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I HAVE recently returned from a most delightful trip in which I combined the inspection of five of our active chapters and three alumnae chapters, and the National Panhellenic Congress in Boston.

The National Panhellenic Congress was one of great enlightenment to the national officers of all the twenty-one sororities represented, and I only wish that every member of Gamma Phi Beta could have been present. Problems relative to all Greeks were openly and freely discussed from the floor. The most noticeable point revealed was the unification of all sororities. I returned from the Congress with the one realization that all sororities were working for the same ideals, and, while of course we are partial to our own sisters, are imbued with the good feeling existing between the leaders of all fraternities. A better feeling is apparent too in the colleges, and many of the old prejudices have been erased. The

joint meeting between the Deans of Women and National Panhellenic was most stimulating, and the paper read by our own Agnes Wells, Beta, dean of women at the University of Indiana, was alone worth the trip to Boston.

Our Panhellenic delegate, Lillian Thompson, has covered the business meetings of the Congress and I will not repeat them here. I attended the Editors' Conferences, and may I tell you that I met praise at every turn for our magazine, and appreciation of our editor, Lindsey Barbee. A concrete plan for syndicate advertising was presented, discussed, and I feel hopeful will ultimately be adopted by all the sorority magazines represented in N.P.C. This is a dignified plan of advertising in all sorority magazines and if adopted will in time prove very remunerative.

On my way to Boston I visited Beta, Ann Arbor Alumnae, Alpha, and Syracuse Alumnae. Words cannot express the delightful hospitality extended to me by all these chapters.

Beta has this year risen from near the bottom of the list in scholarship to fourth place on the Ann Arbor campus. Many of their seniors have straight A's, and I predict that this spring will see them in even better place—I am proud of Beta.

Our Alpha chapter is as always our wonder chapter, and my visit to them only served to strengthen my previous opinion.

In Boston, the alumnae and Delta combined to render our visit enjoyable. So cordial and charming were they that meeting them again at convention will be a joy.

After the National Panhellenic Congress was over, the national treasurer, Alice Camerer, and I traveled to New York where we were royally entertained by the New York Alumnae and my own sorority sponsor, Laura McCarty Vance. Our stay in New York of a half day and a night was all too short.

Arriving in Baltimore we were met by a large delegation of members from Zeta and Baltimore Alumnae. We were taken to the Country Club for a so-called "small meeting" which proved to be the largest one of the year, with scarcely a member absent,—and so for a three days' inspection of Zeta. Zeta has so many activities and college honors that I have asked them to chronicle them in *THE CRESCENT*. The slogan on the campus is, "Anybody to beat a Gamma Phi," and yet Zeta gets the coveted offices and athletic honors. All hail to Zeta, and my hearty congratulations.

My inspection of Upsilon was especially enjoyable because there I renewed my friendship with one of her active members, formed years ago in Paris, Tennessee, Mary Agnes Snyder. Our Upsilon ranks well toward the top in scholarship, in campus activities, and in prestige at Hollins. I can only say that anyone having the least doubt as to the advisability of Gamma Phi expanding in the Southland—let them visit Upsilon.

To my sisters in Gamma Phi Beta may I say that at not one of these chapters *alumnæ* or active, which I visited, did I meet with anything but the utmost in hospitality and international spirit. Each chapter has the vision through reciprocity for the international sisterhood, and I am entirely confident of the future.

ELIZABETH D. BARBOUR
President of Gamma Phi Beta

TO THE ALUMNÆ

It is a far cry that comes echoing down through the ages from the earliest cave mother protecting her young from the beast and elements, to our present day civilization. Yet it is the same cry founded on instinct and centuries of experience that prompts the mother of today to guard her charges from the unknown, to strive for their enlightenment, and to work for their betterment.

As the human race develops, it learns through experience the value of unity, of co-operation, and the measureless value of truth and self-sacrifice.

Back in the earliest days of civilized man, when Lyncurgus and the early Greek philosophers spoke and taught the young of the day the art of logic, of reason, and the value of seeking truth, the Greek-letter societies were founded. And from that early inception we still maintain our Greek-letter societies primarily for the organized search after truth, learning, and mutual help.

It is but fitting and proper that in such a sisterhood as ours the *alumnæ* and older girls of the sorority should give freely and wisely from the wealth and breadth of their experience, for in no other way may we expect to develop as a sorority and a race.

Yet it was not the mother's "cry" that protected and developed the young. The cry was prompted then as now by the eternal love of the guardian, the emotional sentiment of one human for its kind, the instinct to surmount all hazards that their own kind might survive and prosper; that has survived the hardships of the centuries.

So it must always be; the sentiment of the thing, the loyalty to the cause; the patriotism and enthusiasm are but the forces, the power to prompt, and motivate the group to merge the personal and perhaps selfish desire into the aid of the whole.

This means full unselfish co-operation, and the wish and the will of each member of our sorority to do her full unstinted share of duty, drudgery, sordid detail, and sacrifice, intelligently applied and directed by noble motives for the good of Gamma Phi Beta.

Are Gamma Phi *alumnæ* keeping the faith—are they reciprocating in kind for the benefits received? It is to those of you who fail to attend meetings, to pay the meager dues, to interest yourselves

in the welfare of the active chapters, and to help bear the burden of responsibility that rests alike on all of us, that this message is directed.

It is a privilege and should be your pleasure to actively engage yourselves in the affairs, ambitions, and welfare of your sorority—to become and remain vitally interested in fulfilling the adopted policies, attend meetings, vote, and voice your opinions.

I am calling on you alumnæ to help shape our course and solve our every day problems, to encourage right thinking, and by your example help illuminate the pathway of your sorority towards that alluring goal of our endeavors.

ELIZABETH D. BARBOUR
President of Gamma Phi Beta

VICE PRESIDENT AND ALUMNÆ SECRETARY

I AM sure the postman who rings my door bell three times a day is relieved that Central Office is settled in Chicago. No longer must he stuff the mail box until it overflows with Gamma Phi epistles, and the days when he waits for me to pay "four cents due" or sign for a registered letter have passed.

The mail of the Vice-President and Alumnæ Secretary is not so voluminous nor are the duties so arduous as those of the President and the Secretary-Treasurer. My contacts are solely with the alumnæ and I am endeavoring to strengthen the sorority by organizing alumnæ chapters and associations wherever there are groups of Gamma Phis. There are still a few of our Greek-letter chapters which do not have an alumnæ association near by. These chapters need the support of their older sisters and it is my hope that the time will not be far distant when there will be an organized alumnæ group in the same locality with each Greek-letter chapter.

Moreover, to make better known the name and fame of our sorority we need more alumnæ organizations. "In unity there is strength," and our sorority would be much stronger if each member upon leaving college could find in her home town a group with which she might work and continue her interest in Gamma Phi Beta. There are many such localities, but, alas, there are others in which our friends, the enemy, have strongholds while we are as yet unorganized. The Gamma Phi who moves to Buffalo, New Orleans, Philadelphia, or to one of a hundred other cities will be much happier if there is a group with which and through which she may make business and social contacts. The sorority has a very definite service for the alumnæ members, but organization is necessary for rendering it.

During the year an alumnæ association has been formed at Phœ-

nix, Arizona. Many of the charter members are residents of Arizona and from Alpha Epsilon Chapter. Among the winter visitors to that city of sunshine there will certainly be Gamma Phis from other sections of the country who will welcome this contact with their sorority and this opportunity to meet other university women.

May I make a plea now for more alumnae associations and chapters. Each province secretary is trying to locate the cities in her province in which several Gamma Phis live but have no alumnae organization. How much more effective our province conferences would be if there were alumnae representing chapters in a dozen towns instead of four or five and how much greater the prestige of Gamma Phi.

MARY THOMAS MCCURLEY
Vice President

SECRETARY-TREASURER

EVERY organization, in order to succeed, must frequently check its financial status and plan its work to accomplish the most with its budget. Gamma Phi Beta, in convention, authorized Helen Williams, of Cleveland, to survey its expenses of the last three years, and the Grand Council to make a budget to guide it in its plans for the future. Every organization, in order to succeed, must be adequately financed.

The survey revealed severe handicaps in all departments except Endowment. We have every reason to be satisfied with and proud of our activities there. Grand Council formulated a budget which will place Gamma Phi Beta where it belongs, among the best sororities. THE CRESCENT should be made as secure as Endowment now is; and such security can be attained only with a fund created by life subscriptions. A life subscription is an economy in the end.

Returns from groups voting on the new budget have been very encouraging. The budget will go into effect with the beginning of the next fiscal year, August 1, 1928.

Not only the activities of the national organization need to be carried out in a business-like way, but each of the groups of which it is composed, should exercise the same care. No new treasurer, active or alumnae, should accept funds from her predecessor until the treasurer's books have been audited by a reliable public accountant who is neither a close friend nor a relative of any member of the group. No treasurer should turn over her books and funds to her successor until the new officer has been bonded. Grand Council recommends that all active chapters living in houses adopt the Butterbaugh System of financing. Butterbaugh furnishes all books, audits as frequently as desired, and gives advice for twenty-five

dollars a year. The sum is saved many times in accuracy, security, and better use of funds.

The national treasurer is disturbed over the lack of responsibility of some chapters as shown by failure to be prompt in collecting and sending dues. A more careful plan for next year is under way, which, it is hoped, will place all active and alumnae groups in good standing in January, 1929. We cannot pay our national bills promptly unless we receive dues when they are due. Promptness in meeting financial obligations means good credit. Delays often mean failure to receive one or more copies of *THE CRESCENT* and loss of vote on vital questions.

In meeting treasury responsibilities this ending year:

1. The active chapters of Province III and VII rank first in paying dues promptly.

2. The alumnae groups of Province II and III rank first in paying dues promptly.

3. Province III has the most unorganized alumnae.

4. San Francisco, Los Angeles, and Minneapolis have the largest number of paid members.

5. For sending in dues, fees, and freshman *Manual* orders in time to pass the Central Office and be recorded in the national treasury books before February 1: Alpha, Alpha Eta, Omicron, Sigma, Alpha Theta, Kappa, Alpha Beta, Theta, Lambda, Nu, Xi, Chi, Alpha Epsilon are recommended.

The national treasurer wishes for all Gamma Phi Beta members a very recreative vacation and a deeply worth while next year.

ALICE CAMERER

Secretary-Treasurer

CHAIRMAN OF INSPECTION

TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR PROVINCE DIRECTORS

I. Thou shalt know thy sorority, its history, constitution and by-laws, policies, songs, and all current national business.

II. Thou shalt have a high scholarship average in thy chapters.

III. Thou shalt keep all chapters out of debt and see to it that all finances, books, and records are kept in good order.

IV. Thou shalt co-operate and insist upon co-operation with deans, faculty, and Panhellenic.

V. Thou shalt emphasize reciprocity between chapters, freshman training, and upperclass control.

VI. Thou shalt be a judge of students and housemothers.

VII. Thou shalt be fair and competent in settling all cases, disciplinary and otherwise.

VIII. Thou shalt know parliamentary law and be able to preside at meetings with assurance.

IX. Thou shalt neither drink nor smoke.

X. Thou shalt have tact, personality, and be pleasing to look upon.

GLADYS O'CONNOR BORLAND
Chairman of Inspection

DELEGATE TO NATIONAL PANHELLENIC CONGRESS

THE TWENTIETH NATIONAL PANHELLENIC CON-
GRESS, FEBRUARY 25-MARCH 2, BOSTON,
MASSACHUSETTS

ON A bright Sunday afternoon four members of the Grand Council of Gamma Phi Beta might have been observed getting into the fleet, but shabby Boston cabs, and tearing along crooked Boston streets to the famous Parker House. They arrived one by one during the afternoon—Mrs. Barbour, Alice Camerer, Alice Dibble, and Lillian Thompson—and no sooner had they reached their rooms than the president of Boston Alumnæ Chapter, Mrs. Willcutt, arrived with a big bunch of carnations, a hospitable welcome, and an invitation to meet the alumnæ at dinner next evening. From this time on, Boston, in the persons of alumnæ, actives, and the gracious and efficient City Panhellenic proved herself the most hospitable of cities.

Next morning everyone was looking up old friends, and making new ones; for a meeting of National Panhellenic Council is very like reunion time at the old chapter house. All business arrangements had been most kindly made by the City Panhellenic, so we found our meeting room ready—a U-shaped table at one end for delegates, and chairs at the other for visitors, while the door was guarded, questions answered, and help given by Boston City Panhellenic members, who had a table in the hall.

For almost the first time in our experience, no Panhellenic troubles were brought to us. This was due to the fine work of the Committee on College Panhellenics, whose chairman, Mrs. Brown, of Alpha Chi Omega, has arranged for the settlement of all troubles without their needing to come to N.P.C. So our time was entirely given to studies of various aspects of college life. Four very extensive surveys had been made during the two years since the last congress, and the results were presented at this one. They were, "A Survey of Social Conditions on College Campuses," Miss Green, of Kappa Alpha Theta; "The Cost of Building and Living in Fraternity Houses as Compared with Dormitories," Miss Gachet, of Alpha Omicron Pi; "Scholarship Standards and Grading," Mrs. Knoté, of Alpha Xi Delta; and "Official College Recognition Given Chaperons," Mrs. Kemp, of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

Besides these surveys there were a number of round tables covering preferential bidding, pre-initiation razzing, house rules, pledge training, chapter house building, vocations, *alumnæ* organization, and endowment funds.

While it is impossible to give an adequate report of all the material presented during the busy four days of meetings, some points of special interest can be emphasized. Criticisms of fraternities as extravagant institutions have so often been made that N.P.C. determined to find out whether these criticisms were justified. For that purpose Miss Gachet made a most elaborate survey, the material for which comes from questionnaires filled out by over four hundred chapters located in one hundred and twenty-four colleges. The twenty N.P.C. fraternities studied have invested \$9,500,000 in their houses and furnishings. This means an investment per girl housed of \$1,360. Surveys made by college authorities show that the investment per girl in dormitories is about \$2,000. Therefore women's fraternities are giving fine homes to their members at about two-thirds of the cost of dormitories. When the living expenses in fraternity houses and dormitories were compared, it was found that it costs about \$9.00 more a month to live in a fraternity house than to live in a dormitory. Of this \$9.00, \$4.00 goes for higher room and board, and \$5.00 for fraternity dues, rushing, and entertaining. The average cost to a chapter per year for rushing is \$195 and for all other entertaining is \$355. With an average of twenty-four girls to a house, that means a cost of \$2.50 a month per girl for all social expenses, or \$23 a year. Certainly these figures do not show fraternities to be the extravagant institutions they have been supposed to be.

Life in a fraternity house was carefully discussed from many angles. The building of houses occupies a great deal of attention just now, for every fraternity is housing its chapters as fast as it can. The most approved plan was building by *alumnæ* corporations to whom money can be loaned from building or endowment funds, and who can so budget chapter expenses that the debt can be reduced regularly. Among house rules discussed, the question of smoking aroused the most interest. Pi Beta Phi, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Delta Gamma, and some others have taken a very strong stand against smoking in fraternity houses. They gave as their reasons: the bad effects on health for young girls, the danger of fire, the damage to furnishings, and the waste of time. After listening to all the argument, N.P.C. voted to make every effort to cut out smoking in fraternity houses and on college campuses. Another custom that was discussed and condemned was pre-initiation razzing. In many colleges the week before initiation is made miserable for freshmen by foolish tricks, and stunts intended to embarrass and humiliate them. If a custom is to be stopped some other

should be substituted, so Mrs. Lebrecht, of Kappa Alpha Theta, was asked to report on courtesy week, which her fraternity has installed instead of the razzing. During this week freshmen are made to earn certain points by performing many useful tasks, are told of the ideals of their fraternity, and watched carefully as to their obedience, loyalty and courtesy, while the upperclassmen do all they can to prepare the freshmen for the initiation ceremonies. Such a week brings the new girls into the fraternity with a love and understanding of it that prepares them to be worthy members. It is a fitting conclusion to the long period of pledge training which is the most important period of a girl's fraternity life. If good alumnae are made anywhere it is during pledge training. Most fraternity officers are putting more and more thought into this phase of fraternity life, and certainly no fraternity which expects to produce the finest type of member can tolerate such practices as were reported under razzing.

Preferential bidding seems now to be universal. The only thing about it that caused unfavorable comment was the publicity that sometimes attended the acceptance of bids. N.P.C. went on record as disapproving any custom which forced freshmen to go to some public place to get their bids or to go all at one time to the fraternity houses to accept them. One other thing had been causing trouble. If a girl changed her mind after accepting a bid, was that to count as if she had broken a pledge? This was discussed quite carefully, and finally N.P.C. decided to put into the college Panhellenic rules a statement that refusal to pledge after accepting a preferential bid should be the same as breaking a pledge. So all college Panhellenics will be asked to adopt this rule.

Scholarship was carefully discussed and the committee which had been studying the subject felt that we had really made good progress in encouraging high scholarship among our members. The only question was—had we put our standards for initiation too high, and so forced students to look for courses in which they could get high marks, rather than for courses in which they would get the best training? This aspect of the case remains to be investigated.

A full report was presented on the social and official recognition of chapter house chaperons. As a result of this study, it was found that many colleges call in the chaperons to conference with the dean, and invite them to social affairs. They should be paid higher salaries and encouraged to take advantage of the many opportunities offered by any college. On the whole they are a fine group of women, well able to guide and advise the girls.

Our last afternoon in Boston was spent at a joint meeting of N.P.C. and the Deans of Women, who were meeting at the Copley Plaza. Papers on various aspects of campus life were read by

N.P.C. delegates and by deans; for fraternity officers are anxious to take every opportunity to co-operate with college authorities and to talk over problems of mutual interest.

Business occupied most of the four days, but social engagements were made for every evening. We Gamma Phis took dinner with our alumnae Monday night, enjoying greatly our delicious meal and our interesting chats. There were six Grand Presidents of Gamma Phi present at that dinner, four of them from Delta Chapter. The next night the actives entertained us at dinner in their pretty apartment. There are no houses at Boston University, but some fraternities have small apartments as their headquarters. Four girls live in ours, with their housemother. The chapter holds its meetings and does a good deal of rushing there, for a place of their own is especially valued by girls attending a city university.

On Wednesday afternoon about seventy N.P.C. delegates and visitors went out to Attleboro as guests of Mr. Balfour. Our visit had been most carefully planned. First came tea, then a most interesting visit to the factory, where we saw our pins being made, from the sheet of gold to the setting of jewels and the firing of enamel. We were allowed to talk to the workers and examine the machines and ask any questions, even to what became of the gold dust. Next we went to the Chamber of Commerce where we ate a delicious dinner at tables decorated with ferns and roses, while some of the Balfour people entertained us with excellent music. A gift of a beautiful brown leather purse and address book to match was at each place, a souvenir of a very pleasant occasion.

The crowning festivity of the week was of course the Panhellenic banquet held in the big ballroom and theater of the Statler Hotel. Once more we were indebted to the Boston City Panhellenic and its gracious president, Mrs. Dunkle, for a delightful evening. Over five hundred alumnae and actives sat down to the tables that filled the big room. The lovely ladies in gay evening dresses made a colorful scene, and when the dinner was over, we Gamma Phis went up into the gallery to watch the pageant, *When Greek Meets Greek*, given by the City Panhellenic and the active girls. Each fraternity was represented by a girl dressed in the costume of the period in which her fraternity was founded, and carrying the flowers and pin of her order. Each pin, made of card board and gilt paper, was large enough to be seen all over the hall. While the girls walked or stood before us, a girl read a rhymed account of the founding of each order, and a chorus at one side of the stage sang one of the fraternity's songs. The pageant ended with Lindsey's Panhellenic song.

The next morning most of us left for our several destinations, enriched by a week of stimulating discussion, and full of plans for the perfection of our fraternity. As your delegates listened to the

many fine and progressive policies of other fraternities and saw the many possibilities ahead of Gamma Phi, they thought with pride of all the plans of the Grand Council, and came away resolved to push them till they are complete. Any fraternity that stands still will soon find itself hopelessly left behind. Often the national officers are asked, "Is Gamma Phi strong nationally?" The answer to this question is other questions. Has she an outstanding Grand Council? Is she keeping up in scholarship? Is she inspecting her chapters frequently? Has she an energetic expansion policy? Has she a fine magazine? Has she a first-class business organization, and finally, has she a treasury full enough to support all these activities? The answers to these questions will show the measure of our national strength.

LILLIAN THOMPSON
N.P.C. Delegate

EXPANSION

THERE'S a quaint old saying "Great oaks from tiny acorns grow," and Gamma Phi's expansion chairman has her eye—her eager eye—on all the "tiny acorns" that are just waiting to make national Gamma Phi a greater oak than she now is. There are several of them in the southern colleges, but, like all great oaks which must preserve their growth and strength for the great day of maturity, national Gamma Phi is carefully and wisely planning to plant only where the southern soil is richest and most likely to produce the most powerful branches.

Considerable investigation has been carried on in regard to the southern colleges, academic standards have been carefully pursued, and when the right material is found, rest assured, southern chapters will be added. It must be remembered, however, that no national adds to its strength by mere numbers only.

International expansion is the great ideal cherished by the Grand Council—possibly that is why this office of expansion was given to Alpha Alpha and Toronto. We, your younger Canadian sisters, have our eyes glued fast on Canadian colleges. It is our sincere endeavor and earnest ambition to add to the Canadian chapter roll of Gamma Phi.

Vancouver looks specially promising. We are all hoping that the crescent will soon be rising high over that college. We are already in touch with a very strong group there, who are particularly worthy of Gamma Phi. Kappa Kappa Gamma and Delta Gamma each have a petitioning group there, and in all probability both will enter this year.

Perhaps some of our American sisters will feel that we are staying too much at home in this policy of expansion. We do not de-

sire to stay altogether in Canada, but Canada right now seems to be luring all the great nationals, and there are many "murmurings" that come to our ears.

I should like so much through the pages of the *Crescent* to tell of the very helpful work Iva Wright has been doing in this connection. Iva attended the first Grand Council meeting and has been working very hard since then, compiling statistics and records. She has already written countless letters which the work of expansion entails and if Gamma Phi expands wisely and well under the régime of the present Grand Council, no small share of the glory should go to Iva.

And so we are endeavoring to broaden the Circle, to share its love and loyalty, the inspiration of its ideals, the joy of its priceless, precious friendships, to strengthen that foundation that is imperishable; for "it was founded upon a rock."

MARY DALLEY

Chairman of Expansion

CENTRAL OFFICE

Can you picture a room, small but full of Gamma Phi Betas, in
Epsilon's new house, on the ground floor
Now centered in Evanston, reaching to every chapter, every Gamma Phi—
Trying to answer all queries—anxious to serve every whim,
Realizing the responsibilities of a great task.
All that follows is part of this four-walled enclosure:
Life Subscriptions—Directory—Ten Policies—

Official jewelers—Fetting, Balfour, and Brochon;
Financial Survey, scholastic improvement;
Files—files and more files;
Insurance policies—Panhellenic spirit; Mimeographing;
Crescent mailing list (yards of names), changes of addresses;
Endowment pledges—literary exercises—national examinations;

Orders for back *Crescents*, songbooks, handbooks of chapter traditions;
Freshman training *Manuals*—President's books;

Grand Council business—history of Gamma Phi Beta;
Authorization of pins (we now have four official ones);
Membership certificates—letters of all varieties;
Many inquiries about initiation properties—missing *Crescents*;
Alumnæ chapters and associations—*Baird's Manual*;

Provinces—there will be eight—illustrious and diligent directors;
Houses and house chaperons—officers;
Initiates, dues and fees—Convention in 1929;

Better national organization, and chapter reciprocity;
Expansion, wisely and broad-mindedly;
This is only a part of the contents of

A CENTRAL OFFICE OF GAMMA PHI BETA.

ALICE DIBBLE

Secretary of Central Office

REPORTS OF NATIONAL COMMITTEES

SCHOLARSHIP

WHY place so much emphasis on scholarship? There are two reasons, either one of which justifies every effort we can put into bringing up the standards of our chapter. In the first place, we are university women. In entering a university or college, we become members of a selected group. And because we are members of a university we can enjoy its privileges and assume our responsibilities. Trite as it is to say, scholarship is the first object of the college. Every advantage is given the student to help him attain a high standard of work. The student, however, must put forth some effort—for the responsibility is really his or hers.

I said there were two reasons for working for high scholarship. The second is because you are Gamma Phis. Selected from the university women to carry on her ideals in your life, Gamma Phi Beta has the right to expect every member to do her *best* work in the classroom and laboratory. Nothing short of the best is worthy of a Gamma Phi. Let us keep in mind that the national standing of Gamma Phi Beta in the scholastic world depends on *us*. Whatever we set out to do, we can do. We want each chapter in the upper third of all sororities on the campus; we want each chapter having a record of *no conditions* and *no failures*.

