materialism and need of stabilization of mind, are best analyzed in the idealistic atmosphere of the university."

Editor of College Daily: "They will not let me publish what I know."

Alumnus: "How in the world could we have an association and talk over old times—that the fellows do not have now—unless we had a university to go to?"

Alumna: "Why, without a university, there would be no *alumnæ* association, and how could we keep in touch with each other in regard to engagements and marriages of the old boys and girls and their babies? What better place to look over the boys?"

Conservative: "A place that makes more radicals out of otherwise fairly good young fellers."

Radical: "A place that makes more conservatives out of otherwise fairly good young fellers."

Boy With an Income: "Well, er-well, I have to go somewhere, don't I?"

Boy Without an Income: "An institution whose benefits to me will enable my son to enjoy what I did not."

Town Girls: (Depends on whether you knew any of them.)

Lake Mendota: "An institution that teaches love, and to associate that love with me I make the university what it is."

"Dad" Morgan: "It doubled the output of the malted milk factories in America."

Chicago Stenographer: "Oh, those college boys!"

Chicago *Tribune*: "I can't say too much for the University of Chicago, but Wisconsin!—not a word."

Owner of Opera House: "It always fills my galleries."

North Hall: "Students may come, and students may go. They remain the same, only they come and go in Packards, Cunninghams, Reverses, and Rolls-Royce now!"

Humorist: "I'll bite; what is it?"

And yet we wouldn't exchange our college life for a million dollars.

Wisconsin Alumni Magazine.
Quarterly of Alpha Gamma Delta.

A MODERN SOLILOQUY

To bob or not to bob—that is the question!
Whether 'tis nobler to persist in suffering
From all the natural ills that hair is heir to,
Or to take arms against this sea of tresses
And in a jiffy cut them.

To bob—and end that modern camouflage—
The boudoir cap—designed to cover up
Untidy “love locks” while we rush to get
A husband’s breakfast. Think what joy
To run a comb through our bobbed hair and say
“I’m ready, dear,”—’twould be Exhibit A.

To bob—to bob and by a bob to end
Coiffure that was built of “puffs” and “rats,”
(Their popularity began to wane
When bobbed hair changed the shape and size of hats.)
And then the stack of hairpins that we use
Each time we do our hair, and if by chance
We ride a horse or play a game of golf,
We scatter all our hairpins to the wind
If only to be rid of the pins that skid
’Tis consummation devoutly to be wished.

To bob—and to wish we hadn’t—there’s the rub;
For who can tell how we will look
When we have shuffled off this matted coil?
Why, hubby’d have an awful lot to say
If then to make our hair presentable
We’d see the beauty doctor every day.
(That beauty doctor from whose secret bourne
None e’er returns without another date,
To have a henna rinse or a golden glint.)
And think of what we’d have to pay the maid
To stay with baby while we made our call!
’Twould never do! We’d have a “permanent wave,”
If we decide to bob our hair at all.
Thus fashion “does make cowards of us all
And makes us rather bear the ills we have
Than fly to others that we know not of.”

—ALICE HURLEY, *Kansas City Star*.
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