MILDRED DIMMICK
Chairman of Scholarship

SECOND SEMESTER, JUNE, 1927

| Chapter | Average | Rank |
|-----------------|-------------|------------|
| Alpha | 1.349 (C) | 5th in 22 |
| Beta | no report | |
| Gamma | 1.631 (C) | 21st in 23 |
| Delta | 1.210 (C) | 8th in 10 |
| Epsilon | 1.608 (C) | 11th in ? |
| Zeta | 1.104 (C) | no report |
| Eta | no report | |
| Theta | 86.02 % (B) | 2nd in ? |
| Kappa | 1.443 (C) | 3rd in ? |
| Lambda | 6.643 (C) | 6th in 21 |
| Mu | C | 2nd in ? |
| Nu—fall | 3.068 (C) | 8th in ? |
| Nu—winter | 2.934 (C+) | 5th in ? |

| <i>Chapter</i> | <i>Average</i> | <i>Rank</i> |
|---------------------|----------------|-------------|
| Xi | 4.543 (C) | 8th in 10 |
| Omicron | 3.583 (C) | 13th in 33 |
| Pi | no report | |
| Rho | no report | |
| Sigma | 3.510 (C+) | 14th in 16 |
| Taur | no report | |
| Upsilon | 1.720 (C) | 1st in 7 |
| Phi | 79.20 % (C) | 6th in 19 |
| Chi | 84.95 % (B) | 10th in ? |
| Psi | 3.399 (C) | 14th in 15 |
| Omega | 85.72 % (B) | 4th in 10 |
| Alpha Alpha | 57.90 % (C) | 3rd in 7 |
| Alpha Beta | 84.80 % (B) | 8th in 10 |
| Alpha Gamma | 2.208 (B) | 4th in ? |
| Alpha Delta | no report | |
| Alpha Epsilon | no report | |
| Alpha Zeta | 6.41 (C) | 3rd in ? |
| Alpha Eta | 1.619 (C) | 16th in 19 |
| Alpha Theta | 2.71 (B) | ? |
| Alpha Iota | 2.51 (B) | ? |
| Alpha Kappa | 73.00 % (B) | 1st in ? |

EXAMINATIONS

LITERARY exercises have become somewhat crowded out of place in recent years by the modern girls' interest in college affairs and chapter activities. The founders of Gamma Phi Beta intended that a large part of each meeting should be given over to the study of literature of an intellectual and uplifting sort. A great deal of time was spent in the study of Browning in those early meetings. However, we do not wish to urge a study of Browning at the present-day Gamma Phi meetings. We wish only to present a few of the things every alert and well-informed Gamma Phi should know concerning her sorority and others.

It has been our aim to outline briefly Gamma Phi history and facts, to renew the chapter's acquaintance with our constitution and by-laws, to suggest a knowledge of Gamma Phi celebrities as well as well-known sorority women belonging to other groups, and to make a short study of the National Panhellenic Congress and its members. We have introduced extracts from the magazines of other Greek-letter organizations as well as from our own splendid *Crescent*. Talks at chapter meetings by well-known alumnae have been recommended and readings from the writings of Gamma Phi authors have been introduced.

We hope that the outlines have resulted in an increased knowledge of facts concerning Gamma Phi Beta and other Greek-letter groups as well as a better understanding of the ideals and problems which confront a sorority.

ELIZABETH WELLS HARDY

Chairman of Uniform Examinations

ENDOWMENT FUND

THE year 1924 was memorable in Gamma Phi Beta history, for it was the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the fraternity. In order to celebrate the event fittingly, the wonderful Lake Placid Convention was held, and at that convention, in the midst of wooded mountains and shining lakes, our Endowment Fund of \$50,000 was announced. Part of the fund was in securities, part in life insurance policies, and for the future of the fund, convention made the most careful plans. It was to be managed by a board of six—the Grand President and Grand Secretary *ex officio*, and four members elected by Chicago Alumnae Chapter. The money was to be handled by a trust company, working with the Board and guided by the instructions of convention.

Accordingly the Harris Trust Company, of Chicago, was selected as our bankers, and in the winter of 1924-25, the newly elected Endowment Fund Board held a meeting at the bank with a man especially selected to care for our interests. They planned the agreement which now regulates the investment and expenditure of our fund. When money is sent by the Grand Treasurer to the treasurer of the Board, Marion Van Patten, she meets with the bank's representative and decides on how to invest it, subject to the approval of the Board. The bank then attends to all business details, and deposits all interest to our savings account. This is the money the Board has to use.

How is this money spent?

The Board lets the income accumulate until a request for a loan is received. Five hundred dollars a year of this income must be put aside for our thousand dollar fellowship, given every other year through the A.A.U.W. The rest of the income has usually been loaned to Gamma Phis who need a little help to finish college, or spent on inspection. Suppose some girl writes to the Board asking for a sum of money, not to exceed \$200. The secretary then calls a meeting of the Board, which is usually held at a downtown club at dinner time, to suit the convenience of four very busy women. If something very important comes up, our Grand President, Mrs. Barbour, joins the group. They select a table in a quiet part of the dining-room, and while they visit, as all Gamma Phis do, they discuss requests for loans. Sometimes a chapter wants to borrow in order to build a house. Convention fixed the amount the Board could loan at \$1,500. If the loan is granted, the Board orders Harris to invest \$1,500 of its capital fund in a loan to that chapter. If a loan is granted to a girl, the Board orders Harris to send her a check.

How much does it cost to administer this large and growing fund? Harris charges one dollar a thousand for the money invested. All other expenses, which so far have been very light, have been met by the Board members. Not many trust-funds could show a more economical record than this.

At the recent National Panhellenic Congress, one round table discussion was devoted to Endowment Funds. Every national Panhellenic fraternity has such a fund, but only four or five of them are handling any part of their funds under a trust agreement. In most fraternities the Grand Council has the responsibility of investing the money, and attending to all the details of the business. This is a very heavy burden for national officers to carry, and it seems probable that within a few years most fraternities will follow our example and put their funds with some reliable trust company, thus safeguarding them, and relieving the grand officers of much care and worry.

While all fraternities have funds, they are not all general funds like ours. Some of them are intended for one object only, and many fraternities have several funds—one for the magazine, one for some philanthropy, one for scholarship loans, one for house building, etc. But most fraternities with several funds are planning to consolidate them into one big fund with departments for each special object, thus getting the advantage of investing considerable sums at one time, and simplifying the business of handling the money.

One of the interesting questions discussed at the round table was the proper size of an endowment fund. Some fraternities are planning to have such large funds that in time the income from them will provide for most of the national expenses. Others plan to keep their funds moderate in size, in proportion to the number of chapters, and use the income for extra expenses and times of need. Some think large funds a splendid thing for a fraternity—others feel they make business too prominent an element of fraternity life. All fraternities charge some interest on loans to chapters, varying from 4 to 6 per cent, but only one charges interest on loans to individuals while they are in college. All fraternities are gradually arranging to support their magazines by compulsory life subscriptions paid with the initiation fee. This seems to be the most satisfactory plan, for it gives a steady income, keeps the alumnae in touch with the fraternity, and simplifies the work of the business manager. Our own new budget provides for such a life subscription.

The Endowment Fund Board hopes that as our fund is better known and larger, more Gamma Phis will avail themselves of its aid in times of financial difficulty, for it is our ambition to help

every sister who needs it to complete her college course, and to enable every chapter to own its own home.

LILLIAN W. THOMPSON
Chairman Endowment Fund Board

INSPECTION

PROVINCE I

IN OCTOBER, Mrs. Cornwall wrote me from New York, inviting me to the banquet of the alumnae chapter there. At first, I was merely pleased to be remembered, but afterwards, I decided that if I could combine that trip with inspection of Boston and Delta, I would try to go. After duly writing back and forth, it was finally arranged, and I left for New York on Friday, November 11. The train was late, and we had to wait at the hotel for almost half an hour (it was the day before one of the big football games) so that when I did finally arrive at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, where the banquet was held, I was very much chagrined to find that I was late. It was a delightful gathering, with Mrs. Goreth as a charming toastmistress and responses all the way from New York's alumnae president to one of the girls who told many interesting experiences in China while there with her husband; and another who had chaperoned at one of our chapter houses, recently. Everyone enjoyed Miss Lowd's (a former grand officer) toast, and Mrs. Graham's talk on province organization, but best of all was the thrill of seeing the girls who were in college when I was—and gathering up the threads of the years in between.

Saturday and part of Sunday I spent with mother, leaving in the afternoon, and arriving in Boston in the early evening. Mrs. Graham and her little girl met me and took me to her lovely hospitable home. The next day, I was free to get rested and ready for the conferences, etc., to come. In the afternoon, Virginia Smith, president of Delta, and Martha Vining, came and we talked over everything pertaining to Delta. They escorted me down town, and Virginia took me to the College Club, where I had dinner with Mrs. Willcutt, president of Boston Alumnae, Miss Thomas, their faithful treasurer, and Miss Shepherd, one of our ex-presidents. We had a very pleasant informal time, and then I went back to Mrs. Graham's for the night. Tuesday, I had an appointment with Dean Warren, and conferences with Miss Farwell and Miss Hatch (Gamma Phis in the dean's office), conferences with Dean Franklin, and the chairmen of different committees. I had dinner and delightful informal discussion with some of the alumnae at Hotel Victoria. Again I spent the night at Mrs. Graham's and on Wednesday had more conferences with the girls. I had luncheon

at the College Club with Miss Fairwell and Miss Hatch and was guest at freshman tea at Gamma Phi apartment, and then attended weekly "spread" at rooms and the Gamma Phi meeting, after which I left for home.

I found a good attendance at a well conducted meeting. The officers are capable, and seem earnest and sincere in trying to do their best for Gamma Phi. They were very pleased with their ten pledges. The alumnae are most cordial and charming and most helpful and kind in their relation to the chapter. The alumnae there are very near and dear to me, and it is my earnest wish that the active chapter may measure up to them.

I belong to Syracuse alumnae, of which one of my very dear friends is a most charming and efficient president. If there is a weakness in our group, it is the need for younger alumnae to become more active. This is a crying need in Boston, where the group is so unchanging as to be like a family circle.

I inspected Alpha in January. I arrived Sunday evening and had a nice talk with Mrs. Smith, the much loved and efficient chaperon. She is so sweet and thoughtful of the girls that I almost wished my little daughter were old enough to be there while she is the chaperon. Monday I had another conference with Mrs. Smith, and with Dorothy Ehlers, president of the chapter, and also informal talks with several of the girls. Lunched at the chapter house; then a conference with Dean Peters and some of the committee chairmen; dinner at chapter house, followed by chapter meeting. Tuesday, more conferences, with luncheon at Drumlin's with Helen Kelley and Dorothy Ehlers. Conferences in afternoon, four to five, guest at tea to which chaperon and two representatives from each house were present. I found the records well kept, the officers capable and congenial; the finances in splendid shape. Alpha ranked fifth in scholarship. I was very glad of this opportunity to be at the house and become better acquainted with the girls.

Mrs. Barbour plans to inspect Zeta and Hollins for me, and I am very anxious for her report since last year I found them both very good chapters, and I was very proud of their standing.

The conference will be in Boston April 20-22, at which time all reports will be submitted and the new officers elected. These two years have been very pleasant and I feel that the province organization as it becomes more fully developed, will solve a very important need in our sorority. It has been a very wonderful experience to visit the groups in my province, and I have loved meeting the girls and others in the colleges with whom I came in contact on these visits.

MILDRED BIGELOW PRICE
Director of Province I

PROVINCE II

Chicago, "the windy city," was living quite up to her name when I arrived there in a severe sleet storm followed by the coldest cold I have ever experienced, on the first lap of my inspection tour in December.

However all the disagreeable elements seemed nil after I was safely ensconced in Epsilon's beautiful new home. *It is beautiful!* And all Epsilon and Chicago alumnae may rightfully feel proud of their recent achievement.

I spent three delightful days with the Epsilon girls and lived with them through all the trials of pre-Christmas quizzes, the thrills of having won the prize for the most beautifully decorated house at the university homecoming, the busy preparations for the settlement children's Christmas party, the Sunday tea for two of the men's fraternities, and the hurry and bustle of college life that one finds in a large university. I also spent several delightful hours with Mrs. Barbour and other national officers and the Chicago alumnae.

After Chicago I found myself in the pretty city of Columbus, where I luncheoned with the Columbus alumnae and visited Ohio State University with Bertha Schneider, president of the Columbus Alumnae Chapter.

From Columbus I entrained for Delaware to visit with the Alpha Eta girls at old and aristocratic Ohio Wesleyan University. Here I found courtesy and dignity, romance and tradition, and earnestness and purpose; and I wished I might carry them with me further to some of our more modern cities which seem to have buried them beneath the surface of ultra-progressiveness.

Christmas was in the air at Ohio Wesleyan and I had my first realization of its nearness at the Christmas party given in their attractive rooms (for Ohio Wesleyan has no sorority houses). And then again at the Christmas pageant held upon the steps of "U" Hall, in the college tearooms, in the dormitories and in the faces of the students themselves. Even the great eyed telescope in Ohio Wesleyan's glorious observatory seemed ready to point out all the wonders of that night and I wished that I were back in my own college days to pass through the wonders in watching unending universes stretching on forever. Everywhere was the spirit of our annual great festival to be found.

Cleveland next claimed my attention. I spent a most delightful day with the alumnae there, and talked about many things. This ended the first lap of my trip.

January found me in Detroit and I had not only the joy of being home with my own chapter again but also that of welcoming Mrs. Barbour to our city. I could tell you much concerning the

Detroit Chapter since I have known them long, but time and space are limited. At that time they were receiving the returns of their annual bridge party and contemplating the uses to which they might put them. Then Mrs. Barbour told us much of national affairs.

In February, Mrs. Pulford, secretary of Province II, accompanied me to Toronto where we visited with Alpha Alpha and Toronto Alumnae Chapters. Here we were entertained in Alpha Alpha's new apartment and experienced much in the way of shopping in Toronto's large department stores where one's car is parked and returned upon request by store officials; of sight-seeing Toronto's lovely city, her great university, and her parks where others were enjoying the thrills of skiing, tobogganning, and skating.

We came away from Toronto with the feeling that Gamma Phi Beta is not only national but international and that a closer bond is being developed between countries as well as sororities. In this we are keeping up with the spirit of the times.

DOROTHY SWEET WELCHLI
Director of Province II

PROVINCE III

In spite of my very early arrival in St. Louis, on a drizzly morning in November, I received a very warm welcome from Glen May, president of Phi Chapter. The long drive to Glen's home for a delicious breakfast, and our continuance to the university, passed all too quickly as we reviewed the happy hours spent at Mackinac.

The fact that Phi has no chapter house makes entertaining house guests a difficult problem, so, at this time, I want to compliment the chapter on the very efficient and hospitable manner in which I was cared for and to speak of the many delightful times I had with the members.

My meeting with St. Louis Alumnae Chapter was most delightful and stimulating; St. Louis has accomplished a very fine thing in helping Phi make its generous subscription to the Woman's Building, and in being the first group to complete its payments. I cannot say enough in praise of such vision and foresight.

Alpha Theta, our southern chapter, showed me a hospitality all her own. She has the gift of taking you into her heart and making you feel right at home. I was especially pleased to find that so many members had returned for post-graduate work—six, if I remember correctly. Martha Ragsdale and Thelma Riggs are both affiliated with Alpha Theta and carrying heavy responsibilities. Martha is president and Thelma, freshman adviser, which augurs well for the future generation to have the inspiration of such loyal members.

The southern girl, always famed for her beauty and charm, has

acquired the "efficiency complex" also. I never saw so many earnest and sincere workers as at Vanderbilt—many of them doing service, in addition to college and sorority demands, and slighting none.

Nashville Alumnae exemplify loyalty to the *n*th degree. Although a small group, they could put some of us to shame, with their enthusiasm and accomplishments. You would be surprised at their alumnae dues—their slogan is not "A dollar a year" but "A dollar a month."

I played a double rôle at Alpha Delta, as their house mother had unexpectedly resigned and the chapter was in the throes of choosing another. I wish to express to Mrs. Hartwig and Miss Pearl Mitchell our great appreciation of their kindness in chaperoning the chapter during the interim before Mrs. Ryan's appointment. It seemed as if Mrs. Ryan had dropped from heaven; she was so perfect in all respects. I wish I could picture, Minerva McEwen, Alpha Delta's president to you; into the wee small hours of the night, we discussed the problems that confronted her; for Minerva struggled heroically to be all things to all people, all the time. And we must page Grace Dooley who managed the commissary; all this with extra guests and a substitute cook, upsetting to the most efficient of managers.

Alpha Delta's resident alumnae can be numbered on three fingers; but their quality more than makes up the numerical deficiency.

St. Joseph, which is an Alpha Delta stronghold in Missouri, through a happy circumstance, encoed my visit and I had two delightful days with them.

I am such a frequent visitor at Sigma, I felt like the proverbial old shoe. It was a pleasure to attend a perfectly conducted chapter meeting under Ruth Van Riper. It is easy to prognosticate that Ruth will be a very successful lawyer *if* she chooses to follow her profession.

Lawrence Alumnae have welcomed me twice this year most cordially. Sigma's strength is founded on the splendid start this loyal group gave her. Their interest and supervision has meant much to Sigma and accounts for the fact that, although Sigma was installed after several of the national sororities had a firm footing, she is now keeping pace with all of them in college activities and high campus honors.

Kansas City is in the throes of convention fever. We are awaiting Mrs. Barbour's coming in April with baited breath, so that if our National Council approves our choice of convention headquarters, we may emulate our forebears and fire a shot that will be heard around the world. Being in the heart of America, we are hoping that Gamma Phis from North and South, East and West will respond to Province Three's invitation to meet in Kansas City in June, 1929.

My visit to Omicron and Champaign-Urbana will be coincident with our Conference Meeting April 27-29 in Urbana. I am looking forward with pleasure to both.

We count it a great honor to have a founder of our order in our Province and I can wish for myself and all others no greater privilege than the opportunity of meeting Mrs. Moss and of feeling the inspiration of her presence.

Mrs. Barbour and Miss Thompson are honoring us by appearing on our conference program, so we feel we are offering our chapters a wonderfully fine program, fruitful of the highest inspiration in sorority life.

KATHRYN A. WOODWARD
Director of Province III

PROVINCE IV

ALPHA BETA

Arriving at the chapter house in Grand Forks is like being transplanted into a bee hive. At noon the call sounds for Carney practice. Carney practice is a very absorbing interest. Each class in the university meets weekly during the school year and composes original songs. An all-university convocation is held in the spring and the class presenting the best songs is acclaimed winner by judges and students. The honor of being Carney winner is greatly sought for.

Sprinkled between classes and during the vacant periods you hear the strains of the "Varsity Drag" and the slapping sound of a clog dance. This means that the renowned *Flickertail Follies* are in the offing. Gamma Phi is never satisfied unless she wins first prize in this, and from Alice Schrap's description of the act this year, it leaves little to be desired.

Near dinner time you hear Lila Argue marshalling her forces for basketball practice. The game between the varsity juniors and seniors was practically a Gamma Phi "inter-nos" and was very good fun.

During the chatty after dinner hour conversation naturally drifts to the new house which both actives and alumnae are keenly anticipating. There seems to be as many ideas regarding both house and lot as there are Gamma Phis, but it will all result in Gamma Phi having the most ideal location and most beautiful house on the campus, at least in their own eyes. And, really, not much else matters.

The operating and financing of the chapter house has been reorganized and when final adjustments are made will prove most satisfactory. The chief burden will fall on the alumnae for a while,

but judging from the alumnae meeting, there are plenty of loyal Gamma Phis to "carry on."

Will all these various interests absorbing the thoughts and efforts of the girls, examinations were swooping down upon them. I sincerely hope that the girls will realize their first duty to their university, their sorority, and to themselves and will head the scholarship rating at North Dakota.

My visit to North Dakota is always filled with pleasant recollections of the sincere hospitality of the girls and of their most capable and faithful chaperon, Mrs. Weston.

ALPHA KAPPA

Alpha Kappa and delightful teas and fireside visits trying to smooth out some of the old problems of new chapters. With all the enthusiasm and loyalty imaginable, the girls undertook to have a Gamma Phi house in Winnipeg. They leased a partially furnished house near the campus and with the combined efforts of mothers, fathers, sisters, and brothers, and a few cans of paint, amply completed the furnishing. Nothing the girls could have done would have helped to foster the interest of their families in the sorority as this did. With the exception of three or four girls, the chapter consists of town girls. This is because the University of Manitoba draws its students almost entirely from Winnipeg. In order to fill the house it was necessary to rent the rooms to non Gamma Phis. This rather complicates matters of house rules of order but I'm certain Alix Douglas, a most capable alumna, will be able to handle her own problems. The girls have set aside a room for chapter meetings and therein conduct the most efficient meetings imaginable. The alumnae also held their meeting there and it was also a model of efficiency and interest. Beth Osborne had charge of the literary exercises and to those of you who know Beth, this is sufficient to warrant your interest. Winnipeg alumnae always have stimulating literary exercises which add greatly to the meeting. After a business session it is relaxation and stimulation too, to hear a good play read and discussed, or to measure social distance according to Beth's unique device.

The alumnae also sponsored another Christmas Charity ball which was an unquestionable social success, and more than justified itself financially. The alumnae continue to be of invaluable assistance to the actives and the spirit between the groups is very unique in its cordiality.

The actives occupy an enviable place in university life. Lady Stick, the highest honor conferred on a girl, is still held by Gamma Phi. In fact, the last six names to be engraved on the Stick are Gamma Phis. They are well represented on the arts executive, in debating activities, and in literary and dramatic circles.

The scholarship is ranking first. The girls report conscientiously in the meeting the number of hours spent in study the previous week. Fifteen hours is the minimum and those who report less feel strongly the censure of the group. *Esprit de corps* is a powerful aid in maintaining standards, and Alpha Kappa certainly has it.

VIRGINIA MORRISON MACDONALD

Assistant Inspector

HUMANIZING THE ALPHABET

The best part of being a province delegate is that Greek letters hitherto mere alphabetical units take unto themselves flesh and blood and clothing and brick and stone and furniture, and suddenly became no longer mere marks upon paper, but sesames to open up rich memories of beautiful homes overrunning with charming girls. This is the change that the letters Rho and Omega have undergone for me since my visit to Iowa just after Thanksgiving. I returned home fully convinced that the business of being an inspector is the most delightful of all occupations.

I reached Iowa City on one of those misty mornings when the buildings seem too sleepy in their fog-blankets to take a look at a stranger. In the Gamma Phi house, however, all was warmth and welcome, with a ready breakfast tray and much accompanying conversation. My first task was to study the chapter list so that as I met the girls the names would be familiar to me; the first lunch hour was largely a mental scramble on my part to fix the right name to each face.

Then came a tour of the house, and those of you who have not visited Rho must go with me now. The front door admits us to a central hall from which stretch out on either hand two long living-rooms flanked with brick fireplaces at either end and giving a delightful spaciousness for entertaining. The larger room on the left has French windows opening upon a terrace in the front, and glass doors leading to the dining-room in the rear. The latter room holds four tables seating ten girls each, and there was seldom a vacant seat at meal time. Separated from the right hand living-room by a narrow hall is the chaperon's apartment of sitting-room, bedroom, and bath, which Mrs. Crabb graciously turned over to me during my visit. Upstairs you will run out of adjectives as you are shown into the many bedrooms, each with its own color scheme and the original touches devised by its two occupants. The third floor is no less attractive than the second, perhaps more so because of the dormer windows which afford pleasant nooks for wide seats and cushions. We must not forget the basement, for here are two of the most important rooms in the house, the kitchen, probably the busiest room in a sorority house,

and the chapter room of such comfortable dimensions that a very large group need not feel crowded.

Time never hangs heavy on a delegate's hands. What with interviews with each officer and committee chairman, chapter meeting, pledge meeting, and alumnae meeting, tours of the campus and the town, a pajama party, and a lovely tea, the three days vanished as if by magic. The pajama party, in which Rho indulges every month or so, is great fun. You can easily picture the costumes worn at these intimate little chapter gatherings, at least you can picture those worn by the actives. What the pledges wore ranged from athletic suits to farmer's overalls, for they were responsible for the stunts, and their versatility brought them great applause. Rho is remarkable for its chapter singing, and on this occasion, as at the dinner table, the faithful ukulele of Beatrice Strite accompanied a round of good old songs as well as a number of delectable new ones.

At the tea, Mrs. Crabb and I shared honors, feeling like brides with our fragrant corsages. The alumnae, the chaperons and presidents of all the sororities, faculty women, and friends among the Iowa City women had been invited, and the large attendance showed how many interested friends the chapter has. Two other delicious memories are the jolly ride down to the campus with two of the girls at nine o'clock to see the illumination of the lovely Old Capitol dome, and the long drive with Mrs. Carson on an afternoon whose balmy warmth seemed miraculous to a Minnesotan. Finally Adeline Taylor, who had piloted me so thoughtfully through the three days, put me on the train with a box of candy and a magazine, which, added to my still fresh corsage, gave me the sensations of a popular débutante or a world flier.

I appreciated these comforts when the power went off on the electric line between Des Moines and Ames, and I found myself the only passenger on a car left in pitchy blackness in the middle of a prairie; but this mishap was of short duration and only served to enhance the charm of Omega's house when I finally arrived. Here again was a pajama party, not specially staged, but due to the time of my arrival.

Omega's house is scarcely out of its christening robes, having been opened only this last fall, and a handsome baby among the Gamma Phi houses it is. The very large living-room is sunk two steps below the level of the main floor, thus giving added height to the ceiling. An unusually beautiful wall finish, rich blue velvet drapes at the many windows, and especially well chosen furniture combine to make this one of the most artistic rooms I have seen. Across the hall is the dining-room, its Gothic arch repeated in the buffet recess at the opposite end of the room. When

lighted only with candles it has almost the effect of a lovely little chapel. As in the Rho house, the chaperon's apartment is on this floor and the kitchen and chapter room in the basement. Unlike Rho's however, the upstairs is arranged on the dormitory plan, each floor having an inclosed porch filled with rows of beds. The individual rooms are thus kept as studies. I particularly enjoyed the ingenuity which the girls had displayed in furnishing these studies and differentiating on the inside window curtains which for the sake of external uniformity were all of homespun. Here a gay cretonne applique, there an orange and black lining, yonder green diagonal stripes added color and individuality. On the top floor a kitchenette where the girls can make candy or press their clothes is a much appreciated feature. Here too is a large amusement room with two dormers from which one has a glorious view across country. This room was made over to me during my stay, and I enjoyed the contrasting locations in the two chapter houses—that of dignity on the first floor at Rho and that of intimacy on the top floor at Omega.

My stay with Omega was a day shorter than with Rho, but there was time for a luncheon in the home economics building which showed off the culinary abilities of several Gamma Phis, and a drive over the unusually beautiful campus with Professor Erwin, a Gamma Phi father who had been especially instrumental in obtaining the new house. My glimpse of the pledges was rather fleeting, as they are not allowed by college rule to live in the house, but it was long enough to show me that they were a large and promising group. Because the many laboratory classes of the girls at Ames fill the hours of the day, and the distance from the campus does not give much time at noon, I had to hold most of my conference with the girls in the evening. The main interest of the chapter at the time I was there was the Christmas bazaar for the benefit of the house to be given the day after I left. I marveled at the initiative and energy of these girls in carrying out such an enterprise in the face of their heavy programs and the small number of alumnae in Ames, but it shows what enthusiasm for a house will do.

The reason for shortening my Ames visit was that I might attend the Panhellenic banquet at Des Moines and pay a call to our alumnae chapter in that city. The banquet was held at the Hotel Fort Des Moines and attended by two hundred women, representing every national sorority except Zeta Tau Alpha. Because I was an official I was given the somewhat doubtful joy of standing in line and shaking two hundred hands, also of being called upon unexpectedly for "remarks," but even this combination could not spoil the gaiety and glitter of the evening for me.

The next afternoon Minnie Rice took me to the Gamma Phi

meeting at the home of Mrs. Kroetch, who turned out to be Sarah Shute, of Epsilon, whom I had known once upon a time. This group, drawn from five different chapters, proved to be an enterprising crew with plans in the wind for raising money and making themselves useful to the two Iowa chapters. They certainly made me feel at home with their gracious hospitality.

During this past month I have inspected the Minneapolis Alumnae Chapter, the St. Paul association, and Kappa Chapter. This was a bit prosaic, for I knew almost everything there was to be known about them beforehand. As I said to the St. Paul group, "This is as delicate a matter as being sent to inspect your sister-in-law's housekeeping," I being from Minneapolis of course. As I did not find much dust under the beds, however, it was not difficult. They are hard at work raising money, like the Minneapolis Chapter and all good alumnae groups. Both cities are now giving scholarships to girls in the active chapter who need assistance, and also paying toward the house fund. In addition we all keep an eye on Kappa's scholarship, rushing, and general welfare.

I spent three days at the Kappa chapter house, pretending I was from out of town. This time, by the way, I lived on the second floor, so if I visit a fourth Chapter they will have to put me in the basement for variety. As Kappa's house is not new I shall omit a description, except to say that I know no place more homelike or with better relations among its occupants. Part of this has been due to our presiding genius, Mrs. Evans, who is now on a trip around the world and whose place is being most ably filled by Mrs. Landon. At the time of my visit Kappa was feeling considerable elation over its Night Club project which had not only netted the desired profits, but had been a notably artistic success.

My visits, then, have included three active chapters, two alumnae chapters, and two alumnae associations. Each group has its own problems to meet, and it is the attempt to help each work out its difficulties and capitalize its strong points which makes the work of inspecting so fascinating. Then too the prospect of seeing some of these good friends again gives added anticipation to a province convention. Yes, indeed, I like the job.

REWEY BELLE INGLIS
Assistant Inspector

PROVINCE VI

Second year visits to the chapters are so much nicer than the first—for now we are all friends, and the girls know you are not something terrible and awesome, just because you are the dissecting person—a visiting delegate. The visits just completed

have left a warm glow of happiness—I trust with the chapters also; although there were suggested improvements to be made, criticisms were always taken in the right spirit. One of the finest things in this province system of inspection is the closer bond developed between delegates and chapters.

Early in the fall, Clara Taney Will, of Seattle, then chairman of inspection, and I spent a few days at Chi Chapter, where we met all the new pledges and planned many things with the girls. There are only a few alumnae Gamma Phis living in Corvallis, so there is no alumnae organization to assist in chapter hour or other affairs; but these few have joined with an enthusiastic group of Portland alumnae who have outlined with the assistance of several trustees (Gamma Phi husbands and fathers), a splendid financial plan which in a few years promises a new home for Chi which for ten years has owned its present chapter house. With the growth of the college and the general trend of fraternities toward the newer part of the campus, it seems probable that Gamma Phi Beta will also wish to move "out" in a few years. Chi has a splendid record of scholarship endeavor this year, and a number of special campus honors to her credit.

Just yesterday, I returned from Nu, Xi, and Spokane Chapters, and the Eugene, Moscow, and Boise Associations. As Lambda and Seattle are hostesses for the province conference the last week-end in March, we reserved "inspection" till that time. And may I digress from the subject in hand—that of chapter visits—to say how happy we all are that Mrs. Barbour is to be the "national officer" at our conference. We are looking forward with much pleasure to knowing our Grand President better. Seattle and Lambda are making some interesting plans for our entertainment, and between the business sessions of the two days, we should get very well acquainted with the Seattle Gamma Phis. A large delegation is planning to motor up from Portland, probably joined by the delegate and maybe others from Eugene. Spokane expects to have more than one representative, and even Boise may have a delegate—which will be quite an achievement, as Boise is more than twenty-four hours away by train from Seattle, and motoring over the mountains is not the best this early in the spring. But the enthusiasm is running high for the conference, and the girls are primed to discuss a lot of national and local questions.

But to return to "inspection." Nu has a splendid group of pledges this year—twenty, though not all freshmen—and the chapter never was more united in its aims and ambitions and spirit of good fellowship. While scholastically, the chapter did not live up to its last year's reputation of third on the campus, the girls have been working very hard, and are confident that the records of the term just closed will see them in a much better location on

the campus comparative grade sheet. They have members in several honoraries—both upper—and underclass—and on important committees. Jane Price headed the committee in Portland, Joyce Maddox, in Medford, and Maxine Glover (a pledge this year), in Salem, for the dances given on March 23 in all principal Oregon cities, in celebration of Oregon Day.

A faculty dinner was one feature of the visit with Nu, and the surprise of several guests when they found that the heralded "delegate" was a former student (and of some, a classmate), afforded much amusement at the party. But it was delightful to greet the professors and their wives whom I had known in college, as well as to meet a dean and other faculty members recently come to the university.

Eugene—the university city—has an enthusiastic alumnae group—more than a dozen this year, the largest membership in its career as an association. They met at the chapter house for dinner with Nu one evening, so that we might talk together afterwards. They are in touch with the active chapter, and several alumnae—besides the alumnae adviser—often attend chapter meeting; two, including the president of the house building corporation, meet regularly with the house manager for a budget conference.

An interesting afternoon was spent with the Salem alumnae, who planned a delicious luncheon at the home of one of the members—and then had to eat it without the "guest of honor," whose supposedly brief conference with Dr. Hall, president of the University of Oregon, extended over train time. All she could do was to catch a limited train on which she arrived quite breathless and contrite almost an hour late. The only redeeming feature was that she didn't know the party was to be a luncheon—that was to be a "surprise." Notwithstanding such a bad beginning, the afternoon was not a failure. There are only a half a dozen alumnae Gamma Phis in Salem, but they meet often and greatly enjoy each other. There was a larger number once, but others have moved away, and for several years there have been no pledges from Salem. But last summer, the Salem alumnae and the Portland girls from Nu, worked together, so that Nu has three Salem pledges this year. The association in Salem, accordingly, shows renewed interest, is planning a number of rushing affairs, and expects in every way to back the two college chapters—Nu and Chi. What Salem lacks in numbers it makes up in enthusiasm of its own special variety.

The next visit was at Xi—which mean a jump of six hundred miles to Moscow, Idaho. There, the university life is centered on the campus—all the eighteen hundred students (one-third of whom are girls) live on the campus either in fraternities or dormitories, unless their homes are in Moscow. This fact makes for a chummy,

friendly atmosphere, which larger institutions can not, to their sorrow, know. Gamma Phi Beta was the first sorority on the campus, and it was the first to own its own house there—a charming, homey residence, which the building association improves each year. Xi has had sixteen pledges this year—twelve the first term, and four the second—all of them charming girls, with widely differing tastes and temperaments, but all enthusiastic and loyal Gamma Phis, several with remarkably high scholastic standing. The chapter was breathlessly awaiting the “grade report” to see how their average compares with that of other sororities; it should be high. As for activities—their chart showed too many to enumerate here—including president of Woman’s Athletic Association, president of Panhellenic, other offices and committees. Every person contributed something, and many showed five or six activities in which they are prominent. The majority of the girls are from Spokane, Washington, or northern Idaho; Moscow, situated in the north-eastern part of the state, naturally draws largely from that region while students from the southern part are often more than 24 hours’ journey from home—but it is lots of fun, they say, traveling on the student special trains.

A delightful custom at Xi is the “fireside,” when freshmen stage short stunt programs preceding the supper. A special fireside (pajama party) for the province director was similar to those given on alternate Sunday evenings following the hour for “dates” to leave, when the girls gather about 9:30 to talk, sing, and eat. It is too bad that all chapters do not have informal hours like that together.

In the receiving line for the formal evening reception to which Xi invited not only the faculty and representatives from each fraternity and dormitory but prominent Moscow residents as well, were two patronesses of Xi Chapter, who have worked with her since the beginning, and remember the uncertainties that preceded and the thrills that accompanied the receipt of her charter from Gamma Phi. Mrs. Truitt has missed but two social affairs given by the chapter in twenty-two years, while Mrs. Little has nearly as unusual a record. Her niece is a Xi pledge this year. Such support from interested and prominent women in the community means a great deal to a college chapter, especially where the alumnae group in the same city is small.

At present, the Moscow alumnae number about sixteen, including members of the faculty, most of whom gathered for the alumnae dinner at the Blue Bucket Inn, preceding the reception, which most of them later attended. The alumnae are enthusiastic in their support of Xi, and are especially proud of the “town girls” pledged this year, one of whom made an almost perfect rating in scholarship the first term. They are planning a number of things which

will add much to the understanding and close friendship between Xi and the Moscow Alumnae Association.

Spokane has an active, enthusiastic alumnae chapter, whose membership of twenty-some was almost all present at the beautifully arranged banquet given at the Davenport Hotel, the evening I stopped in Spokane en route from Moscow, to Boise, a journey of twenty-eight hours, which impressed on me the peculiar situation of the University of Idaho, so far distant from Boise, Idaho's capital and principal city. The Spokane Gamma Phis meet every two weeks, in the evening, and after the business is transacted, enjoy several—usually four or more—tables of bridge or mah-jongg. They give rummage sales and benefit parties to raise funds for their charity work, which isn't just an uninteresting duty with them; it is a vital part of their organization, and the care they have given a needy family is worthy of recognition. The father has recently been given work, however, by a Gamma Phi husband, so the alumnae have been hunting some other worthy family to care for. Rushing for both Xi and Lambda is complicated for Spokane, as the universities rush under such different rules, but the Spokane alumnae give parties, and individually do much to help the active girls with their rushing.

The Boise alumnae were as amazed as I to see the eighteen Gamma Phis meet for the banquet at the Owyhee Hotel on the Saturday night of my visit. No more can they plead the excuse of "few members" when the province director asks questions. Of course, however, this goodly number is only a recent thing, as several Gamma Phis have recently returned to Boise to live, others are teaching there, and two girls hope next year to return to Xi to finish their college work. For the past few years, Gamma Phi has had few pledges from Boise, but the keenly awakened interest of the alumnae promises more active rushing another season. The girls were lovely and cordial hostesses and are happy that the province system makes it possible for them to be "visited" regularly to keep them in closer touch with other Gamma Phis, both active and alumnae. Boise had never before had a visiting delegate. So enthusiastic did the meeting become following the banquet, that we almost forgot to note when to go home.

Reporting a "visit" to Portland Chapter is rather difficult, since the P.D. is right at home, and drops in at almost every meeting usually in time to join in the buffet luncheon served informally with four girls acting as hostesses each month. We have found that the attendance greatly increases when luncheon is a feature of the meeting. Strange for girls, isn't it? The finest thing Portland has accomplished in the past few years—and the result has been gradual—is the feeling of understanding and co-operation between the alumnae of Nu and Chi, who compose the larger

percentage of membership in the Portland Chapter, although of course, there are a number of Lambda alumnae, and Gamma Phis from other chapters are increasingly coming to Portland to make their homes and enter enthusiastically into the life of the local chapter, which has a splendid spirit of co-operation and harmony. For its philanthropic work, which includes Christmas baskets of food and clothing to numbers of poor families, and to assist in its other work, the alumnae in the last year have given a combined fashion show and movie, and sponsored two benefit performances at a local stock company. The latter has proved a successful means of raising funds, as no one objects to selling tickets (usually such a bugaboo) for a professional performance, which many persons attend each week anyway. A luncheon for the active members of nearby college chapters who are in Portland at Christmas is an annual affair to which the Gamma Phi mothers' clubs are invited. Rushing, both for Nu and Chi, keeps the alumnae interested in younger girls about to enter college.

Thinking back over the visits to Greek-letter chapters, several things stand out, aside from the cordial reception and eager co-operation given the province director. What an inestimable asset is a charming and capable chaperon, and how fortunate are the chapters when their chaperon stays with them year after year—she has an influence that only that particular sort of experience can give, in tact, suggestion and example. Another thing—how much better is the entire atmosphere when the financial status is assured, when an efficient treasurer and house manager collects her money promptly and pays her bills systematically, and lives within the budget. Another discovery is that high scholarship and many campus activities go hand in hand; not the highest “grades” perhaps, but good standing—achievement in one line seems to stimulate ambition in other fields.

It has been a joy to know and work with the Gamma Phis in the four Greek-letter and nine alumnae organizations in the three northwest states. Looking back over the past two years, I realize that much has been left undone, but a basis of friendship and co-operation and understanding has been formed, on which to build for the future. An evidence of this is the enthusiasm for the coming province conference, which by the time *THE CRESCENT* is off the press will be but another memory—another step forward in Gamma Phi history.

BEATRICE M. LOCKE
Director of Province VI

PROVINCE VII

There are five Greek-letter chapters in this province,—four of them in the land of sunshine and the fifth next door—no finer

setting could be found for delightful work. And if you doubt that characteristic of this land, let me record a huge sign I saw in an Arizona garage—"Free Gas Any Day the Sun Don't Shine." They say they have not had a pay up for years. And how the sun did shine! Not only in Arizona but throughout my visits, figuratively speaking and in reality.

In November I visited Alpha Epsilon, Phoenix, and San Diego Alumnæ, Alpha Iota and Los Angeles Alumnæ. The outstanding event of that trip was the organization of the Phoenix Alumnæ Association with sixteen members, most of them coming from Alpha Epsilon. The girls were very enthusiastic; and frankly, I was thrilled. In February I visited Alpha Gamma and Reno Alumnæ, where a delightful intimacy exists between the two chapters, and Mu and Eta. I am hoping that Mrs. Barbour's visit to San Francisco Alumnæ will take the place of the province director's visit, because who can "visit" her own chapter? And always, everywhere, I heard the wish that all visiting Gamma Phis would look up the alumnæ chapters. These were my first visits in this province as I was only elected last spring to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of our first director, Rachel Colby. Those of you who know Rachel will appreciate the trepidation with which I followed after so brilliant a leader. I was sorry she had to resign because it is a privilege for anyone, especially college students, to meet such a personality.

The four days I spent with each Greek-letter chapter were full of interest, fun, and constant talking. I know that Alpha Iota questions my vocal ability because I had only a whisper of a voice while I was there. With a true booster's instinct the alumnæ have led you to believe that the marvels of Los Angeles left me speechless. Once more I have nothing to say for they have built up a splendid organization. If the booster's efforts do that, would that we had more of it! I find it impossible to give a detailed account or even a list of the important happenings of each chapter visit. I did try it in a letter that traveled only as far as the waste-basket and I realized afresh why the chapter letters deal primarily with social affairs. They stand out for the girls from the background of classes, study, and general friendships just as the teas, dinners, luncheons, even the movies of ourselves did for me. But in perspective these become less important, while I love to remember the friends I made, the atmosphere of the chapters, and the charm of my many hostesses.

The chapter letters have told you of the events of the year and the honors the girls have won. It is not for me to repeat that list. Of course I urged continued interest in campus affairs, staunch support of university policies, and greater attention to the business for which the girls come to college—their studies. All of which

they are doing and each one of which must be carried on with unflagging zeal. Such efforts are molding good Gamma Phis. I wish I could express to you the pride I felt in the poise of our girls, their graciousness, the pleasant hospitality, their grasp of a situation, and their efforts for sane judgement. I could see distinct development from the freshman class to the senior class—a progression, not a regression, which made me realize with renewed force the worth of sorority life.

Our province conference is to be held April 13 and 14 at Stanford, with the following day spent at Berkeley. Mrs. Barbour is to be our conference guest. The girls are all delighted at the prospect of meeting her, and because she is coming everyone is anticipating most helpful and inspiring meetings.

MARGARET NACHTRIEB
Director of Province VII

HISTORIAN

THE history of this college year is in process of making! Which means that the multitudinous notes gleaned from chapter letters, personal communications, and national bulletins are being sorted, combined, and evolved; that national procedure is being chronicled; that sorority achievements are being recorded; that individual prowess is being elaborated. All of which would be much easier and much more complete if a sub-historian in each chapter would make it her task to forward all items, statistics, and accounts of her chapter and of her chapter members and alumnæ.

Just a word about the history itself. In 1921, *The Story of Gamma Phi Beta* appeared—a *story*, as the title announced, of the beginnings and the progress of our sorority. Since 1921, the narrative has continued, with a complete summary of each year; and the events of the present year will be grouped under Chapters VIII and IX.

A veritable history as one knows means years of personal research, the noting of each stage of chapter development, the chronicling of individual service, the record of each happening however trivial, of chapter history. The story of our organization is the narrative of each year; and the narrative would be more colorful if each chapter would play its part in forwarding to the historian all necessary material and statistics.

LINDSEY BARBEE
Historian

FROM THE ALUMNÆ CHAPTERS

[Each alumnæ chapter was asked for a short article upon any subject of interest to college and sorority women. No response came from New York, Chicago, Toronto, Cleveland, Columbus, Minneapolis, Milwaukee, Des Moines, Denver, Seattle, Portland, Spokane, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Reno.]

ANN ARBOR

The Sorority Justifies Its Existence

THE sorority is to the university girl what fond and loving parents are to an orphan. Democratic idealists would have us believe that the sorority does not justify its own excuse for being when its influence on the nonsorority girl is considered. These people cherish a collegiate utopia which is contradictory to the nature of college *per se*. The girl who has no group from whom to obtain social and academic prestige and help, who can make friends only upon her own initiative which is fettered by her lack of time, does not have a fair chance when many of those about her have life made easy for them because thirty other girls are interested in helping them achieve their aims, because their interests are mutual and the group gains through the accomplishments of the individuals. Perhaps this is true, but would the advocates of democracy do away with the family so that those without families to help them would not feel the great deficiency which the Freudians hold to be the basis of the greatly misunderstood and too often mentioned inferiority complex.

The "Pollyanna philosopher" holds that the sorority is like the family; such optimism does not take into consideration the rivalry which exists indigenous to any large group. However, suffice it to say, that the sorority attempts to do for the girl away from home that which the parents succeed in doing for the girl in the home. The sorority is of primary importance to the freshman who has been uprooted from her native environment, and dropped into totally new surroundings with no time for orientation; for her work begins at once. The sorority takes in such a girl and gives her the immediate opportunity of making friends and companions of the thirty odd members who are all interested in the freshman before she has time to be interested in them. The variety of such a group makes it an obvious fact that she will find within the fold

many who are able and willing to give her help and advice for any or all of the problems which her new life may bring to her. If it be her desire to join campus activities and do something for her college, some member of the group will be able to introduce her to some of the campus leaders and thus furnish an easy *entrée*. How different is this from the nonsorority girl who does not learn about the various activities until the first year try-outs have come to a close, the girl who has not been able to glean one or two friends from the vast welter of students whom she daily sees but never meets. To her the endeavor to join a dramatic society, for instance, would mean just that many more strange faces and that much more loneliness when she returned home, so why not stay home in the first place? During my first two days as a freshman at Hollins College, I felt that everyone else in the college was acquainted with everyone but me. There seemed to be no other freshmen! Those two days brought to me a feeling of loneliness growing to despair which must be experienced by the nonsorority girl for a much longer period of time.

It is indeed fine when a sorority can contribute to the activities of the university, but that is a secondary consideration; the group contributes most to the university when it strengthens its members and thus enhances the university value of thirty of its students. Any Greek-letter group collectively gives to the university upon whose campus it thrives infinitely more than each member standing alone could give. The democratic idealists should not seek to find flaws in the sorority system as it exists; better, they should encourage the establishment of more sororities so that the rivalry between the groups would tend to perfect them all.

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Beta, 1927, M.A.

BALTIMORE

"Junior Year"—A Month in New York

EVERY year the Charity Organization Society of New York invites twelve college girls to be its guests for the month of July in order for them to study the various aspects and kinds of social work. These girls are all ending their junior year and most of them, though not all, are students of, or interested in, sociology. The colleges represented this last summer were Vassar, Smith, Connecticut, Elmira, Wells, Swarthmore, Mount Holyoke, Barnard, Radcliffe, Bryn Mawr, Wellesley, and Goucher, and the guests were from all over the United States. The girls are selected by a student-faculty committee and this year Madeline F. Clay (Zeta's president) was chosen, which was a great privilege and

honor. We had heard from Helen Dodson, also a Zeta girl, who went last year, what a wonderful experience was ahead of her, and we alumnæ feel proud that a Zeta girl has been chosen two successive years.

It's fine to study social problems from a book and to consider long time causes and results, but it's a much more vivid sort of lesson and a far more valuable one to see for oneself the results of causes and to meet the personalities behind the facts, and above all to have the privilege and inspiration of knowing quite intimately some of the foremost minds in the field of sociology.

A month is only a short time and no attempt was made to turn out trained social workers; but they were given a glimpse and a practical knowledge of the various fields in social work. For instance, under the subject of health they visited hospitals, medical social service departments, clinics, and baby health stations; they studied tuberculosis as a social and a medical problem and saw the shops, the schools, and rehabilitations centers in New York City; they saw and met and talked with crippled men from the School of Another Chance. They studied child welfare in all its phases, child placing for adoption, settlement work and the juvenile courts. They sat in the inner court with Judge Boyle and heard the privacy and intimacy of his treatment of the boys. They had the privilege of knowing great personalities like Dr. Blumgart, the psychiatrist, and Dr. Kirchwey, a former warden of Sing Sing and dean of Columbia, "the most mellow and mature, and the youngest man of seventy I've ever met."

But let's let Madeline tell it in her own words, "Most interesting of all, we actually did family case work on the east and west side, not from a book but from the fourth floor rear or the second floor front. We learned at first hand why the baby cried, and why ma was crabby and what happened when pa went on a spree every few months and lost his job. We saw the awful conflict that goes on between the children of the new age and the old fashioned parents of other homelands and other customs; between son and daughter of the factory and the dance hall and ma and pa who have known and loved the fields. It's such a pitiful and unfair struggle where Time holds the joker.

"Of course life wasn't all work and no play. We lived together at the University Woman's Club, Fifty-second near Park Avenue, where we got a close up view of the "other half." It seemed that every one in New York was eager to help the girls who were there to study their city and watch the melting pot boil—even the policemen and taxi drivers were our friends, especially if they'd seen a picture in a newspaper. It was just like being visiting royalty! There were museums, concerts, teas, and lectures, lunch-

eons, theatres, and all the glamour of Broadway at night—even if they were mighty hot nights!”

Now these girls are back in their schools telling their friends and classmates a few of the things they've seen and done, trying to interpret the underlying principles and basic facts and assumptions of social work. It is a huge educational project to try to spread the propaganda of scientific study of social problems to encourage the youth of the land to think in terms of change and improvement in studying our social problems, and to teach the futility of any false panaceas suddenly to reform the world. The month was an investment in optimism and in understanding other people's problems as a means of understanding one's own. I only wish that every Gamma Phi could have been there with our Zeta girl.

BOSTON

“Working from the Inside to the Outside”

THURSDAY night while attending the big National Panhellenic banquet at the Statler, there flashed across my mind the wish that all those, who object so strenuously to the fraternity system, could be there, not only to hear the speeches and the pageant, but also just to see the spacious banquet hall filled with women anxious and striving their hardest, to give to the world something worth while. The tables with their lavish decorations of beautiful flowers whose colors were repeated in the gowns of the hundreds of guests, college women belonging to all the national sororities sponsored by Panhellenic, were in themselves an inspiration. The national officers and visitors, from the length and breadth of our country, brought a new spirit of enthusiasm to the local groups and a stronger desire to compare favorably with the best of them in living up to their highest ideals of service, both intellectually and materially.

The cry of the objector who says that there is no savor of democracy or essential Americanism in the system, evidently forgets that all great movements are started by a few. No system is inclusive. Only those considered suitable are needed in a certain group. The best assemblages work from the inside toward the outside, gathering to themselves, as they press onward, by their friendliness, sympathy, kindnesses, and the numberless paths by which they advance, untold of harvests which make any member of any sorority proud to belong.

We admit that “to share” is the Christian and therefore the American ideal. It comes to me, that the more I know of sororities, it is their ideal too. All people work better in groups. The indi-

vidual works for the group and, in consequence, the group for all mankind which results in the very tangible ideals of fresh-air camps, mountain schools, and vacation homes for undernourished children. Nothing very exclusive in that. And why pick on sororities?

Perhaps there *has* been needless and futile suffering when a certain girl has not made a certain sorority. In most colleges there are enough sororities to go around, so that no girl ought to feel left out. But why take a specific case and blame the whole system? It may be possible that something is the matter with the girl. I have known a whole sorority to suffer very severely from the actions of one girl. That is not saying that all girls are the same.

So many people take one of their own special grievances and pass it out as a public calamity. Without understanding, other people like the sound of it, take it up, spread it, and soon it is a national menace and something must be done about it! I have never heard that football managers favor men on their teams who are physically weak. I have never heard that publishing houses enjoy the product of the moron, or society of the unintellectual, or artists of the color blind, or musicians of those without ears. It is always pick and choose. Even Christ selected a "chosen few" to do his work.

And so I say that what I saw and heard at the Panhellenic dinner at the Statler last week inspired me to drink a silent toast to our four founders of Gamma Phi Beta and made me glad to be one of the group which is a part of the large national group that in turn makes larger contacts. Working from the inside to the outside!

DETROIT

International Hospitality

ONE especially stimulating division of the work of the American Association of University Women, to which all good little college girls belong when they graduate, is that carried on by the committee on international relations; one branch of this committee's activity, the influence of which may well be called incalculable, is something that seems at first a very simple and obvious thing to do—the placing in American homes of foreign students in our colleges and universities, for short periods during vacations when they are unable to return to their faraway homes.

All thinking women—indeed all women everywhere—desire the assurance of a permanent world peace more than anything, perhaps, outside the immediate circle of their private wishes and hopes; and the only lasting foundation of such a peace is mutual understanding between nations, a condition which can be finally

attained only when the individuals of which nations are composed, understand each other's environment, viewpoints, and ideals. Such a state of things of course implies a Utopia of the far future, but every influence, however small apparently, which can be wielded along this line brings that happy consummation so much nearer. The foreign students in our American colleges represent the fortunate element of their own countries who are superior in brains and opportunity, and powerful in potential influence among their people. To give them glimpses of our homes, which, in spite of propaganda to the contrary, are still the molds where our earliest and most fundamental concepts of life are found—is to give them and us a basis for mutual understanding and tolerance which no more casual contact could possibly afford. Of course, besides this, such hospitality to homesick, lonesome youth is a gracious gesture, a thing we would deeply value for our own children should they be sent for higher education to a foreign country.

This placing of foreign students in American families during vacations was handled by the universities at first, but the state chairmen of international relations of the American Association of University Women are now carrying on this work, through the various local branches, in addition to the classes on international relations which local chairmen are conducting.

We know of one family, with two small boys, who for some years entertained the same Chinese students during college recesses. They all got a great deal of pleasure out of the friendship thus formed, and the children unconsciously absorbed many first hand facts about China and the Chinese from their interesting and gentle guest. He has now returned to China to be a teacher to his own people, and numerous letters and gifts from him continues to thrill the children and keep his memory green.

For part of the spring vacation this year a group of women foreign students from the University of Michigan will be entertained in the homes of our village; we expect an interesting time and hope to make it mutual. We are glad of the chance to do even so slight a service to these strangers within our gates.

HILDEGARDE HAGERMAN JOHN

KANSAS CITY

What Does Your Sorority Mean to You as an Alumna?

I HAVE in mind an alumna who said, "Anything worthy of the pledge of my loyalty is worthy of my active support now and always." And if her efforts met with criticism or indifference, as they often did, did she become discouraged or embittered? Not this young lady; so long as she felt herself to be

working for the right and the benefit of her sorority she worked untiringly to prove her love and loyalty. Can you boast any such proof of devotion? Or are you the sort of "alum" who fondly treasures college memories, who keeps her sorority life in a box along with dance programs and what-nots dear to college hearts, but scarcely a part of the active life of a college alumna? All of which brings us to the question—what does your sorority mean to you as an alumna? Do you who have shelved your sorority life realize the love and friendships, the joy of working for an ideal that you are missing?

Of course, sorority alumnae fall into two groups: (1) those who live in cities or towns where there are alumnae chapters or associations and (2), those towns which are scattered where there are only a few to a town—perhaps only one. It seems to me, however, that there are a few things that you, in either group, could do, and with very little effort. And those things are: to keep your eyes and your mind open, and to be ready with a good word when opportunity presents itself. In other words, be loyal at all times. No one ever thinks any more of you, and certainly not of your sorority, if you make disloyal remarks about it or its members.

If you are out of touch with your sorority activities, whose fault is it? Certainly not your sorority's; it could scarcely keep in touch with each alumna whose interest strays from its folds. To you who belong to an association or chapter, do you merely pay your dues, and make a fairly regular appearance at meetings, and doing so, are you satisfied to call yourself a loyal member? But, at the same time, are you too busy to help with washing or with some scheme to raise money? Do you turn a deaf ear to any little call upon your time and energies? There would be such a very small demand upon each individual if everyone did her share. And to you who are scattered and lonesome—try paying your national dues and reading your *Crescent*; get in touch with your nearest chapter; and keep alive to opportunities in your town for sorority material and sorority propaganda. Try working and boosting instead of indifference and criticism. Your pin honors you whenever you wear it; do you ever stop to think what you do to honor it?

The old saying, "You only get out of life what you put into it," seems particularly apt when applied to the life of a sorority alumna. There is so much of love and friendship to gain if you are willing to offer yours in exchange, but to *have* a friend you must first *be* one.

And so I ask, what does your sorority mean to you as an alumna?

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ST. LOUIS

Flying with Lindy

“**H**AVE you ever been up in a plane?” questioned the gentleman on my left at a recent dinner party. “No, indeed,” was my emphatic reply, “and I do not intend to go up until the clouds are fitted with landing fields for emergency use.”

He looked at me with perfect disgust.

“Of course,” I hastened to add in an effort to reinstate myself in his good graces and feeling perfectly confident that I should never be called upon to face such a contingency, “if Colonel Lindbergh should ask me to take a ride with him, naturally I should not refuse.”

A few days later the telephone rang. A guileless voice asked, “Want to go flying with Lindy tomorrow?” It was the G.O.M.L., calling my bluff. I had forgotten that he is a member of the Air Board. Being of stern Scotch ancestry, I could not retract; so I agreed enthusiastically. Of course I was thrilled to death at the prospect of taking a trip with Lindy; but I was also frightened to death at the thought of flying. However, no one should accuse me of cowardice. It was “Do or Die” with me; and I was certain it would be “Die.”

I spent the rest of the day and half of the night in giving away my belongings (which I have since had great difficulty in recovering.) The remainder of the night I spent in composing imaginary conversations with the colonel.

To my relief the dawn brought rain. Surely I would now be released from this perilous undertaking. At eleven o'clock however, the sun was shining beautifully and we were gaily on our way to the flying field. At least one half of the party was gay; I felt exactly as I did the time I took gas to have a tooth pulled.

When we arrived at the field, Lindy was standing beside his plane, having his picture taken. He appeared to be very bored with the operation, and refused point-blank to have more than one taken.

I am sure everyone will want to know what I thought of the Colonel. He is much more attractive than his pictures indicate. As everyone knows, he is extremely tall; but his carriage is so graceful that one forgets his extreme height. He has a beautiful skin, very rosy cheeks, and the most entrancing smile I have ever beheld. It was not difficult to see that he is perfectly indifferent to women, but he was ever the charming, gracious host.

The plane he assisted us into was a Ryan monoplane, built

along the same lines as the *Spirit of St. Louis*, except that the space occupied by the cabin in the former was used for additional gasoline tanks in the latter. The cabin contained five wicker seats with collapsible backs, arranged with the pilot's standing alone in front and the rest grouped in twos behind his seat.

I sat immediately behind the colonel. As space was rather limited and as I am rather long in the nether extremities, my knees continually pushed the chair into his back. In fact, once, when the nose of the plane pointed downward, I slid forward with such rapidity that poor Lindy had a terrific punch in the back. It was most embarrassing. But, being built along the same generous lines as I, Lindy, I am sure, understood and sympathized with me in my predicament.

Once he turned around. "Aha," thought I, "Here is my opportunity," and I leaned forward expectantly to answer him. To my chagrin, he looked two miles over my left shoulder.

My fear completely vanished with that first wonderful smile of the colonel's; and I thoroughly enjoyed that fifteen minute trip. I cannot say as much for my companion. His face was ashy gray; his eyes were wild; and, once, when the plane listed precariously to the right in turning a sharp corner (are there corners in the air?), I distinctly saw him pulling frantically on an iron support, to which he had been clinging desperately, in an effort to right the plane. I was avenged!

Loath to lose a single moment of this thrilling experience, I tried to picture indelibly upon my mind everything that occurred on that memorable trip. As a result my mind is a perfect jig-saw puzzle. Whirling through it are a wobbling church steeple, a glorious smile, a speedometer registering ninety, tidy pocket handkerchief farms, a silvery lake and, most distinct of all, the back of a well-shaped head.

Did close contact with the world's hero lessen my admiration for him? It did not! Rather did his simplicity, his appealing boyishness inspire me with a higher regard for him. I consider my trip with Lindy the most thrilling experience I ever had or ever will have.

CHARLOTTE BRUCE ROBERTSON

SYRACUSE

From My Chinese Rosary

My Rosary is not of beads,—
But Memories,—
So joyous, beautiful and strong,—
My Memories,—
I tell them over in my dreams:
I tell them more, awake, it seems;—
I tell them often; my heart teems
With Memories!

SILVERY light floods the "Court of Palms" and the wisteria arbor as the great full moon rises over Kushan Mountain. The hills and the broad valley with the Min River running through become an oriental fairyland.

Out from an avenue of palms comes the college chorus to stand under the lantern-hung portico of Main Hall and with a beautiful radiance, even more from within than from that shed on them by the brilliant moonlight, they sing out their hearts in the music they love. The program is fitted for such a night as this—with selections by the Mandolin Club interspersed among the songs of evening. Would that all American college girls might have "listened in" as these Chinese girls of Hwa Nan College sang in the moonlight such numbers as, "When the Bloom is on the Rye," "Indian Love Song-Moon Dear," "The Bogie Man," "The Evening Star," "Boat Song," "O Lady Moon," and "Cradle Song."

A dream night! A life-long memory to cherish!

Class banners are fluttering in the breezes which in late afternoon blow in from the sea over the river and rice fields. Class songs ring through the outdoor basketball court, and a tenseness that is electric fills the air. The final game in their first series of interclass basketball is about to be played. The whistle blows. The sophomore and junior teams leap to the contest.

Amidst cheers and congratulations the sophomores win the championship—and the juniors, the seniors too, have had to learn one of the hardest of lessons—good sportsmanship, for to the Chinese, the upper classes have "lost face," and but for this lesson, would be disgraced.

An hour or two later finds the few tears of disappointment wiped away and the college dining-room ringing with songs from table to table, from class to class, as the first athletic dinner progresses. The trophy is presented to the victorious sophomores and their cup of joy overflows. Incidentally the hearts of the faculty rejoice to see this triumphant realization of a long-time dream of the head of the physical education department.

There is a flutter of excitement as the seniors don their caps and gowns, wishing to be assured that their caps are just the right angle and the tassels hanging on the correct side. Then the procession enters the college chapel, which has been beautifully decorated with the wealth of flowers and feathery bamboo and fern that sub-tropical climate makes possible.

The eighth college commencement is about to begin and the sixty-second name will soon be added to the *alumnæ* roll. After a week of joyous festivities including the faculty dinner party, and that wonderful evening of fun and farewell—"Junior-Senior Night," the twelve graduates approach the climax of their college days. They take their places on the platform, and behind them, banked tier on tier, is the chorus, a veritable flower garden of girls in their dainty-colored silks, who add their loveliest songs to the seniors' last memory of Hwa Nan.

With more than usual thankfulness the faculty see these splendid Christian girls receive their diplomas, after a year fraught with such uncertainties as closed most of the colleges in China, but which only bound more closely in the bonds of loyalty and service the students and faculty of Hwa Nan, so that they were enabled to carry on.

The degree of Bachelor of Arts is conferred and the "Alumnæ Song" by the chorus (sung to the tune, "Where My Caravan has Rested") foretells the future:

Through the lanes of Southern China,
There are lights along the way:
From your torch of truth
They in radiant youth
Lit their lamps and silently have gone away;
But Hwa Nan, they gleam
Still doth light their dream
As they bring the glad new day.

With full hearts and blurred vision we watch them go out of chapel for the last time—but our faces reflect the radiant glow from theirs, as with their very lives they sing their recessional:

Lead on, O King Eternal,
We follow, not with fears!

Of such is my Rosary. And of such spirit are the highest ideals of our Gamma Phi Beta.

DOROTHEA L. KEENEY, *Alpha*, 1917

NOTE: Dorothea Keeney, who is now an instructor in biology at Syracuse University, is studying for her Ph.D. She taught biology in Foochow during 1920-25 and two months in the fall of 1926.

PROVINCE NEWS

SECOND CONFERENCE OF PROVINCE II

March 16, 17, 18, 1928

FRIDAY, March 16, dawned bright and calm, as they say in the novels. Evanston, Illinois, and especially that particular corner of Orrington Avenue and Emerson Street which Epsilon of Gamma Phi Beta claims as her own, wished to welcome her visitors from Michigan, Ohio, and Canada, and prove to them that in spite of her proximity to crime-filled Chicago, the smoke and rattle of revolvers and machine guns does not disturb the even tenor of her way.

Before noon the delegates began to arrive, to be installed in their rooms by those fortunate ones who had no classes nor yet a test. Before it seemed possible it was time for lunch at the Epsilon house, followed by a short "get-together" period, in which the delegates register.

At two o'clock, Mary Alice Budinger, president of the Chicago Alumnae greeted the visitors. Then the official delegates, Virginia Glaize and Ruth Mary Pittleco, of Beta; Pauline Pfeiffer and Frances Ledman, of Alpha Eta; Jessie Mooney and Enid Walker, of Alpha Alpha; Mrs. Horr and Marjorie Myers, of Cleveland; Mrs. Haas, Mrs. Pulford and Miss Doris Hollaway, of Detroit; Mrs. Anderson, of Ann Arbor; Miss Mae Harris, of Toronto; Miss Lillian Woodsworth and Mrs. Buddinger, of Chicago; Mrs. Welchli and Mrs. Myers, Province Inspectors; Florence McKee and Wilma Rusbolt, of Epsilon; and Mrs. Elizabeth Barbour, National President, settled down to real business—Gamma Phi Beta's ten national policies; the budget and national finance; expansion—Canadian, Eastern, Southern, and into small colleges of highest rank; social service of Gamma Phi Beta.

Then from four till six o'clock, Epsilon entertained at "Cozy," that typical Northwestern institution, inviting one girl from each sorority on campus to meet the delegates. Helen McClarnan, Helen Bergquist, Dorothy Cain, and Dorothy Engquist, four of Epsilon's new initiates, beguiled eye and ear with song and dance while tea and cake cheered the inner woman.

Conferences and committee meetings occupied the evening of the active delegates, then perchance a date, a movie, and to bed.

Eight-thirty o'clock Saturday morning opened a formal business meeting. Gamma Phi scholarship and rushing both received a share of attention in the round table discussion for actives and alumnae.

The annual luncheon of the Chicago Panhellenic Association took place that noon at the Lake Shore Athletic Club, and was attended by thirty-eight Gamma Phis, including Miss Lillian Thompson, Gamma Phi Beta's national Panhellenic delegate, who was one of the principal speakers on the program.

The afternoon was spent in sightseeing in the "Windy City," a drive through the loop or along the boulevard through Lincoln Park. There was just time to snatch forty winks before the formal banquet at the North Shore Hotel, in Evanston. Marion Drew Waitley, toastmistress, very cleverly carried out the analogy of Gamma Phi and an airplane flying higher and higher to the ideal. "The national organization of our sorority is the engine of the plane" she says, "The active chapters are the wings, the alumnae the body of the plane; the pledges are the gasoline!" In response, Enid Walker, Alpha Alpha; Virginia Glaize, Beta; Pauline Pfeiffer, Alpha Eta; and Katherine Heberling, Epsilon; expressed their ideas of progress and realization. In conclusion, Elizabeth Barbour spoke simply and earnestly, telling of her dreams for Gamma Phi, and because she is such a practical dreamer, they will doubtless come true within a very few years!

That was the end of the second conference of Province II, except for a short meeting of delegates, Sunday morning, a model chapter meeting in the Epsilon chapter room—and goodbye.

HELEN LENEHEN

PROGRAM

FRIDAY, MARCH 16, EVANSTON, ILLINOIS

Arrival of delegates and general sight-seeing

2:00 P.M. Registration of delegates

2:30 P.M. Greeting from Mrs. Barbour

Formal business meeting

4:30 P.M. Epsilon Cozy, and Sing of Gamma Phi Beta Songs

6:00 P.M. Dinner in the Gamma Phi Beta House

8:00 P.M. Dates for the actives. Theatre for alumnae

SATURDAY, MARCH 17

8:30 A.M. Business meeting

10:00 A.M. Round table discussions for delegates

12:00 A.M. Luncheon at Chicago Athletic Club for Panhellenic Association

4:00 P.M. General sight-seeing

7:00 P.M. Banquet at North Shore Hotel

9:00 P.M. Dates for actives and bridge for alumnae

SUNDAY, MARCH 18

9:00 A.M. Model Chapter Meeting

Departure of guests in afternoon and evening

PROVINCE CONFERENCES

Province I holds its conference in Boston, April 20-22.

Province II (already reported).

Province III holds its conference in Urbana, April 27-29.

Province IV holds its conference in Madison, April 27-28.

Province V holds its conference in Lincoln, April 20-21.

Province VI holds in conference in Seattle, March 30-31.

Province VII holds its conference at Stanford, April 13-15.

Full accounts of these conferences with programs will appear in the September CRESCENT.

PANHELLENIC DEPARTMENT

NATIONAL PANHELLENIC CONGRESS

A full account of the gathering is found under "Reports of Grand Council."

EDITORS' CONFERENCE

In the absence of the editor of *THE CRESCENT*, the chairman of the conference, Emily H. Butterfield, of Alpha Gamma Delta, very generously contributed the following impressions.

A GROUP OF IMPRESSIONS OF THE EDITORS' CONFERENCE

AN impression of cordiality and eagerness to create friendship between other editors. Perhaps this is because we feel we do know our contemporary editors through the sympathetic appreciation we have of their magazines.

An impression of concentration and directness. The discussion on uniform or consolidated advertising gave this reaction. The women of this conference seemed eager to get to the basic principles, temporarily discarding the details.

An impression of conscious thinking. The group of discussions on various subjects produced the feeling that these editors knew what they thought. There was a divergence of thought, but it never seemed to occur to one editor to spend time attempting by verbal means to alter another editor's opinions. Possibly they are all "sold" to the axiom that the fountain pen is mightier than any flow of language.

An impression of their sincerity in trying to interpret their sorority, the Congress, and other phases of the Greek world to their readers.

An impression of their humor. This was gleaned from their papers and discussions, from their little informal chats together. Listen to a group of them—this one's clever description of a favorite pet at home; another's gentle humor concerning things she liked and did not like on the lunch table phrased in parliamentary terminology as she "moves" such and such to be "tabled" or "taken from the table"; another editor's narrative of her visit to the Sudbury School; yes, indeed, an impression of irrepressible, kindly humor.

An impression that they have one idea of co-operation—i.e., that what is best for one Panhellenic magazine is best for all, that it

mattered little whose magazine first takes some progressive step; it is the advance that counts.

An impression that never have I heard a group of women all representing the same general type of work thrown together for a brief time where there was as much frankly expressed appreciation of each other's achievements and enjoyment of each other's personalities.

EMILY HELEN BUTTERFIELD

Editor, *Alpha Gamma Delta Quarterly*

Chairman of Editors' Conference

EDITORS' CONFERENCE OF THE NATIONAL PANHELLENIC CONGRESS

1928

THE Editors' Conference, held in conjunction with the twentieth National Panhellenic Congress was called to order by the chairman, Miss Emily H. Butterfield, editor of the *Alpha Gamma Delta Quarterly*, at the Parker House, Boston, Massachusetts, at four-thirty o'clock, February 27, 1928.

Hazel E. Eckhart, editor of *The Lyre* of Alpha Chi Omega, was elected secretary to succeed, according to precedent, to the chairmanship of the twenty-first conference.

The following answered to roll call:

| <i>Fraternity</i> | <i>Name</i> | <i>Office</i> |
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| Pi Beta Phi | Mrs. R. D. Brown, | Cataloguer |
| Kappa Alpha Theta | Mrs. George Banta, Jr., | District President |
| Kappa Kappa Gamma | Mrs. Georgia H. Lloyd-Jones, | President |
| Alpha Phi | Mrs. Ruth S. Thomson, | Editor, <i>Alpha Phi Quarterly</i> |
| Delta Gamma | Mrs. E. W. Hawley, | Editor, <i>The Anchora</i> |
| Gamma Phi Beta | Mrs. Ernest Barbour, | National President |
| Alpha Chi Omega | Miss Hazel E. Eckhart, | National Secretary and Editor, <i>The Lyre</i> |
| Delta Delta Delta | Dean R. Louise Fitch, | Panhellenic Delegate |
| Alpha Xi Delta | Mrs. Anna M. Knote, | Executive Secretary and Editor |
| Chi Omega | Miss Helen M. Nieman, | Editor, <i>Eleusis</i> |
| Sigma Kappa | Mrs. Frances W. Baker, | Editor, <i>The Triangle</i> |
| Alpha Omicron Pi | Mrs. Leland F. Leland, | Editor, <i>To Dragma</i> |
| Zeta Tau Alpha | Mrs. Shirley Kreasan Krieg, | Editor, Historian |
| Alpha Gamma Delta | Miss Emily H. Butterfield, | Editor, <i>The Quarterly</i> |
| Alpha Delta Pi | Mrs. Jessica North MacDonald, | Editor, <i>The Adelphean</i> |

Delta Zeta—Mrs. Grace Mason Lundy, Editor, *The Lamp*
Phi Mu—Miss Florence Merdian, Editor, *The Aglaia*
Kappa Delta—Miss Olga Achtenhagen, Editor, *The Angelos*
Beta Phi Alpha—Miss Harriet Tuft, Panhellenic Delegate
Alpha Delta Theta—Mrs. Violet Y. Gentry, National Secretary
Theta Upsilon—Not represented

The minutes of the nineteenth Conference were read by the secretary and approved for filing.

Miss Butterfield suggested that the incoming chairman should organize and tabulate the material in the Editors' Conference files.

Mrs. Knote, committee chairman, presented a report on the college library subscription survey authorized at the Dallas Conference. Discussion ensued but no action was taken.

The program proceeded to the discussion of assigned topics led by various editors. A paper was read by Mrs. Gentry on "Covers," and Miss Achtenhagen ably discussed the question, "Are our magazines amateurish?" Short informal discussions on the purpose of a fraternity magazine and the artistry trend followed.

The session adjourned until dinner at six-thirty o'clock, after which the Conference proceeded to the business program.

Mr. George Banta, Jr., of the Banta Publishing Company, addressed the Conference most helpfully on "The Make-up of a Fraternity Magazine."

Discussions were led by various editors on Style sheets, Lost subscribers, Budget system, Morgues, the value of Scholarship pleas, and Histories.

A noteworthy feature of the Conference was the Editors' Exhibit, which displayed the various forms used in connection with editing our fraternity magazines.

The report of the Committee on Uniform Advertising, prepared by Mrs. Spring, editor of *The Arrow* of Pi Beta Phi, was read by Miss Eckhart, who succeeded to the chairmanship of this committee upon the resignation of Mrs. Spring. Miss Eckhart then presented to the consideration of the Conference a proposed advertising plan prepared at her instigation by Robert B. Warman of the E. P. Remington Advertising Agency, Buffalo, New York. The plan was read and thoroughly discussed and much interest was manifested. It was the desire of the Conference that further information be obtained by the Committee on specific points of the plan, to be reported back to the Conference at a called special session.

Miss Butterfield appointed Mrs. Lloyd-Jones, representing *The Key* of Kappa Kappa Gamma, and Mrs. Krieg, editor of *Themis* of Zeta Tau Alpha, additional members of the Committee on Uniform Advertising.

The session adjourned at ten thirty o'clock.

CLOSING SESSION

The closing session of the Editors' Conference, held in conjunction with the twentieth National Panhellenic Congress, was called as a luncheon meeting Thursday, March 1.

The chairman announced that a list of delegates in attendance at the Congress would accompany the Conference minutes when mailed to the editors.

Moved that the National Panhellenic Congress be asked to finance the work of the Editors' Conference. Motion seconded and carried, and Mrs. Knoté was appointed by the chair to present the request of the Conference to such effect before the Congress. Mrs. Knoté reported that the Congress would finance the work of Editors' Conference to the extent of \$50.

Miss Eckhart then reported further on the progress of the Warman plan of Uniform Advertising.

Moved by Miss Merdian that the Chairman appoint a committee to develop further the advertising project and to submit as soon as possible to the National Panhellenic Congress fraternities, for their acceptance or rejection, a contract drawn up satisfactory to the Committee. Motion seconded and carried.

Miss Butterfield appointed Miss Eckhart, chairman, Miss Merdian, Mrs. Spring, with Mrs. Lloyd-Jones as advisory member, to serve on the Committee on Uniform Advertising.

Upon motion the Conference adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

HAZEL E. ECKHART, *Secretary*

PANHELLENIC HOUSE

THE Panhellenic House will be ready for occupancy in October. As the building progresses it is more interesting than we had imagined. The sunlight, good air, and extensive views of the river are beyond expectation. The cream colored brick is making a building of warmth and distinction, in which it will be a joy to live. The furniture in the rooms will be bright, cheery, and comfortable. On the typical floor there are seven rooms with private baths, and twelve rooms with six baths, each occupant sharing a bath with one other person.

On the first floor on First Avenue will be six useful shops opening into the house and an attractive dining-room. On the second floor is a social room, which will be attractively furnished, and will seat four hundred and fifty persons. Directly over it is the roof garden—an outside uncovered porch exposed to the sun, which consequently will afford unusual opportunity for air and exercise. On the top floor is the solarium with a balcony on all sides with magnificent views.

In the morning a cafeteria breakfast, and in the evening a good dinner, will be served, and a luncheon for those who stay home.

If you go to see it you will be thrilled with its size, location, advantages, and outlook.

Arrangements for a bus line on Forty-Ninth and Fiftieth Streets are progressing. A subway is now under construction across town under Fifty-Third Street and East River, and a branch of the post office has been recently opened on Third Avenue between Fifty-Fourth and Fifty-Fifth Streets, known as Sutton Place Post Office.

There is a First Avenue Association of twenty influential men who are losing no opportunity to promote the avenue. Everyone is prophesying that First Avenue in the near future will be another Park Avenue.

It is time now to decide whether you are going to live in the Panhellenic House. The schedule of prices is ready at the Club at 17 East Sixty-Second Street. They range from \$7.00 to \$24.00 a week per room.

| 2 rooms at \$ 7.00 per week | | | | |
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College girls and Stockholders are urged to come forward if they care to live there and sign up for these rooms, for the house has been built by them and for them. If they are not on time, the rooms must be rented to outsiders, for it is most important that the house be filled the moment it is ready to open.

Let us see to it then that there are no vacant rooms on October 15, 1928. A full house will insure not only the payment of dividends on time on our stock, but a triumphal opening of our long wished-for homes for college girls.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

Marguerite D. Winant, *Delta Gamma*
 Winifred E. Howe, *Delta Delta Delta*
 LaVergne Wood, *Alpha Gamma Delta*

NATIONAL PANHELLENIC CONGRESS

[The following article is sent by the Committee upon Uniform Information about N.P.C. This committee, suggested by Miss Leonard, the outgoing chairman of N.P.C., will submit from time to time such articles as will add to the knowledge and interest in National Panhellenic.]

TO 587 women there came a new vision of fraternity as they sat in the beautiful ballroom of the Hotel Statler, Boston, at the banquet which marked the close of the Twentieth National Panhellenic Congress. At the head table sat the national presidents of sixteen fraternities, each having before her a lovely corsage, the gift of the Boston members of her fraternity. The president of the Boston Panhellenic, Mrs. Robert Dunkle, gave a cordial word of welcome and farewell in the name of her Association whose gracious courtesy had been apparent throughout the week. Mrs. Hepburn of New York was the bearer of an invitation to all fraternity women to make the Panhellenic House their New York home. Miss Irma Tapp, the incoming chairman, gave to each person there a renewed desire to be a constructively contributing member of her own Panhellenic—college, city, or national—and the retiring chairman, Miss Louise Leonard, touched a responsive chord in the heart of each delegate when she said to the alumnae and active members: "What we as national officers gain from National Panhellenic, we should like you to gain from your college Panhellenics—the priceless possession of friendships." The true spirit of Panhellenism was beautifully portrayed in the pageant, "When Greek Meets Greek," adapted by the Boston Panhellenic and presented by active chapter members from Boston University. As *Mrs. Martin's Handbook* turned the pages of history, and read some interesting comment on the founding of each fraternity, a girl dressed in the costume of the date of its founding—sometimes quaint and lovely, sometimes reminiscent of the styles which were neither attractive nor comfortable, and sometimes modern, and carrying in her hands a gorgeous nosegay of its flowers, tied with the colors, came forward to soft music and to the singing of its song, and took her place in the long line of fraternities. When the line was complete, "Mother Panhellenic" spoke of the similar purposes and ideals of all fraternities, and as she spoke the line became an unbroken circle, gathering close about her and, at the end, placing in her arms the flowers and the colors which represented twenty-one different fraternities but one common cause of splendid college womanhood.

THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND INFORMATION

THE INTERFRATERNITY CLUB OF CHICAGO

To preserve in after life the friendships of college and university days. To provide a common meeting ground where selected college men and their guests can meet on an equal basis, with every comfort, convenience, and service. To advance fraternity scholarship, protect fraternity interests, and encourage a wholesome rivalry between our colleges and chapters, and, lastly, to foster good citizenship, not as reformers or cranks, but as educated men, devoted to the preservation of American ideals.

This fine paragraph precedes an interesting account of the organizations of the Interfraternity Club of Chicago. The story of the club is of such interest that we print it in full, and append the friendly letter of the president, Dr. Frank Wieland, Delta Tau Delta, so well known in the fraternity world. Now that our own Panhellenic House is a certainty, the article is of double interest.

THE INTERFRATERNITY CLUB

500 South Michigan Boulevard
CHICAGO

February 27, 1928

*Editors of College Fraternity
Journals of America*

DEAR EDITOR:

The Interfraternity Club of Chicago has proved to be such a very great success that I am sure it will be of interest to your readers, so I am enclosing a directory of the club and have taken the liberty of sending, under separate cover, four half-tones illustrating our beautiful quarters.

The story of the club appears on the first few pages of the directory, and I think it will be interesting to you and your readers, for it illustrates the modern tendency of the Greek-letter world to pull together in mutual harmony with full co-operation.

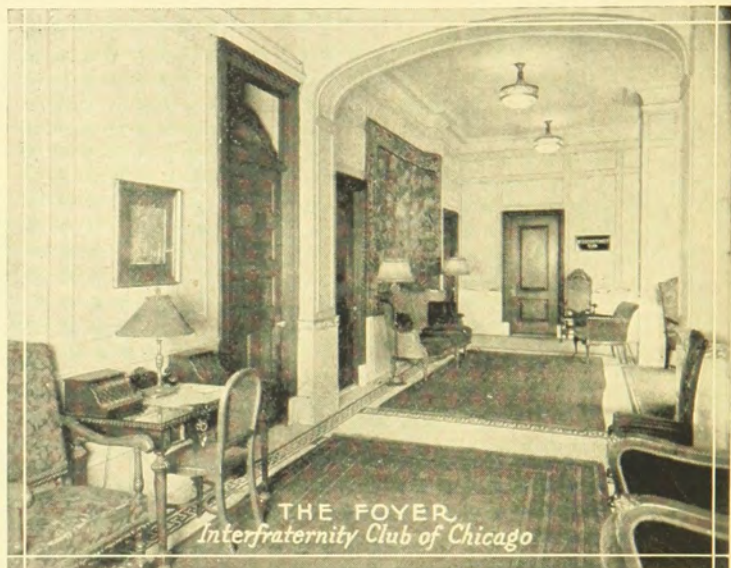
The real problem of the college fraternity and the college sorority today is to hold not only the interest but the active support of their alumni members. The alumni chapter does this to some extent, but obviously few alumni chapters could afford to attempt a project as pretentious as this. And so the Interfraternity Club proves that the college fraternities are able to do together what none of them has so far been able to do alone.

Judging from the inquiries we are constantly receiving from fraternity alumni all over America, asking for details on how and why we did it, I believe the Chicago Club is merely a forerunner of a great series of Interfraternity Clubs in all our big cities stretching across the country. To that end we shall appreciate your kindness in giving whatever space you can to the story of this club, because it will help further the fraternity movement.

With best regards and the hope that we may sometime have the pleasure of entertaining you at the Interfraternity Club of Chicago, I am

Cordially yours,

FRANK WIELAND, *President*



The Interfraternity Club of Chicago is a unique organization, composed exclusively of college fraternity men. Organized but six months ago, it is now permanently settled in one of the finest club locations in the city of Chicago, on the mezzanine floor of the Congress Hotel, overlooking Michigan Boulevard and the entire lake front of downtown Chicago, from the Municipal Pier to Soldiers' Field.

The story of the club's inception is one of extraordinary fraternal spirit. For almost one hundred years the American college fraternities maintained an aloof independence of each other, based upon ancient feuds, rival spirits, and general distrust. When the entire fraternity system was threatened with destructive legislation in 1908 the leaders of all college fraternities were summoned together, and the Interfraternity Conference was formed to protect fraternity interests. Out of this conference has come the Interfraternity spirit of mutual respect and friendly co-operation.

This resulted in founding the Interfraternity Association of Chicago in 1912, in which all the general college fraternities with alumni associations in Chicago have participated. Since 1912 this association has met at an annual dinner, and the idea of the Interfraternity Club has been proposed and discussed for years. Various promotions of extravagant buildings were presented, considered, and discarded. Early in March of this year, the Congress Hotel presented a proposal which met every requirement, and the Interfraternity Club was established. The founders were the officers, directors, and past-presidents of the Interfraternity Association, representing sixteen college fraternities. On March 24 a general meeting of the officers of the forty college fraternity alumni associations endorsed the club unanimously and ratified the foundation.

Then things began to happen with amazing speed. On the very next day, March 25, the Interfraternity Club took possession of the Presidential Suite on the mezzanine floor of the Congress Hotel, facing Michigan Boulevard and Congress Street. On March 26 they engaged an executive secretary, and the following day started the service of meals in their own private dining rooms. No other club in the history of Chicago can present such a record of growth and interest.

In less than four months after its foundation the Interfraternity Club of Chicago had passed four hundred fully paid up members, representing forty college fraternities, and had sufficient money paid in to carry the club two years. All of this was accomplished without spending one dollar for promotion. It is probably the only large club established in recent years without salesmen, underwriters, paid promoters, and high pressure.

Today the Interfraternity Club has nearly 700 members, more than half of the resident membership of 1,200 men set for its goal.

The Club has set a quota of 1,200 members as the number necessary to carry out its complete program of activities. When that figure has been reached, a capital fund of \$31,200 will be on hand. Annual dues will amount to \$42,000 a year, an amount within the highest budget of possible operating expense. When the quota is filled, memberships will become transferable, and the initiation fee will be raised to whatever sum the club shall decide. There can be no special assessments because expense is figured in advance and expense will only be increased as funds increase.

As a practical plan which is already a sound success, the scheme of organization is interesting. The financing of the Interfraternity Club was unique, due to arrangements with the Congress Hotel that were exceptionally advantageous. The hotel is under contract to deliver as much of the mezzanine floor as required at a specified price per square foot, completely furnished, and with full hotel service. The club pays only for the space used, and it can expand to any size desired. Thus the club makes no investment in property, furniture, or equipment. No kitchen to maintain at a deficit, no elevators to operate, no servants to employ. Even the



ONE OF THE GRILLS
*Interfraternity Club
of Chicago*



THE LOUNGE
Interfraternity Club of Chicago

house accounts of members are carried by the hotel. There is no waste, no extravagance, and no unnecessary expense. As a result, fees and dues are exceptionally reasonable.

The initiation fee at present is \$50, and the dues are \$35 per year for all members whose residence or place of business are within fifty miles of Chicago. For non-resident members the initiation fee is \$25, annual dues \$10. No other club offers as much for the money, because of the economy of operation and the excellent arrangements with the hotel management.

As the club grows in membership more space will be added immediately, consisting of additional dining-rooms, card rooms, rest and exercise rooms, locker rooms, and handball courts and billiards. Special quarters are provided for the ladies of the club, with private lounge, rest rooms, and dining-rooms for their exclusive use.

For large dinners, dances, and other functions the Chapter Hall is available. This was formerly the famous Florentine Room, and is considered one of the most beautiful assembly halls in America, seating 500 persons.

The member is entitled to full use of the club quarters by himself and guests. The club is conducted on a strict charge account basis. Tipping is prohibited. Members sign checks for meals and other purchases, and pay their bills the first of the following month. Members of this club also have full charge account privileges with all departments of the Congress Hotel. They are entitled to sign charge checks for hotel rooms or in any of the various restaurants, as well as for flowers, candy, and theater tickets.

Upon the request of the members, guest cards will be issued to guests from out of town, giving the guest, for the period of two weeks, the same privileges that the member himself enjoys. Members are entitled to bring Chicago guests with them to the club at any time.

A statistical analysis of the first 574 members of the club reveals an interesting set-up. The members range in years from 21 to 70, and their average age is 37 years. Most of them graduated from some college, as 389 hold degrees against 185 who did not wait for the ceremonies. They represent 105 different colleges and universities, with Illinois in the lead with 126 men. Next in line comes Chicago with 91, Wisconsin 40, Northwestern and Michigan tied with 37 each, Cornell with 17, Purdue 12, Dartmouth 11, while Missouri and Pennsylvania are tied with 10 men each. Members of every lodge and club on earth are included, with the single exception of B'nai B'rith. Of the 574 members analyzed 160 are Masons, and no less than 136 other organizations are represented.

Bachelors and benedicts were almost equally divided, 282 married and 292 single. No statistics are available on those who wish they were or were not. Of the 282 married men 92 committed matrimony with sorority women for partners, and among the wives the sorority line-up is as follows: Kappa Kappa Gamma 15, Pi Beta Phi 10, Kappa Alpha Theta 9, Delta Gamma 8, Gamma Phi Beta 7, Delta Delta Delta 6, Alpha Xi Delta 5, Chi Omega 4, and two each from Alpha Gamma Delta, Alpha Omicron Pi and Beta Sigma Omicron. A dozen other sororities are represented with one each.

The spirit of the club never fails to interest the visitor and the guest, because it's friendly. This club is no icebox in which men gaze at each other for years without signs of life. To the most casual observer it is perfectly apparent that the men in this club enjoy their association together. There's a friendly spirit about the place and the men who come there that is thoroughly human and quite informal. Everyone speaks to everyone else, and a great many first names are tossed about promiscuously.

The Interfraternity Club is the most exclusive club in Chicago, because the rules which govern the eligibility of members are more rigid than in

any other club. Wealth, business standing, social position, or political prominence cannot unlock the doors. In the first place, it is necessary that the applicant shall be a college-bred man. Only two other clubs in Chicago have such a qualification. In the second place, it is necessary that the applicant shall be a college fraternity member, and no other club has such a requirement. In the third place, it is necessary for the applicant to be a member of one of the forty oldest fraternities out of the 120 national Greek-letter societies. And in the fourth place, it is necessary for the applicant to pass the club's own membership committee. The result is a membership of a most exceptional character. Ranging in years from the recent graduate of twenty-five to his older brother, the man of affairs, in his sixties, they are educated, cultured, alert citizens of Chicago. Their colleges and their fraternities give them a bond of common interest which no other group can possess. Their undergraduate life in their own chapter houses gave them a training in social values and group companionships which the outsider does not even understand. There is among them a camaraderie of spirit that is both fine and wholesome. They are men who are accustomed by birth, by education, and by training to the better things of life.

For the promotion of alumni activity the Interfraternity Club fills a long felt need. Many of the fraternities whose members comprise the club have active chapters at the University of Chicago on the south side or at Northwestern University in Evanston, Chicago's north side suburb. Only two fraternities have individual club quarters, so the downtown Interfraternity Club solves the problem of weekly luncheons and monthly dinners for alumni groups.

Alterations have been completed on quarters for the fall season. In addition to the general lounge and library, an exclusive lounge has been furnished for ladies. Cardrooms and private dining-rooms are in use. Luncheon is served every day except Sunday, and dinner is served every evening to which members have the privilege of bringing ladies.

PUBLICITY

THETA CHAPTER is very proud of Margaret Packard Taussig, one of its most brilliant members. Mrs. Taussig, as one of the Denver School Board has accomplished much in educational lines, and her keen judgment has ever been appreciated by her colleagues. Her recent election to the board of trustees of the University of Denver is a signal honor.

The following clipping is from the *News* of Denver:

DENVER WOMAN FORCE ON UNIVERSITY BOARD

Mrs. Claude M. Taussig Has Been Prominent in Educational and Social Affairs of City from Time She Was College Girl

When announcement was made that a woman was named on the board of trustees of the University of Denver and this for the first time in the history of the institution, half of Denver wondered who she was, for the other half already knew.

Mrs. Claude M. Taussig is one of those quiet forces who, unheralded, is doing most to advance the cause of the feminine party. By way of a lead-up to her last distinction, she has been a strong member of the Denver school board for several years. This firmly placed her in the minds of all for educational contacts.

But it was especially fitting that she should grace the board of the University of Denver, for all her life, she has been in one way or another linked with its history. Her father was a close friend of three of the early chancellors, terminating with Chancellor Buchtel. And Margaret Packard heard plans and discussions and university secrets discussed over the board of her father's home as far back as she can remember.

She got three degree from the university, then taught there before her marriage. She instructed in both German and the romance languages. So there's hardly a foot of the campus she is not familiar with. It was her uncle who gave the observatory which bears his name, Chamberlin.

Mrs. Taussig belongs wholly to the conservative class and presents an interesting study from the viewpoint of what type of woman is being picked by men as their close associates in big undertakings. Plainly she is not a fussier. No one can imagine her getting mixed in the petty things of life. She aims to accomplish, and she is going to do it in the most quiet, reserved, dignified manner that a generation of training has instilled in her.

When asked what she had in mind in taking her new office, she said, "I am going to back up the new chancellor to the very best of my ability. I had the honor of voting on his election as the university head. We all knew of him, and more than once in my connection with the Denver school board, we would say 'Let's find out what Oakland has to say on this.' And, of course, that meant Dr. Hunter. I hope to advance everything that pertains to woman and her future at the university. For instance, if it is possible to get a higher course in home economics or domestic training or any of the several branches that she studies, then I mean to concentrate along those lines. I aim to be a helper to men who have always made a success of a thing. And so I construe my place as a trustee."

From the *Hartford Daily Times* comes the description of the Perry-Mansfield Dancers, of which company Frances Hawkins, of Theta Chapter, is a member:

Breath-taking in its loveliness is the dancing of the Perry Mansfield girls at the Allyn theater this week. Slim, pretty girls they are, whose every movement is like the running melody of a song; girls who dance with abandon to the joy of rhythm; girls who take one off to a land of colorful fancies and exotic forms. One senses beautiful pictures against a background of rose-gold, jade green; moon silver, royal purple; blues and pinks of pastel delicacy. Weird and interesting is the Etruscan Tomb dance wherein figures from the Etruscan tomb frieze come to life for a brief moment of beauty and wild, rhythmic is the "Chanson Arabe" dance.



GRAND COUNCIL NUMBER

Why a Grand Council Number?

The question may be answered very satisfactorily by each reader of THE CRESCENT after she has perused the various reports that appear in this issue of the magazine. Perhaps she is systematic enough to dispose of her reasons numerically.

For, *first*, she has become acquainted with the vital facts in the government of her sorority; and in some way these facts have lost the hard immutability usually attributed to them and have assumed the semblance of kindly, personable friends, eager to show how each member of the sorority is directly connected with its activities. And, *second*, she is aware that the reports are presented in a friendly, conversational manner, quite devoid of a "Respectfully submitted" atmosphere. They nod brightly at you and say, "Come—let's talk it over." Then, *third*, she is impressed with the many undertakings; the varied points of contact; the responsibility of each chairman. And this realization inspires her to contribute her own effort towards the general scheme of progression.

While, *four*, and there must be a *four* since it is Gamma Phi Beta's perfect number—she is inspired by the thought that Gamma Phi Beta, college and alumnæ, are building a bridge which leads from the advancement of today to the fulfillment of tomorrow.

Why *not* a Grand Council Number?

SCHOLARSHIP—AGAIN

Can anything be said concerning scholarship that has not been said before? Probably not if one makes a conscientious survey of all editorial pleas, all scholarship chairman comments, and all college admonitions; while it has been tactfully suggested that the editorial upon this subject is of no value since those who would need the stimulation of such an article would probably have no interest in perusing it. All of which suggests the indirect presenta-

tion of the scholarship question through an attack upon the pursuits that interfere with it. Among which we shall mention a superabundance of college activities.

The necessity of campus prominence through participation in campus activities is urged upon the freshman; oftentimes, the participation becomes an obsession—and the *main* activity of scholarship is forgotten. Since campus activities are no longer simple diversions but complicated enterprises demanding much time, much concentration and much attendant enthusiasm. Without further discussion, the fact remains that excess activities lessen the chances of Phi Beta Kappa unless the student has a due sense of perspective and of proper proportion. Whatever be the solution, this emphatic statement emerges—*Gamma Phi Beta must have better scholarship.*

The value to a chapter of scholarship is stated in the following paragraph from the *Record* of Sigma Alpha Epsilon written by William C. Levere:

The main reason for going to college is to acquire an education. Any one who fails in this fails in one of the purposes of life. Fraternities are composed of men who go to college. If scholarship is not one of the aims of a chapter of a fraternity then that chapter has failed in one of its purposes. A really good chapter is best judged by its attitude toward scholarship, and any chapter that stands high scholastically causes its national officers little worry. On the other hand if one will investigate one will find that any delinquency in a chapter can be traced to poor scholarship and most usually to the poor scholars of the chapter. In this century authorities of colleges and universities are making scholarship a requirement for initiation into fraternities, but it is quite unfortunate that laws must be passed to inform men and women why they go to college.

OUR NATIONAL ALTRUISM

Every reader of the magazine has learned long since of the particular altruistic work adopted by Denver Alumnae Chapter—the summer camp for underprivileged children—and of its successful maintenance for three years in the mountains of Colorado. In order to support a definite national philanthropy, the Grand Council of Gamma Phi Beta has decided to assume the responsibility of this camp in the name of the sorority; and by this action, to stabilize the undertaking, to assume its financial backing; and to conduct it according to an enlarged plan.

About five years ago, the Council submitted to the sorority the plan of establishing such a camp; but on account of the initial expense, the suggestion was not accepted. Denver Alumnae Chapter, feeling the need of a chapter enterprise, followed the proposed plan, beginning in a simple way, financing the camp entirely, and providing suitable wardrobes for the twenty-four children selected by the City Charities. The venture has flourished, has had its definite place in the charity work of the city, has been aided materially

by other chapters, and has brought much happiness and good health to a host of little children.

Henceforth we shall know it as the Gamma Phi Beta Camp for Underprivileged Children.

GOOD PSYCHOLOGY

They can because they believe they can! How well we remember the *Vergil* days when we shared the excitement of the boat race and learned the secret of the success that crowned the winning crew. And how often have the Latin words—or their equivalent—come back to us, even in the contemplation of sorority life.

As individuals in Gamma Phi Beta, we suffer from the inferiority complex. "We are not important enough or talented enough or rich enough to be of any practical use to Gamma Phi." What about the importance of loyalty, the talent of enthusiasm, the wealth of effort? *We can, because we believe we can.*

As chapters, we are apt to wonder if our particular chapter plays any part in the national scheme of things—if our action affects in any way the action of the organization—forgetting that a chain is as strong as its weakest link, that there can be no powerful whole without an equally powerful part. *We can because we believe we can.*

As a sorority, we have great tasks awaiting us, great problems that must be confronted, great possibilities that must be developed into certainties. Can we overcome the tasks? Can we solve the problems? Can we evolve the certainties? *We can because we believe we can.*

It is good psychology. Try it.

PANHELLENIC COURTESY

Nothing so cheers and so inspires an editor as a word of appreciation; and nothing is more delightful to experience and more satisfying to recall than this same appreciation from a Panhellenic sister. As an example of thoughtfulness and consideration, we quote a letter from Ethel Charnock, secretary-treasurer of Zeta Tau Alpha.

"The Literary Number of THE CRESCENT is the best issue of the fraternity magazines which I have read for some time. You have so many talented members in your organization, and I enjoy reading of their success in various lines. I especially enjoyed this month the whimsical bits by Margaret Fishback, and Daisy Stephenson's *The Runaway Rose*; also Ruth Weeks' spirit of rebellion in *Slippers for Cinderella*.

"Your chapter letters are written in such an inviting, confidential, and sprightly manner that I am enticed to read them, too, for I have

the feeling of listening to an entertaining guest. I am quite enthusiastic about another feature of *THE CRESCENT*—your personal introduction to the material of the chapter letter; and this month your use of quotations.

All told, I have been planning for some time to tell you how *very* much I enjoy your magazine and my pleasure at being carried on your exchange list."

While, from Boston during the recent N.P.C., came a brown suede address book in which all the fine Alpha Chi Omegas (whom the editor is proud to claim as friends) had written little messages of remembrance; then, last but not least, Emily Butterfield, of Alpha Gamma Delta, reported the Editors' Conference for an absent member, and Hazel Eckhart, of Alpha Chi Omega (had not illness prevented) would have sent a supplementary article.

Truly the Panhellenic spirit is a very beautiful thing and the Panhellenic friends are very lasting ones.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FOR CHAPTER CORRESPONDENTS

1. The letters for the September *Crescent* must reach the editor *August 1*. No reminder of this date will be sent, as mention was made in the recent letter of instructions. Please remember to send your letter—and send it on the required date.

2. Another plea for typed letters; and if it impossible to send a typed copy, write *legibly* and *on one side of the paper*. For the current issue, *Alpha Kappa, Ann Arbor, Baltimore, and Columbus used both sides of the paper*. Not only is this quite contrary to every journalistic rule, but it means that the editor makes an entirely new copy of the letter.

NEW ASSOCIATION

An *alumnæ* association has been formed at Phoenix, Arizona.

CONVENTION

The 1929 Convention of Gamma Phi Beta will be held at the Ambassador Hotel, in Kansas City. Further publicity will follow.

PROVINCE CONFERENCES

Accounts and programs of the Conferences in Provinces I, III, IV, V, VI, and VII will appear in the September *Crescent*.

SEPTEMBER CRESCENT

The September *Crescent* will be planned and evolved for use during rushing season. Information of all kinds will be included.

EDITORIAL COMMENTS

The editor comments as follows upon some of the chapter letters:

The interesting detail of Beta.

The originality of Theta.

The charming style of Omicron.

The attractive first paragraph of Chi.

The strict adherence to the Style Sheet by Alpha Beta.

The imagery of Alpha Epsilon.

The appealing chattiness of Alpha Zeta.

The informal newsmanship of Denver.

The interesting contents of Kansas City.

The ever-present enthusiasm of Los Angeles.

The practical suggestions of Minneapolis.

The wealth of personals of New York.

The friendly contact of Seattle.

The personalities of San Diego.

The fine spirit of Wichita.

RUSHING CHAIRMAN*

Perhaps someone will know of a desirable freshman who is destined for some college in which Gamma Phi Beta has a chapter. Or, doubtless, some rushing chairman may desire to know the rushing plans of some other chairman. For such emergencies the following list is given:

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| Alpha: | | Edith Burton, 405 Glenwood Boulevard, Erie, | | Pennsylvania |
| Beta: | .. | Mary Ruth Pettelco, 915 First Street, Jackson, Michigan | | |
| Gamma: | ..... | Margaret McLellan, 270 Langdon Street, Madison, | ..... | Wisconsin |
| Epsilon: | ..... | Vesper Getman, 2626 Isabella, Evanston, Illinois | | |
| Eta: | .. | Jane Holabird, 2701 Belrose Avenue, Berkeley, California | | |
| Theta: | .. | Beth Mc Keown, 2084 Clermont Street, Denver, Colorado | | |
| Kappa: | .... | Jean McGlashan, 4905 Lyndale Avenue South, Minne- | ..... | apolis, Minnesota |
| Nu: | ..... | Edwina Grebel, 134 Fifty-third St., Portland, Oregon | | |
| Rho: | .... | Bernetta Keenan, 1201 North Third Street, Clinton, Iowa | | |
| Sigma: | ..... | Suzanne Robertson—(Use chapter house address) | | |
| Phi: | ..... | Elizabeth Schall, 7133 Washington Avenue, St. Louis, | ..... | Missouri |
| Chi: | ..... | Julia Smith, 1237 Garfield Ave., Portland, Oregon | | |
| Omega: | ..... | Kathryn Bell, Springfield, Iowa | | |
| Alpha Alpha: | ..... | Leslie Leitch, 421 Russell Hill Road and | | |
| | | Margaret Copp, 96 Wellesley Street, Toronto, Ontario, | ..... | Canada |
| Alpha Delta: | .... | Winifred Beatty, 3908 Tracy St., Kansas City, | ..... | Missouri |
| Alpha Epsilon: | ..... | Dorothy Houble, 1301 East Fifth Street, | ..... | Tucson, Arizona |
| Alpha Zeta: | ..... | Catherine Clark, Crowell, Texas | | |
| Alpha Theta: | .... | Rush Captain, Gamma Phi Beta House, 110 | ..... | Twenty-Third Avenue North, Nashville, Tennessee |
| Alpha Kappa: | | Mona Tier, 72 Arlington Street, Winnipeg, Manitoba, | ..... | Canada |

* Delta Zeta, Lambda, Mu, Xi, Omicron, Pi, Tau, Upsilon, Psi Alpha Beta, Alpha Gamma, Alpha Eta, and Alpha Iota: No names supplied.



FROM THE CHAPTER LETTERS YOU NOTICE THAT

Alpha is enjoying an extra amount of romance.

Beta has judged Esther Merrick most outstanding in her personal contribution to the chapter.

Gamma has gained athletic fame.

Delta has profited by the proximity of N.P.C.

Epsilon has made four hundred dollars for the treasury.

Zeta claims a Phi Beta Kappa.

Eta (no letter).

Theta is prancing before the footlights.

Kappa has presented *Gamma Phi Nite Club*.

Lambda is anticipating its conference.

Mu (no letter).

Nu is indulging in landscape gardening.

Xi is presenting to its house a gray coat of paint and green shutters.

Omicron claims a law student who is one of five to make an A average for the semester.

Pi has had a most attractive St. Patrick's party.

Rho won first place in intersorority track meet.

Sigma won second place in intersorority sing.

Tau holds many campus honors.

Upsilon is athletically and dramatically inclined.

Phi has raised its pledge of \$5,000.

Chi is second in scholarship among sororities and third on the campus.

Psi is sponsoring a Gamma Phi Homecoming.

Omega is first in scholarship among all sororities and fourth in the all-college average.

Alpha Alpha has assurances of a Mothers' Club.

Alpha Beta is busy with *Gamma Phoible Follies*.

Alpha Gamma "is still going strong."
Alpha Delta is watching its house grow.
Alpha Epsilon holds first place in scholarship.
Alpha Zeta has moved into a new home.
Alpha Eta is bowling.
Alpha Theta (no letter).
Alpha Iota is planning for its permanent home.
Alpha Kappa claims six successive Ludy Sticks.
Ann Arbor plans for Biennial.
Baltimore is trying the plan of addresses at meetings.
Boston had six Gamma Phi Beta presidents at a meeting.
Chicago is specializing on publicity.
Cleveland had an "Alpha Eta Day."
Columbus has joined forces with the Mothers' Club.
Denver is still selling the Gamma Phi playing cards.
Des Moines has sent out twenty-eight letters to Gamma Phis throughout the state.
Detroit has had a dinner, a bridge, and a tea.
Kansas City has a steadily increasing membership list.
Los Angeles sings the praises of Safeway and Piggly.
Milwaukee has sent five dozen luncheon doilies to Gamma.
Minneapolis has a variety of projects for money making.
New York has held a successful bridge party.
Portland is raising money by the sale of 400 tickets.
San Francisco is working for Eta and Mu.
Seattle is paying off the mortgage four years ahead of schedule.
Spokane has been "rummaging."
St. Louis is rejoicing over the raising of \$5,000.
Syracuse is enticing younger alumnae.
Toronto is renewing its youth.
Boise has had its first visit from a province director.
Grand Forks is exceedingly active.
Lincoln is planning for the province conference.
Nashville is small but flourishing.
St. Joseph is vitally interested in the coming convention.
St. Paul wants to become a chapter.
San Diego is taking an active interest in Panhellenic.
Wichita is a lively association.
Winnipeg enjoys the Alpha Kappa house.

DELINQUENT COLLEGE CHAPTERS

Eta—Janet Byrnes.
Mu—Helen Bullard.
Alpha Theta—Gladys Smith.

ALPHA—SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

*Honors—romance—joys galore
And we count just ten weeks more!*

Someone reminded me the other day that there are scarcely more than ten weeks left of college. It doesn't seem possible that in that short time many of us will be separated from the girls with whom we have gone through college, and will be doing something entirely different from what we are doing now. I wonder what and where.

At least we know what two of the girls will be doing, for Helen Anderson announced her engagement to John Carr soon after Christmas vacation, and Dorothy Ehlers announced hers to Adelbert Burrett yesterday. And that isn't the only bit of romance we have had recently. The other night Betty Lambert, one of our freshmen, called up and announced that she had been married that afternoon! We were so surprised, and you can imagine the excitement and uproar it caused at the house.

As a result of our second semester rushing we have two more pledges. They are Grace Lewis of Oil City, Pennsylvania, and Noel Davis of Demarest, New Jersey.

More honors have been coming our way. Helen Ross has been initiated into Sigma Alpha Iota, honorary musical fraternity, and Edith Burton is the Syracuse delegate to the Panhellenic Convention in Pittsburgh this month.

The very brief visit from Mrs. Barbour and Miss Camerer gave us pleasure and benefit we shall not soon forget. We only wish they could have stayed longer and become better acquainted with all of the girls, for this personal contact with our national officers gives us a broader conception of and brings us closer to the national organization.

ANNETTE HASTINGS

MARRIAGE

Elizabeth Lambert, ex-'32, to Mr. Edward Barnes on March 5, 1928.

ENGAGEMENTS

Helen Anderson, '28, to Mr. John Carr, Phi Delta Theta, Syracuse University, '27.

Dorothy Ehlers, '38, to Mr. Adelbert Burrett, Phi Gamma Delta, Syracuse University, '28.

BETA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

*Beta's letter full of news
Inspiration will infuse!*

Beta's letter didn't appear in the last CRESCENT; that will make the budget of news for this time larger than usual. The correspondent for Beta owes everyone interested an apology for her failure to meet her obligation; and she tenders it here.

To proceed with the news. If my memory is accurate, you have had an account of the termination of our official rushing period. Shall we start from there, then. Probably the first social event that might be of interest to you all was the dance at which the freshmen were the guests of the upperclassmen. Soon after rushing and pledging is over, it is customary to give these parties for the pledges. In theory, it is their social début as Gamma Phis. This year's party took the form of a dinner dance. It was really good fun and we were proud of our crowd of "débutantes."

There are seemingly long time intervals between events at the house.

These interludes are filled with the studying, fraternity parties, and similar events, just as they are in most colleges. For the individual, a lot of history may be made, but there is relatively little of interest to report for the activities of the group. Thus it was between late fall events and the weeks just preceding the Christmas holidays.

A short time before Christmas vacation, Jane Emory and Ardis Wisner were initiated. Right upon the heels of their initiation came the Christmas party. It is a traditional affair and has several features that may interest you. In the first place, there are always two or three little girls present as guests for dinner. After dinner we adjourn to the living-room and Santa Claus gives the youngsters dolls and cradles and that sort of thing. More wide-eyed little people you can't imagine. The three this year were sisters, and the oldest one tried to be a bit less impressed than the baby one, but it was pretty hard. The fact that Santa's pillow-stomach kept slipping apparently didn't detract a bit from his realism to them. Shoes and dresses and coats don't seem exactly like Santa to youngsters, probably; nevertheless, he brought them to the little girls with the compliments of Beta, and that was that part of the party.

Another feature that is always amusing is the gifts between the actives—poetry attached to each ten-cent store present adds a good deal of merriment to the distribution of those gifts. But why go into all of that; probably you all have done the same stunt for years and know in that way all the ins and outs of such a party.

The real event of the evening was the presentation of a special pin to Esther Merrick. The brother of one of our alumnae who has died decided that he would like to have her pin used by some active member of Beta. So, each year the girl who has been most outstanding in her personal contribution to the chapter during her previous three years in college is given the pin to wear until she graduates. Mrs. Nathan S. Potter presented Esther with the pin and read us the touching memorial letter that explained its significance. Such contacts with our predecessors in Gamma Phi have a value that is hard to analyze, but one that you all have probably felt at one time or another.

After all of that came Christmas vacation. During vacation there was a wedding in Grand Rapids, where Jane Emory married Kenneth White, a junior Alpha Delta Phi here. They went on to New York and are making their home in that city.

There is always a certain amount of almost routine entertainment in the course of a college year. Beta has had the customary rushing parties and faculty dinners this year as always. It is interesting to meet new people; and these two forms of entertaining give an ample opportunity for that and for the acquisition of new points of view. Such parties shouldn't be ignored, but their value is so purely relative to the interest of the individual that they really can't be given much time in a report of group activities.

Among the doings within the house were our formal Valentine dinner and the fancy dress Washington's Birthday party. The first was also a rushing party. Many bizarre and weird costumes appeared for the second; Jewish yachtsmen, sultans, dancing girls, a well dressed girl from "the gay nineties" and many other characters were at dinner that night. It is a lark to see how differently people look and act when they are togged out in absurd costumes, and the Washington's Birthday dinner always draws a flock of them.

Another feature of this midwinter season was Mrs. E. L. Barbour's visit to Ann Arbor. It is such a joy to be around a charming woman, and Mrs. Barbour's visit was all too short. We actives saw her at dinner one evening and at tea the next afternoon and in any intervals when she wasn't busy. The evening we all had dinner together there was also a pledging service for Marian Seitz. Having Mrs. Barbour here for that

made one wish that she might have been here the next week for initiation, but one can never have everything.

Initiation this year came on March 4. There were eight initiates: Dora van den Burg, Adelaide Symons, Mary Elizabeth Watson, Delphine Johnston, Marian Seitz, Irene Fordenay, Katherine Scott, and Ruth Mallory. It was fun to have the house full of flowers and guests.

The banquet that followed initiation gave everyone a chance to catch up on all the news about people with whom they had gone to college. There was a vibrancy in the air—a contagion perhaps that one catches from fellow members of Gamma Phi Beta. After dinner, Mary Hellyer acted as toastmistress and we heard many interesting things about the origin of Gamma Phi and of Beta Chapter. Someone had found a whole set of old minute books and it was fascinating to hear the story of development unrolled. Barbara Wheeler spoke for the senior class and she and Ruth Mary Pittelco (junior spokesman) were the two who reviewed Beta's history for us. Katherine Chase spoke for the sophomores and the *Crescent* correspondent is very disgusted with herself for being unable to remember the speech—it was worth telling you about. Adelaide Symons spoke for the freshmen and expressed their desire "to be engines pulling their share of the load rather than box cars being dragged along by others." Mrs. H. W. Douglas represented the *alumnæ*. She told us afterward that she had intended to say something other than she did; but Adelaide's little speech about engines started another train of thought. As a result, she told us that the *alumnæ* would like to have us consider them as on a siding and willing to be switched into the channel of activity whenever they could be of service.

The union of ideas between the youngest class in the chapter and those who are out of the active chapter produced the grandest feeling of solidarity and security. It is only once in a while that those ideas take tangible form in words; the spirit is always there. However, after having heard and seen the idea one feels the exhilaration that follows inspiration. Again I am saying something that you have all probably felt and said a dozen times. But, truly now, isn't it worth trying to say again?

The week following initiation has been a busy one. There has been an all-campus penny carnival to raise funds for the Woman's League Building, and a swimming meet and the freshmen's dance for the upperclassmen. With everybody in the house busy with these events in addition to her regular activities there was considerable hustling. The freshmen's party for the rest of us was great fun. They had the house fixed up in Chinese fashion; the music was splendid. All in all we owe them a vote of thanks and a word of appreciation.

That party ends the budget of news that might be of interest to you all. Your next letter will be from someone else and we shall hope that she isn't as verbose. If she follows the heading given Beta in the December, 1927 *Crescent* she will succeed. To requote Virgil, *They can, because they believe they can.*

ELIZABETH MORRISON

ENGAGEMENT

Marie Burt, '28, to Mr. Philip Dow.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Charles McCallum (Helen Reese, '27), a son, Charles Edward.

To Mr. and Mrs. N. K. Brumbaugh (Caroline Steen, '27), a daughter, Sally.

GAMMA—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

*Gamma calls attention
To the Province Convention.*

Gamma has initiated seventeen new members since you last heard from her. The girls are: Beatrice Masterson, Dorothy Thomson, Jean Tenant, Mary Brandon, Dorothy Dunegan, Katherine Sommers, Katherine Royce, Edith Gerry, Margaret Hogue, Eleanor Anderson, Harriet Slingluff, Virginia Slingluff, Mary Margaret Harris, Helena Campbell, Jane Biggae, Mary Wing and Margaret McClellan.

Gamma has been successful in athletics this year. Margaret McClellan won a silver cup for pitching horse shoes; and for the second year we have a championship basketball team. The intermurals in bowling and swimming are progressing now and Gamma Phi has not been defeated yet!

Two of our pledges, Annette Scholl and Helen Bardun, are new members of Dolphin, honorary swimming organization. Margaret McClellan has recently been pledged to Phi Beta, National dramatic sorority, and took part in *The Swan*, which was produced by Wisconsin University Players. Evelyn McElphatrick has been taken into Alpha Kappa Delta, honorary sociology fraternity, so we feel that Gamma is receiving her share of honors lately.

Plans are being made for the Province Convention which is to be held in Madison, April 27 and 28.

ISABELLE A. KELLEY

DELTA—BOSTON UNIVERSITY

*The greatest item seems to be
The news concerning N.P.C.*

The first event on Delta's calendar since the last *Crescent* letter was initiation. The five girls we initiated this year were: Helen Handy, Jessamine Peckham, Katherine Welden, Louise Whitten, and Dorothy Wolfenden—a splendid group, and if there wasn't so much else to write this time we would tell you more about them. A tea followed the ceremony. Each initiate found at her place a charming corsage bouquet sent by our beloved house mother, Mrs. Saunders. A few nights later came initiation dance at the Hotel Somerset, and the circle of events centering around the freshmen was completed for another year.

You all probably know that the National Panhellenic Congress was held in Boston the last of February. To Delta this meant the rare and much-anticipated opportunity to meet the national officers. They were present at chapter meeting, and although at the beginning, all wore their "best bib and tucker" manner, they soon relaxed under the genuine humaness and understanding interest of the visitors.

The only event of the Congress open to others than delegates was the banquet and pageant at the Hotel Statler. The pageant may be described at length elsewhere in this issue, but we shall risk repetition and tell you something of it.

The heroine (are they called that in pageants?) was a freshman besieged and bewildered by invitations to teas and other social activities of rushing. A senior sought her out and began to question her. "What is Panhellenic?" asked the senior. And, after a moment's hesitation, the freshman exclaimed, "Oh, a tea!" To straighten out matters the senior summoned the Handbook to introduce the sororities, each one represented by a girl wearing a dress of the period of its foundation and carrying the replica of the badge of her sorority and its flowers.

Ruth Carter of Delta represented Gamma Phi—and charming and demure she looked in her gown of the seventies. A chorus sang a song of the sorority as each girl was presented. Gamma Phi's was "Lady of the Moon." By the way, an interesting fact revealed by the handbook is that Gamma Phi is the only one that calls itself a sorority—all the others are fraternities.

There is nothing that makes us realize so much the scope of our sorority as to meet sisters from chapters far away. Delta has been fortunate in having a number of visitors in the last two years. Marcella Henry, Theta '27, made our rooms her home during the engagement in Boston of *The Desert Song*, of which company she is a member. We all hope that this particular show will have a return engagement and bring Marcella back to us. Another happy meeting was with Elaine Gorham, Lambda, who came and made herself known to us at the banquet.

We are now looking forward to Province Conference at which Delta is hostess.

MARION M. BROWN

EPSILON—NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

*"Good food—good grades—good times! These three,"
Sings Epsilon, "Are enough for me!"*

It is always a pleasant task for the CRESCENT correspondent to retreat occasionally into her sanctuary and, pen in hand, to review mentally the events of the past few weeks. She feels a sense of importance; she is engaged, like the ancient writers of chronicles, in recording, presumably with the greatest felicity, those achievements and red-letter days which make chapter history.

As I settle down to write this time, I hear someone below on second who has just creditably finished two hours of Zoo lab and is joyous in the reflection that dinner is but one hour off and that it is a date night, she is whistling cheerily, and since *Good News* is running in Chicago, inevitably the tune I recognize is "The best things in life are free." If I change the "free" to "three," I musically express Epsilon's penchant just now. The best things in life are three—good food, good grades, and good times.

The first of this triad reached its *summum bonum* at ten-thirty on the night of February 28. The curiosity of the chapter had been aroused during the day by the arrival of a huge box for Marijane Dovel, of Manistee, Michigan, whose birthday it was. What was in it? Nothing less than a complete Thanksgiving dinner for the thirty-five of us who are lucky enough to live in the house. An eighteen pound turkey, done to a turn, a bushel of potato chips, cranberry sauce—but why enumerate? We even had celery hearts, home made pickles, and salted nuts! Even those strong characters who for beauty's sake subsist for the most part on a bowl of soup twice a day, broke down and shall I say "guzzled" right heartily! Marijane, five feet of perfect hospitality, recieved three cheers which we uttered as vigorously as possible when we had "attained the point of gustatory satiety." That was our first best thing.

The second, obtained after a fortnight of final examinations gave Epsilon her sixteen new initiates, Marjorie Banning, Wilmette, Illinois; Dorothy Cain, Dorothy Engquist, Virginia Godfrey, Chicago; Helen Berquist, Fargo, North Dakota; Helen McClarnan, La Salle, Illinois; Helen Harvey, Des Moines, Iowa; Reeda Sexton, Streator, Illinois; Ethel Darby, Owatonna, Minnesota; Mildred Tegtmeier and Virginia Wingert, Davenport, Iowa; Virginia Park, Wilmette, Illinois; Alice Cady, Susan Nash, Frances Poe, and Dorothy Somers, Evanston, Illinois, who now wear the shining badge of activeship instead of the small brown crescent of pledgehood.

Formal initiation banquet this year was held at the chapter house, entertainment consisting of new songs composed by new Gamma Phis. Incidentally, I think that rushees next year will be less than ever able to resist Gamma Phi Beta, especially when we sing.

As for the third of the three best things in life, good times—Epsilon, determined not to be outdone by her alumnae in raising money for the house fund, placed \$400 more in the yawning coffers by means of a subscription dance, which took place March 10 at the Evanston Country Club. Under the gentle but firm leadership of Wilma Rusbolt, to whose efficiency much of the success of the affair was due, fifty Gamma Phis managed to execute a very neat business deal and have a great deal of fun in the bargain.

HELEN LENEHEN

ZETA—GOUCHER COLLEGE

*To know the freshmen well, we shall advise
A week-end party of all Zeta Gamma Phis.*

I am aghast at the amount of information that Zeta has accumulated during my delinquency. Such omissions must be rectified at once. We have never even boasted about the splendid group of freshmen we pledged last fall, who have proven our pride in them to be justifiable, Henrietta Baker, Mary Bouis, Tilly Linthicum, Margaret Hann, Virginia Potter and Elizabeth Wise, all of Baltimore; Katherine Backes of Trenton, Margaret Burnett of Minneapolis; Louise Cruttenden of Syracuse, Marian Hardy of Colorado Springs; Elsa Kingman of Orange, New Jersey; Jane Knight of Lansdowne, Pennsylvania, and Frances Pringle of Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania. Several of these girls hold class offices, and several were on class teams. Elizabeth Wise was elected chairman of the class for the first semester, and Henrietta Baker is on the A. A. Board as freshman member. With such a representative group do you wonder why we feel that Gamma Phi has swept the campus this year?

Just after pledging we had a house party, a perfect week-end at Belair, on which we all became better acquainted with our new sisters by hiking miles and miles to the "rocks" or by telling weird stories out on a cold dark porch in accompaniment to the chattering of our teeth. We played bridge until the diamonds took on the same hue as the clubs and we all fell asleep on the tables. The freshmen entertained us with a burlesque vaudeville with strong men, ballet dancers and a tooth brush brigade, which "each and every one of us" enjoyed immensely.

Skipping months we come to the end of the semester when all of Goucher had acute attacks of brain fever due to unwonted mental exercise in preparing for exams. Anxious faces awaited the reports from the dean's office. However our anxiety was needless, as most of Zeta came through without damage to their scholastic standing and we were able to initiate twelve of our pledges, nine freshmen, Henrietta Baker, Mary Bouis, Margaret Hann, Marian Hardy, Elsa Kingman, Jane Knight, Tilly Linthicum, Virginia Potters, and Francis Pringle; a sophomore, Lamira Henley, and two upperclassmen, Helen Turnbull and Evy Shields, whom we have been waiting to welcome as active Gamma Phis for a long time. At our initiation banquet, the fun was fast and furious with many of our alumnae back to join in our rejoicing. Margaret Hann was presented with a Zeta guard for her pin for having the highest grades of any freshmen in the chapter.

Just a few days ago we were proud to welcome Mrs. Barbour and Miss Alice Camerer as guests of Zeta. How good it was to meet and fall in love with two of our national officers whom we had known before only as names in the front of the CRESCENT!

Madeline Clay, Beta's president, has been elected to Phi Beta Kappa and Sigma Zeta. It is needless to say how proud we are of her achievements all through college. Sigma Zeta is a senior honorary society, given for spirit of service to the college. Frances Hosterman is also a member of Sigma Zeta.

Spring is almost here with the promise of two weeks' vacation. In brief, all is well with Zeta and she wishes similar good luck to every other Gamma Phi Chapter

SARAH CHAPMAN

THETA—UNIVERSITY OF DENVER

Tune in! You will hear, straightway

Station T—H—E—T—A

Station T-H-E-T-A, particularly Electric, Denver Colorado.

The first number on our program this afternoon will be the formal welcoming of our new fans—Lucille Albright, Frances Barr, Katharine Bartlett, Helen Cullen, Lydia Day, Marian Dowson, Joy Kinkle, Genevieve Park and Virginia Ramsey. Following this, there will be a banquet at the Brown Palace Hotel. The program will be furnished by the Good Time Double Brown Group and will consist of subjects pertaining to the radio world. The announcer will be Chellie Stevens Wright. Included on the program are two musical numbers, a violin solo, by Myrna Louise Sydner, and a vocal solo, by Nina Churcher Thompson. The talks will be as follows:

Tuning In (Initiates)—Genevieve Park.

Crystal Set (Sophomores)—Agnes Hawkins.

Superheterodyne (Juniors)—Margaret Cullen.

Loud Speaker (Seniors)—Genevieve Young.

Listening In (Alumnæ)—Jane Butchart.

Static (Panhellenic)—Lindsey Barbee.

Crescent Amplifier (Freshman Scholarship Cup)—Maxine Hair.

Archive Cabinet—Chellie S. Wright, Jr.

This station now signing off, at 1:00 P.M. we will be on the air again at 8:00 P.M.

Radio Station T-H-E-T-A, Particularly Electric, Denver, Colorado.

With our new fans tuned in, our program tonight will open with the annual play, written by Lindsey Barbee, our noted playwright. The play is given for the benefit of the University Endowment Fund, and is the outstanding event of the year. The title of the play is, *Have You Seen the Queen?* It is a three-act college comedy. The setting is a college campus near the city. The time is Homecoming Week, Friday the thirteenth, October, 1927. The scenes are as follows:

Act 1, Scene 1—Grounds of President Sylvester's home, Friday morning.

Scene 2—The same, Friday afternoon.

Act 2—A part of the campus, Friday night.

Act 3—Same as Act 2. Almost midnight.

After the play there will be a short intermission. Please stand by. . . .

Station T-H-E-T-A, Particularly Electric, Denver, Colorado.

You have just heard the play entitled, *Have You Seen the Queen?* We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did. The next, and last number on our program will be an entertainment for the fathers of the members of our radio station. . . .

This concludes our program for tonight. Radio station T-H-E-T-A, Particularly Electric, Denver, Colorado, now signing off at 11:30 P.M. Good-night!

CHELLIE WRIGHT

KAPPA—UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

*"On the Wings of the Wind, Winter quarter swept by,"
Leaving "Project" and honors for dear Gamma Phi!*

On the wings of the Wind, winter quarter swept by, catching us in a whirl of activities and work.

First of all there were freshmen to initiate—fourteen of them. They were Helen rage and Rose Dilling, Devil's Lake, North Dakota; Hortense Horton and Susan Cochran, Winona, Minnesota; Marjery Nash, Pipestone, Minnesota; Margaret Spense, Osseo; Mary Hancock, LaCrosse, Wisconsin; Dorothy Fournet, Crookston; Margaret Pinger, Marjery Townsend, Alice Russell, Jeanne Paust, Minneapolis, Minnesota, and Dixie Merrill, St. Paul.

And then came the "Project." Marion Ashley was the chairman and everything was beautifully executed. The campus is still talking about the Gamma Phi Nite Club. It was not only a financial success but it was a wonderful get together party for the chapters. Town girls and house girls, freshmen and seniors—all worked together on it. There was remarkable co-operation and the best old Gamma Phi spirit you can imagine—all in all the Nite Club was great!

We are coming up in the athletic field, too. We played in the inter-house basketball finals at the W.A.A. Penny Carnival, and lost the cup by only three very small points.

Florence Pitman was second in line at the Junior Ball, and we were certainly all mighty proud of "Pitsy" as she marched by us in a "lusch" lavender frock. And Katharine Baker is one of the ten Representative Minnesotans. We all expected that, and we have a little secret feeling that hers is going to be one of the big pictures in the *Gopher*, for one of the first four of those ten.

We're settling down to finals now and hope to have our usual scholastic standing—for in the spring a young Kappa's fancy turns to thoughts of Province Convention at Madison, Wisconsin.

We'll be seeing some of you there.

MILLA KARA JACOBSEN

LAMBDA—UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

*Study night and day we must—
"Fifteen hours of A or bust!"*

How time does fly! And how much can happen in a short time. Its hard to know where to begin and what to tell. First, and most important I suppose, is the fact that we initiated nine of our freshmen. They are: Pryde Atkinson, Helen McKinstry, Patty Stuart, Alice Van Luven, Marguerite Olson, Louise Harron, Jane Dickerson, Ruth Ann Sheppard (an Epsilon daughter), and Jane Clough, a sister. Naturally they are all thrilled to tears, and are to be seen about the campus even on cold days with coats open. It's the thrill that comes once in a life time! And another thing of equal importance. We have a new pledge—Helen Dickinson, a Lambda daughter.

Spring is coming and with it arrives our much planned Province Conference. We are delightful at the prospect and especially at the thought of entertaining Mrs. Barbour. Wonderful plans are forthcoming from active and alumnae chapters and we are looking forward to a splendid session. There will be much news for the next letter.

All our energies have been directed toward scholarship of late. When, how, why, and what to study have become topics of conversation at breakfast, luncheon and dinner. We have all become imbued with the spirit

of "Fifteen hours of A or bust." And are hoping that the results will be in proportion to our ambitions.

The freshmen entertained the active chapter at the Seattle Golf Club on February 24. The party was in the nature of a Mardi Gras. The costumes were many and varied and everyone had a wonderful time.

I almost forgot to tell you about our new acquisitions. We have new drapes, lamps, a low console table, a sofa, seats over the radiators and everything. The Mothers fixed the hall for us at Christmas time and it looked so new and fresh and bright that we simply had to make over the living-room to match. The results are wonderful.

AMY CHURCHILL

NU—UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

Springtime sunshine—springtime flowers!

April Frolic—April showers!

At last spring has come and Nu's house is far more lovely; for the race is flowing by, green and cold, and there is long ivy trailing over the new wall into the water. Also flowers have been planted in the back yard and along the side of the house, so that we are all ready for spring rushing.

At our formal which was given February 3 in the chapter house there were no rushees. Alumnæ from Portland and from Eugene were present instead; and so we had one lovely dance with only Gamma Phis and Gamma Phi pledges. The house was decorated like a Japanese garden. The windows were banked with green, and lavender wisteria hung from the lattice erected against it. Huge Japanese lanterns were in all the rooms, and the windbells tinkled in the doorways. A seven-piece orchestra played all evening and Kenny Allen sang several songs for a feature.

Several of the girls have come to prominence since my last letter. Violet Mills, our president, has been elected to Mu Phi, an honorary musical sorority. Lyle Veazie, our secretary, has been elected to a new French honorary called Pi Delta Phi. This is especially an honor for there were only a few students included in the elections. Evelyn Dew will represent us at the Province Conference at the end of March. Junior Vaudeville, which will be the first part of May and will have two Gamma Phis in the chorus—Nancy Luckel and Ruth DeNeffe.

A tea will be given in Portland during spring vacation for the girls who are entering the University in the fall. Rushees will be entertained at April Frolic and also at a spring formal to be given May 6.

Nu chapter wishes all of the other chapters luck in their spring rushing; and the highest possible attainment in their scholarship efforts.

MARY LOUISE DUTTON

XI—UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO

Along with every college quirk

We plan and study, play and work.

Our freshmen have come up to fondest expectations. They have helped in the effort that sent our scholarship bounding to greater heights, and they have served to hold Gamma Phi's envied social position on the campus. Each of the new initiates has proved herself a gracious little hostess on guest night and all have shown a spirit of co-operation in Xi's activities.

Dorothy Simmons, and Alice Vang have won honors in the Business School; Barbara Rugg in education; Lucile Haddock in music and Louise Lamielle in dramatics. Estelle Pickrel and Louise McKiney have come to be favorite entertainers on the Idaho campus with their singing and

dancing. Julia Hunter, one of our town girls, brought home "the bacon" in the form of an A average.

Signs of spring are bringing to us new ideas. We have decided that our spring formal shall be the formal of the year, that it shall be a dinner-dance and the orchestra will be imported from far regions, if necessary, to top off the party. Then we plan a new spring suit for the chapter house exterior—something in the gray, with green shutters.

Beatrice Locke, our province director from Eugene, has just completed a visit with us. Each time that she comes we realize more, our good fortune in procuring such a delightfully clever young woman for our director. Her visits are a pleasure to every girl in the chapter and the spirit and feeling of Gamma Phi which she arouses in us is something worthy of honorable mention.

To use the adjective "kippy," April Showers, perfume, derbies, let your hair "grow out," and wear sandals is to be in style at Idaho, this spring. So here's hoping you will all come and see us. We're louder and funnier than ever, as "Collitch Humor" would say.

LUCILE EATON

OMICRON—UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

*The golden sunshine and the sudden showers
The happy, carefree, busy, college hours.
It's Spring!*

The bees that lulled Tom Sawyer to sleep in the little old schoolroom in Hannibal are working double time in Urbana, and make our lot seem harder as we strive to keep our thoughts with the droning voice of the lecturer, while our glances stray to the bright stretch of campus framed in the square of the window. And though strolls in the sunshine of the rock garden and spring concerts by the rising of the moon are sometimes ended by showers that cause a hilarious rush for shelter, yet it is the spring youth loves, the spring that was not made for books or study.

The trend of feminine thought turns rather to the seasonal question of clothes. Certainly the Style Show, sponsored by the Women's League, was a fitting usher for the spring styles. The mannequins traced the career of Dame Fashion from the days of Cleopatra down to the present time. Ruth Johnson, Virginia Supple, and Peggy Otis were among the models who showed the trend of college preference in clothes, while Marian Scott, Eleanor Haser, and Betty Rice helped make successful the production of the revue.

But let us discard fashion and go back again through the years and pause for a moment at the time of the American Revolution. We walk into the big house on Nevada Street, and there within the dignity of its white walls we witness a quaint and picturesque reproduction of a quilting and spinning party. The priceless spinning wheels, the old quilts are all there, and a lady in a sweeping dress of plaid silk is giving instructions on the making of hooked rugs. Then, since the Fireside Industry meeting of the Daughters of the American Revolution gains nothing by our collegiate presence, we reluctantly retire. But the blending of the early American furniture and style of architecture, with the domesticity and peace of that scene forms a picture not soon to be forgotten.

Business must go on in spite of spring, and in spite of quaint scenes over which we like to linger, so Omicron's officers for the year of 1928-1929 have been fittingly installed. Mary Doolittle has assumed the responsibility of president; Dixie Mason has taken over the duties of vice-president and social chairman; Vaille Dry is again our competent treasurer; Mildred Wainright is recording secretary, and Florence Roy is corresponding secretary.

If we admit the existence of spring fever, it evidently does not extend to activities. Ruth Johnson heads the semester's list of outside achievements by taking the lead in the Mask and Bauble production of the *Great Galeoto*, a Spanish drama by Jose Echegaray. Athletics has enlisted quite a group to its ranks. Beatrice Sloan has accepted the nomination for president of W.A.A.; Virginia Supple is on the varsity basketball team; Mary Doolittle is costume manager of the May Fête, sponsored by W.A.A.; Marjorie King is freshman swimming manager; and Francis Knight is on the freshman volleyball team. And now every word about the inco-ordinance of spring and books must be retracted, for Vaille Dry was among the five law students who made a straight A average for the semester.

Omicron announces the pledging of Betty Schaub, Janice Steigel, Grant Pirie, Evelyn McCutcheon and Dorothy Marie Whyte.

FLORENCE MAE CURTIS

ENGAGEMENT

Fayrlene Forsyth, '28, to Mr. Leyden Scott, '28, Phi Kappa Psi.

BIRTH

To Mr. and Mrs. John Tallant (Betty Stingley ex-'29), a son.

PI—UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

*All roads to Lincoln lead. And hence
We plan for the Province Conference.*

Last Saturday we celebrated the birthday of old St. Patrick with a supper-dance. Our big living-room was made festive with green and white streamers radiating from the two ceiling lights. On the east wall was a gigantic caricature of old St. Pat. himself, wearing at a cocky angle his high green hat. Large shamrocks were placed haphazardly on the windows and French doors giving a shadow effect. Because of the University ruling that all men must be out of the house at eleven-thirty we started the party at eight o'clock and stopped dancing at ten-thirty which gave us just an hour to go to the green candle-lit tables below for supper. The most exciting thing of the evening happened when a particular Sig Chi, while waiting with some of his brothers for their dates to come down after the party, tried to abduct old St. Patrick. The latter's creator saved him, however, and returned him—also the rather chagrined Sig Chi.

The big item occupying our minds at present is the Province Conference to be held here April 20-21. The topics of the meetings are not fully decided upon as yet, but I shall give the program as it stands.

FRIDAY, APRIL 20

- 10:30-12:00—Meeting
- 12:15 —Luncheon at the chapter house.
- 2:00- 4:00—Meeting.
- 6:15 —Dinner.
- 12:30 —Pajama Party.

SATURDAY, APRIL 21

- 10:30-12:00—Meeting.
- 1:00 —Luncheon at the Country Club.
- 2:00- 4:00—Meeting.
- 4:00 —Tea at Mrs. Teal's.
- 6:15 —Buffet dinner.
- 9:00 —Spring party.

Have-beens and to-bes—Mary Bell has been elected treasurer of the Y.W.C.A. She has also been appointed delegate from the district to the Y.W.C.A. convention at Los Angeles.

Lucille Ackerman is our newly appointed Tassel.

Round-Up Week is May 24-26.

On the seventeenth of this month we are initiating twenty-three pledges.

CHARLENE COOPER

MARRIAGES

Betty Powell to Mr. Thomas Cameron Marshall, Sigma Alpha Epsilon,
Dorothy Swallow to Mr. George H. Vogler.

RHO—UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

*The red, red heart with green we twine—
St. Patrick and St. Valentine.*

It is true that "all things have a habit of ending," but it cannot be said that all things end as happily as did the first semester of the college year for Rho Chapter.

The "happy ending" took the form of a valentine party—a party which confirmed our belief more than ever that we have the most artistic pledges on the campus. Large red hearts bared themselves unashamed to every man, and then it was that the pledges revealed that all this was the product of their workmanship. For, every single heart was unbroken. Not even a crack was to be seen in them. With exams over, and such a party, we could not have danced sincerely to the strains of "Broken-Hearted."

Another trophy has been added to our collection in the form of a bronze statue of a trackman given as prize for taking first place in the inter-sorority track meet.

Rho has not been slighted in the distribution of honors which each year brings. Marguerite M. Conkie, who has lately been elected president of our chapter, has been chosen one of the six representative women on the campus. She is also serving as a member of the Junior Prom committee. Alice Van Law and Ilene Doop have shown their ability along dramatic lines by carrying important rôles in the University Plays. Betty Lou Waggoner was chosen as one of the twelve whose pictures will be sent away for judgment of the final beauty queens. Ruth Frese is still delighting audiences with her charming voice.

The chapter was increased at the beginning of the second semester by the pledging of Gretchen Bickel, a transfer from Rockford College, and Mildred Ingvaldstad, a former student of Carleton College.

St. Patrick's Day was most attractively glorified at a bridge party given for the actives and alumnae by the pledges. The green of shamrocks and pipes made us all feel truly Irish for the afternoon.

Not among the least of the thrilling things which have come to Gamma Phi this year is the marriage of Beatrice Strite to Rhea Chapman, Delta Tau Delta. They are making their home in Iowa City, having just returned from their honeymoon to Florida and the Bahamas.

And so, with activity honors, social life and the best pledges ever, we can truthfully say that we have had everything that is coming to us . . . and . . . "mm a little bit more."

DOROTHY MURTAGH

SIGMA—UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

*"Thirteen's unlucky!" Fate alleges—
But fate knew naught of Sigma's pledges.*

Thirteen new Gamma Phi Betas! They are Lucile Henderson, Kansas City, Missouri; Ruth Limbird, Anthony, Kansas; Dorothy Graber, Hutchin-

son, Kansas; Alice Brunner, Wamego, Kansas; Helen Almond, Hooker, Oklahoma; Evelyn Hitchcock, Cherryvale, Kansas; Louise Corn, Kansas City, Missouri; Mary Eleanor Haskins, Kingman, Kansas; Pauline Christian, Excelsior Springs, Missouri; Mary Teresa Donovan, Kansas City, Kansas; Jeanette Smallfeldt, Kansas City, Missouri; Rosemary Kinny, Lawrence, Kansas; and Marguerite Cripe, Garnett, Kansas.

Also we have some new pledges; V. Gene Bowers and Elizabeth McGeorge, Wellington, Kansas; Dorothy Wilson, Columbus, Kansas, and Wilma Casebier, Fort Stockton, Texas.

At last it seems that spring has come. Along with the blossoming out of the trees and new flowers—we have some added interests in campus activities. Gene Bowers has been elected to *Kansan* Board; Dorothy Markley, Glee Club; Katherine Huston, El Ateneo, Spanish club; and Gamma Phi Beta took second place in the intersorority sing.

Gamma Phi has almost finished another very successful year. Soon the old officers will give over their places to a new group of girls who will be full of enthusiasm to take up the work and carry it on. Thus Gamma Phi is always assured of its future prosperity.

RUTH SWONGER

TAU—COLORADO AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

*Honor then where honor's due,
Much accomplished by a few.*

Tau has been so successful this spring in winning campus honors and the respect of all that it seems only fitting that others should know what honest effort and co-operation can do in bringing about a hard won victory.

In the fall only seven active girls returned to carry forward Gamma Phi traditions and Gamma Phi ideals on the campus of the Colorado Agricultural College. Through the splendid work of these girls and the fourteen pledges, the financial and social obligations of the sorority have been met and conquered.

Of the fourteen freshmen, five have attained special recognition on the campus. In the fall Mildred Langford was given the lead in the freshman play, while Maxine Smelzer won a prize for her costume dancing. At the spring election held last week the following girls were elected to offices in the various student organizations: Dorothy Smelzer, treasurer of the Associated Women Students; Naomi Van Horn, treasurer of the Women's Athletic Association and Janet Glendenning, secretary of the Young Women's Christian Association. Since these girls have won such fame in a few short months, the other freshmen including the second semester pledges are anxious to win their spurs so Tau is expecting great things of them in the future.

Concerning other campus activities Gamma Phi has been the leading group in Panhellenic in revising the House and College rules. On the staff of the *Rocky Mountain Collegiate*, Tau is represented by Gertrude Hardy and Louise Lauche. They also were recently elected as sponsors of the R.O.T.C.

To the chapter president, Dorothea Van Horn, many honors have come for her service, her scholarship and her all-around activity in college life. She is vice-president of Omicron Nu and president of the Associated Women Students. It will be her privilege to represent this organization at its national convention to be held in Seattle next month.

As yet no definite report can be given concerning scholarship, but under the new sixteen-hour-a-week study plan the scholarship of the group is being raised.

Socially, the girls are well represented at all college and fraternity functions. They are also charming hostesses at their own social gatherings.

Recently, an association of Tau has been organized consisting of alumnae and actives. The officers of this organization act as a Board of Finance which meets monthly, to check the monthly audit, to advise the active girls on their various problems and to make plans for the future of Tau.

With such a start in the development and progress of the chapter, Tau is looking forward expectantly to the future striving ever to strengthen Gamma Phi through the constant co-operation and service of its members.

KATHERINE S. GLENDINNING

UPSILON—HOLLINS COLLEGE

*We boast our own athletic bars
And quite a few dramatic stars.*

The last three months of college are upon us but instead of looking forward to the spring holidays (and spring is never conducive to letter writing), I shall review Upsilon's season of activities since Christmas. To be sure there was an unpleasant season of exams two weeks after Christmas, but that seems a thing of the past now (we can say that with any amount of flippancy since we came out of the struggle all right) and so worries of that size and description are over until June.

Before I tell you of the happy events I have one bit of sad news to impart—our chapter president, Margaret Wade, from Richmond, Virginia, did not return after Christmas. Affairs have straightened out now and under the new leadership of Alice Robinson, Upsilon is back to normal once more.

As soon as first semester grades were out we initiated Jane Williams, Mary White, and Ruth Stone. Soon after that we pledged Emily Saunders.

This is the time of year when Hollins is at the peak of excitement for nothing can ever arouse the enthusiasm that is shown during the Yemassee-Mohican basketball season. Mary Ellen Franklin played forward on the Yemassee team with Ruth Stone jumping center on Mohican team in the final game on March 10; but most of all Mary Ellen was captain of Yemassee. The Mohicans took the game at a score of 22-13—the first time in four years. At the banquet that night Mary Ellen was announced as one of the forwards on the varsity team and was presented with a star, representing 250 athletic points, after having received a monogram, awarded for a thousand athletic points. In class basketball Upsilon was again well represented, for Mary Ellen Franklin was on the senior team, Alice Robinson on junior team, Mary Agnes Snyder a sub on junior team, and Ruth Stone on sophomore team.

Dramatically we are making a record. Clare Whitfield is playing the part of Mr. Amy in Barrie's *Mary Rose*; Betty Steel takes the part of Meg in the musical comedy *The Gypsy Rover*; Mary White, Helen Weaver, and Alys Lavinder are in the chorus.

There are other interests for Upsilonites, though. Virginia Williams, one of our seniors, is assistant in the physics department this year. What greater honor could you ask? Frances Stoakley, one of the members of *Cargoes* staff, had two poems in the March issue; Mabel Mabry also had a book review in the February number.

The most exciting news of the last few months for us was that Mrs. Barbour was coming as inspector of Upsilon chapter. All of our interest was diverted to that event. She arrived on March 7, but left on March 8—our only regret was that her stay couldn't have been longer, but it only took one day for every member of Upsilon to love her. We feel that her presence and advice was of more benefit than anything that has ever

happened to Upsilon. Mrs. Barbour suggested, tactfully criticized and through her endeavors we feel we have a new knowledge and greater confidence in ourselves, our sister chapters and our national organization. We enjoyed her visit to the utmost and only wish that we could have her with us officially or unofficially much more often.

MARY AGNES SNYDER

PHI—WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

*Our Woman's Building Fund we've raised. We now rejoice,
To think that of its many rooms we'll take our choice.*

Way back in September, the members of Phi Chapter prophesied that in spite of their lack of quantity, they were determined to come to the top with quality, and to make this one of the chapter's biggest years. And now—with March just started on its way, we find that our prophesy is coming to pass.

So many things have happened, that it is rather hard to know just where to begin, but the most important event of course, was our delivery of five thousand whole dollars, to cover the pledge which we made this fall to the Woman's Building. We were able to do this, as a result of the untiring efforts of our alums, coupled with the work of the active chapter and its pledges, and now we are all excited over the prospects of going into our new room, which is to be the pick of those in the building. This is one of the rewards which we received for being the first of the sororities on the campus to pledge. The closer relationship which now exists between the alumnae and active chapters, is the other reward which was gained as a result of our hard work; and this tended to make our formal banquet more delightful than ever. Now—can't you see why we're so thrilled?

Another big event took place February 20, when we increased our membership in both quantity and quality by initiating Ruth Waldbauer, Lois Mahood, Marjorie Sodemann, Sylvia Kleinschmidt, Doris Jane Kuhlmeier, Hortense Stone, Florence Schuerman, Florence Kingsbury, Elizabeth Henby, and Mary Beresford. We are very proud of our new members, and hope to initiate three more in just a short time. We are sure that the chapter has a brighter future, and will cover much ground with these girls, for they are all enthusiastic, peppy Gamma Phis. Right at this point, it would be fitting to tell how proud we are of Marjorie Sodemann and Ruth Waldbauer for making Freshman Commission and of Ruth for being selected as one of the maids at the Junior Prom.

And with our heads in a whirl over all this, each one of us is preparing to look her nicest and have a glorious time at the best dance of the year—our formal. We're having a dinner dance, March 16, at Bellerive Country Club, and we're finding it so hard to keep our minds on books. But we just have to stop every once-in-a-while, and take time to talk and dream about it just a little, for what's the fun of having a dance, if you can't do this?

EVA RYALL

ENGAGEMENTS

Virginia Sankey, '28, to Mr. Charles Morris, Theta Xi, of Washington University.

Maud Beattie, '28, to Mr. Torey Berger, of Washington University.

MARRIAGE

Kathleen Reeves to Mr. William Heuer.

CHI—OREGON STATE COLLEGE

*Blue-gray hills with light a-quiver
Emerald lake and quiet river.
Springtime in Corvallis!*

Spring is here at last and I am convinced that there is no place like Corvallis in the spring. It is lovely with its blue-gray hills and blue skies, its quiet river and green lake, its winding roads with wild flowers growing at the sides and its glorious fresh air.

The girls have begun to go on picnics and are devoting themselves to roller skating and horseback riding—which reminds me of the "Horse Show." It is to be a grand affair this year—just like a horse show in the city—and we have two girls riding—Julia Smith and Elise Osborne. We are quite proud of them.

Our first initiation was held the week-end of March 24 and 25. It was the largest we have had for years—thirteen new members who are wearing their pins as near the middle of their chests as possible. Among them were three sisters, Esther Taylor, Melba Hanks and Laura Mason. The others were Julia Smith, Grace Beem, Jean Fletcher, Margaret Ruley, Miriam Morris, Lucille Van Loan, Katherine Durham, Rachael Williams, Elise Osborne and Marjorie Crandall. It was wonderful to have a crowded chapter meeting instead of the accustomed pledge meeting, and there were several of our alums back for the occasion—Madeline Brumbaugh, Beth Ketchum Stidd, Irma Stidd Seiberts, Beatrice Geiger, Helen Boyer, Lois Jenkins, Dorothy Orcutt, Edna Rickard and Vivian Fox.

We have two new pledges—Wilma Smith and Marjorie Priaux—and both are from California, Los Angeles, and Glendale, respectively. Both are enthusiastic and enterprising.

Gamma Phi Beta is in an honorable position on the campus scholastically. We were second in the group of sororities with fifteen members and third of all on the campus. It is a good feeling to be among the highest.

The Oregon State student body has been collecting money for years to erect a Memorial Union building and at last it is being realized. The building is nearing completion and enthusiasm is waxing warm. This money has been collected directly from the students and by them. Committees were formed and groups went out to secure no less than \$50 from every person registered at O.S.C. It is to be quite the finest building on the campus and the center of all campus activities. This is among the first of like buildings to be erected in the West.

I do not want to close without telling you about the wonderful work our alums and mothers have been doing. The mothers in Portland have just had a rummage sale and have made enough to pay for our fire escape which the fire marshal required us to have. That was a big relief because we were wondering where the money was coming from. The Portland and Corvallis alums are really wonderful to us. We are especially grateful to Clara Raymond Taylor who seems to be a leader in the good work.

Best of luck to all good Gamma Phis (I'm sure that includes all of them).

MYRTA BOYER

PSI—UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

*And faith, all the March winds we're darin'
For the rains we will never be carin'—
The Gamma Phi smile
We'll be sportin' the while
And green for St. Patrick be wearin'.*

"If winter comes, can spring be far behind?" And with the restlessness of spring, the long light days, clear blue skies, sunrises and sunsets and the beautiful crescent moons, Psi's thoughts lightly turn to thoughts of love and dancing—because this is youth! And what is better, this is college! Some of us have even violated our diets by nibbling on chocolates; for it is an O. U. custom that when a girl dons a pin, her sorority receives a box of candy while the fraternity indulges in "a smoke on Jim," or Ed, or whomever it may be.

Last week our president, Kathryn Fullerton, though quite intellectual, like all good presidents should be, let her heart rule and now, chained to her dear old Gamma Phi pin is the five-arm star of Sigma Nu. A senior and engaged! What could be more romantic?

But wait! We not only have old girls wearing new pins—but new girls wearing old pins—for ten of our shining fall products are proudly allowing their coats to fly in the March winds, thus exposing a tiny gold and brown emblem as a symbol of the vows to which they so earnestly pledged themselves. Flowers, candy and all kinds of gifts are pouring in like rain, or April showers upon Elizabeth Budlemon, Eleanor Tracy, Florence Figley, Carrie Elizabeth Johnson, Louise Lillard, Alva Ruth Walker, Mary Tripodi, Betty Krehs, Wyona LaReaux and Margaret Weinrich. Eleanor Tracy not only wears a pin but we gave her a crested ring as an appreciation for her high scholarship during pledge life.

Gertrude MacRae, of Epsilon Chapter, visited us in February and it was very difficult for us to part with her. Deaf ears were turned to our pleas when we asked her to stay until the first of April but before her departure, Gertrude promised to come back if she could possibly arrange matters back home. With the new ideas, policies and helpful hints our visitor left, I think Psi will profit very much and that the coming year will be a prosperous one.

The week-end of March 16-18 is Gamma Phi Beta homecoming. We have invited almost a hundred of our state alumnæ to visit our active chapter. Saturday will be the most fun for there is to be a luncheon-bridge with St. Patrick presiding.

Election time is almost here. Who will carry off the honors I wonder?

So as all good stories end—here's hoping that Bunny Rabbit is good to all of you.

FRANCES MASSEY

OMEGA—IOWA STATE COLLEGE

*Omega scholarship is high—
A signal gift for Gamma Phi!*

Omega is here at last. We have been so busy getting acquainted with our new house that we have neglected many of our duties, among them our letter to the CRESCENT. We are really very repentant and promise to be very prompt hereafter.

We are so enthusiastic about our new house that we want you to know about it. It is an English house of tapestried brick; and when you come in the front door you get a tiny peek at the living-room. This is a huge sunken room with a cozy fireplace, inviting furniture and a new grand piano. The dining room, guest room, and chaperone's room are on the first floor. On the third floor we have a lounge furnished with the gayest wicker furniture. This was planned for the use of girls who are not dating; but whether it is fortunate or unfortunate, the lounge, delightful as it is, does not get a great deal of use.

Rushing was unusually successful this fall and we have thirteen of the finest freshmen on the campus. They are Helen Albertus, Elinore Blunt,

Grace Virginia Browning, Elizabeth Calvert, Roma Coomer, Mary Hill, Catherine Hayward, Mildred McBeath, Marjorie Mitchell, Louise Powers, Lomila Hopper, Gladys Stickford and Mary Well. They are making a good scholastic record as well as entering campus activities.

Also, we have six new initiates. They are Dorothy Anderson, Chariton; Gertrude Bolton, Des Moines; Mary Jane Drybread, Nevada; Alvina Johnson; Emmetsburg; Helen Kamphaefner, Sioux City, and Natalie Tunncliff, Davenport.

We have had many awakenings in the dead of the night; for the dinner gong clangs away and we all pile out of bed to rush down stairs. This is our way of announcing engagements. So many of our girls are wearing fraternity pins at present that the situation is becoming alarming. What would you think of a house without an eligible girl? And with spring coming on! We are very happy to announce the engagement of Frances Nuckalls to Chester Lee, of Sigma Alpha Epsilon; Helen Shultz to Redwood Fisher, of Sigma Alpha Epsilon; Marian Larson to Harold Swanson, of Sigma Nu; Zella Tomlinson to Harold Sebern, of Phi Kappa Tau; Winogene Wunder to John Gregg, of Theta Delta Chi, and Ethyl Greenway to Martin Van Ousterhouse.

We are well represented in campus activity this year. Dorothy Dean Heryford has been nominated for May Queen and we are quite assured of her election. Anita Andrews is president of Home Economics Club. Gale Latimer has charge of our divisional open house for Veishea; Frances Nuckalls was manager of our annual HEC Vodvil; Isabelle Thomas, Kathryn Bell, Cassie Laughlin, Helen Reilley, Helen Ann Thomas, and Emily Jammer all took part in the different choruses; while Gertrude Shell, Zella Thomlinson, Helen Carpenter and Ann Abell all worked on costumes. Janet Ferguson is progressing famously in dramatics.

Right now we have three girls in the Home Management house. They are enjoying it immensely for each week their duties change. One week, each is a child director, another, she is cook, or housekeeper. "Science with practice" is the motto of our college.

We are saving the choicest bit of news until last. Gamma Phi Beta ranked first in college average of all the sororities on the campus and fourth in the all college average. We are certainly proud of it and we hope that we will continue to keep our standard as high.

HELEN ANN THOMAS

ALPHA ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

*Initiation, Banquet, Tea,
The Mothers' Club, that is to be.*

The last letter for THE CRESCENT is due. Spring being here we leave its refreshing days to trot back through rain and snow to note the work and fun of Alpha Alpha.

First in precedence of our activities came initiation. After the ceremony in the afternoon, we assembled for the banquet at the King Edward. The tables had the appearance of festivity, rightly belonging to the occasion. All happy, the toasts were a delight, the songs filled with a rollicking good feeling. When later the men arrived and the dance began, we saw again the annual event slip by in justifiable glory.

A tea for our mothers followed. The time was opportune for discussing a Mothers' Club. There was much enthusiasm and we hope for definite results.

Our apartment isn't a house to be sure, but a brass plate helps a lot and we are glad to have that semblance; we are glad also to have been able to offer a Gamma Phi room to the province inspectors, Mrs.

Welchli and Mrs. Pulford; while likewise, and this will interest Theta, Marcella Henry stayed with us while the *Desert Song* played in Toronto.

Last minute plans for the home are being made. St. Patrick is to be honored; rumor suggests green pipes for all, gay color, flowers, brown and tan, booklets, tiny floating crescents, amid moon waltzes and snappy dances.

Emma Wier again played on the senior basketball team which participated in the intercollegiate tournament. Jessie Mooney was captain of the varsity hockey team, this year the winner of the championship. In inter-faculty sports Wilma Speers held the same position on the college hockey team.

Enid Walker and Jessie Mooney are the chosen delegates for Province Conference. We are sending them off with the best of wishes and looking forward to what they may report on their return.

The term nearing a close means the end of Gamma Phi activities for the present. We are, however, planning big things for house party, to be held during that period of "recuperation" immediately following exams; while to the new officers, Enid Walker, president; Ruth Orr, vice-president; Jean Mooney, treasurer; Sheila Thompson, secretary, we promise our earnest support.

WILMA SPEARS

MARRIAGE

Willene Wallace to Mr. Allan Horsborough.

ALPHA BETA—UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA

Gamma Phoible Follies act!

We shall win—it is a fact.

We have already made preparations for our Gamma Phoible Follies act. We have two dancing choruses; the one, a group of pantomiming silhouettes and the second, a large tap chorus. The groups are being directed by Alice Schraps. Tryout results were indeed very pleasing. And Gamma Phi must win.

All the Gamma Phis had the best of intentions and spirits during basketball season, but to no avail. We rooted and cheered but we were not to win this year, hard as we did try. But at least two girls made varsity, Fran and Ione Haagenson. Alpha Beta loses three good girls this year: Viv Law, Fran Haagenson and Alma Lykken.

The seniors leave with one happy event in mind,—the Carney Song Contest. The seniors won, for the third successive year. Alice Schraps acted as accompanist for the sophomores and had charge of the Military Ball decorations. The West Point idea was carried out, with large six-foot cadets standing guard. As one of the features she danced a military tap. *The Fourflusher*, a Dakota Playmaker production, in which Al took the lead, was a huge success.

Beginning with the new semester we pledged two new girls, Sylvia Steele, East Grand Forks, Minnesota and Frances Sperry, Bismarck, North Dakota.

On February 29 formal initiation was held for Lillian Heald, Larimore; and Dorothy Elken, Mayville. Lillian is our "star" forward and Dorothy was recently elected as sophomore delegate to the Women's League.

Virginia MacDonald from Kappa Chapter spent a few days with us. Both the active and pledge chapters were interviewed, and she gave us some very helpful ideas. We all enjoyed her visit and shall be glad to have her with us again.

Corinne Nix was elected a member of the Y.W.C.A. cabinet. Sarah Robertson has been pledged to Zeta Phi Eta, national honorary dramatic

society. Marjorie Gray is taking a part in the new Playmaker play, *Captain Applejack*.

Lila Argue is the secretary of the Women's League, and the women's athletic editor of the 1929 *Dacotah*. "Arg" will soon be a Kappa Psi Omicron (debating society) initiate.

Jessie DePuy, who was elected delegate to the province convention, has won many honors this year. I have in a previous letter mentioned that she took the lead in *Patsy* in November. She was chosen as one of the sixteen popular girls on the Nodak campus, and at the Military Ball, she was made sponsor of the R.O.T.C. Being very capable in dramatics and knowing things that go on in the dramatic world gave her the office of dramatic editor of the 1929 *Dacotah*.

This year Alpha Beta loses nine very capable girls to the alumnæ. They are Genevieve Parsons, Clara Sperry, Vivian Law, Borghild Mork, Dorothy Muldowney, Mildred Johnson, Alma Lykken, Francis Haagenon, and Lois McMichael. Even though they are leaving and regret to go, the same old "Spirit of Gamma Phi" remains to carry on.

LOIS McMICHAEL

ENGAGEMENTS

Vivian Law, '28, to Mr. Harry Wise.

Hazel Larson, '27, to Mr. Harold Westerdahl, Beta Theta Pi, University of North Dakota.

Dorothy Edwards, '27, to Mr. Hans Thorgrimson, Sigma Nu, University of North Dakota, '28.

MARRIAGES

On February 8, 1928, at Urbana, Illinois, Jeanette Madge Allen, '27, to Mr. Chester L. Bridgman, Sigma Chi, University of North Dakota, '28. Mr. and Mrs. Bridgman will be at home after April 15 at Jamestown, North Dakota.

On December 27, 1927, at St. Paul, Minnesota, Louise Ryan, '24, to Mr. Harold Franklyn. Mr. and Mrs. Franklyn will be at home after March 1 at Minot, North Dakota.

BIRTH

To Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Ruhlman (Vivien Mettler, '19), on February 11, 1928, a daughter, Barbara Joyce.

ALPHA GAMMA—UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA

*Campus honors—members true—
Alpha Gamma—here's to you!*

Midsemester—and it seems as if we had barely started! Everything has gone by so fast it seems scarcely possible that there is not much time left before Commencement. This year we are losing nine seniors, and it certainly gives one a strangely lonesome feeling when we think of the house without them next year.

We have two new pledges, Phillis Steinheimer, and Frances Gorman; both sweet and charming girls. This, after a very conservative second semester rushing season, gave us much satisfaction.

Margaret Nachtrieb visited us the last week in January and everyone fell quite in love with her. She gave us so many things that made us feel close in the bonds of Gamma Phi, and we all feel that her visit was a decided inspiration.

Recently the pledges gave a Mothers' Tea, which was a decided success. Many of the out-of-town mothers were able to attend and they were greatly pleased with the affair.

We gave a highly successful tea in honor of Margaret Nachtrieb, when she was here, and plan another soon in honor of our housemother, Miss Clara Lindsey. So there's much to anticipate.

Initiation was held on February 19 for nine girls, and we felt truly inspired after the ceremonies, which were followed by a gorgeous banquet at the Riverside Hotel. Those initiated were Alyce Couch, Louise Rawson, Margaret Smith, Elizabeth Johnstone, Gladys Wittenburg, Edna Clark, Cecilia Hawkins, Dolores Lozano, and Elizabeth Burritt.

Laverne Blundell, Loretta Miller, Margaret Smith, and Cecelia Hawkins made the honor roll last semester, and we're naturally proud of them. Also Margaret Smith and Barbara Horton received bids to Delta Alpha Epsilon, English honor society, this semester.

Our formal is the next event for which we are preparing, and we're greatly excited over the plans for it.

Alpha Gamma is still going strong, and we're going just that way next semester, and all the following one.

BARBARA HORTON

ALPHA DELTA—UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI

*Through golden mists and fairy gleams
We glimpse the mansion of our dreams.*

There is great rejoicing in Alpha Delta, for our new house is begun. It will be completed by fall. Finally, we are to know that thrilling experience which comes from the crystallization of dreams. It seems wonderful to walk out in the spring sunshine to the other side of the campus and watch the workmen erecting partitions and nailing down boards. There we can see where the chapter room is to be, and the living-room, above. No longer a dream, but slowly materializing into reality! And by fall, it will be finished—a stately three-story brick house, with huge white pillars.

We seniors sigh at times, when we think no one is around, as we realize that we shall never know the joys of living in a new chapter house.

Last week, one of our girls, Winifred Douglass of Kansas City, played the lead in *Anna Christie*. This was one of the three big dramatic productions on the campus this year. To have the lead in one of these is a great honor, and to play it as Winifred played Anna is indeed deserving of much praise.

Several weeks ago, we had a tea-dance which was—several years ago, I would have said “simply perfect” or “absolutely heavenly,” but, having grown wiser and more conservative in the interim—a vast success. Many college men have told us that they'd rather come to a Gamma Phi party than any other. Of course, they were probably only giving us a good line, but it sounded well, anyhow.

ELIZABETH HARTWIG

ALPHA EPSILON—UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

*The treasure fleet sails slowly by—
It docks at the port of Gamma Phi,
What ho!*

Blatant shouts, noisy raucous cheers, in fact, joy is unconfined in our midst, for we want to announce that the first treasure fleet has docked cargo in Alpha Epsilon's port.

Let me give you a glimpse of its prizes.

What ho! First they bring ashore a banner emblazoned with the words—*First Place in Scholarship Captured by Gamma Phi Beta*—and that from all of the competing sororities and fraternities—little wonder we're thrilled.

Next, the gang plank lowers and we see crossing the threshold and entering the mystic door of Gamma Phi Beta, seven splendid looking women stepping with confident stride of those on whom achievement has been crowned. The starred passenger list bears the following names of successful initiates: Miss Genevieve Gardner on whom was bestowed the Maude Plunket honor Crescent of distinction; Miss Mary Baldwin, who wears the scholarship ring for glory attained in a high scholarly average; Miss Evelyn Smith, Miss Judith Bordwell, Miss Marianne Gilbert, Miss Thelma Bennington, and Miss Ruth Hoyt.

Following at a respectful distance come three less familiar, but none the less charming passengers, who will by the next cruise also have merited entrance into the inner sanctuary. They are: Jean Loring, a dusky brunette of friendly camaraderie from San Diego, California; also, Betty Light, a slender sweet child of many capabilities from Kingman, Arizona; and Betty Doyle, who gaily, laughingly nods a pretty brown head of tiny curls—her home is in Los Angeles.

With a booming blast the vessel lifts anchor as it hastens onward in search of more conquests to assemble for deposit in this sunny port.

Lest you tire of my symbolizing I'll launch into my own vernacular for variety's sake. Ione Sparks will represent our chapter at Stanford in April when the province delegates gather there.

Dances and more dances feature week-days and week-ends. The Senior Follies, Arizona's famous musical sensation, has as recruits from our house: Genie Pendleton, La Verne Rodee, Evelyn Smith, and Thelma Bennington. The house dance on March 9 honoring the seven initiates was the best ever in its lovely display of happy couples, green streamers, shamrocks and bright confetti.

DOROTHY HOULE

BIRTH

To Elsie Duncan Tucker, a son.

ALPHA ZETA—UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

*Alpha Zeta's moved into a house that's "new"—
With colors brown and mode—all tried and true,
And they say there is a formal garden, too—
While the honeysuckle's blooming o'er the door!*

Such curious freshmen! They couldn't imagine what the great secret was, but it must be something quite out of the ordinary, to judge from the way that the older girls gathered in corners to talk in excited whispers about this most important matter. And then one Thursday night at pledge supper they were told: in two weeks we were to move, move away from the house on Twenty-fourth and Rio Grande, to a house that really is brown and mode, a house that is glorious in its roominess, a house stately and distinctive in its dignity, quite in keeping with what a true chapter house should be.

Meanwhile, the seventeen freshmen who had made their grades were to be initiated. It was really quite the logical time—freshmen make such good window-washers and furniture painters. (Although the A.T.O.'s almost made them break silence when they came over and wanted to help wash the windows.) The girls initiated included Eloise Miller, Marguerite Wiseman, Nance E. Brandenburg, Janet Anne Carter, Magdalene Charlton, Moleta LeFors, Mary Helen Cockrum, Gwendolyn Shepherd, Augusta Ione Shivers, Emma Jean Donald, Helen Ebeling, Irene Earl McClelland, Jessie Northcutt, Emma Virginia Deckerd, Margaret Lipscomb, Ruth Wyatt, and Lynn Woodward. Incidentally, this was the

largest number initiated by any sorority on the campus. Is it any wonder that we are just a little bit proud, and particularly of those who made the honor roll?

We haven't been in the "new" house on the corner of Nueces and Twenty-fourth a month yet, so it isn't furnished so completely as it will be before long. One of our beloved alumnae, Marion Hord Wilson, is counseling us on the matter of interior decorations. Just back of the side entrance is an ideal spot for a little formal garden, and one of our patronesses, Mrs. E. L. Steck, has already started it for us. It won't be long, either, until the honeysuckle is blooming over the front entrance. Inside, there is added attractiveness because of the gifts that come from the different girls: the tapestry and fireside bench from Doris Lea, the rug from Mary Frances Llewellyn, the console table and telephone stand from Mary Lyle Vincent. The mothers are sending gifts, too. Mrs. Ruckman selected the console set, and Mary Frank's mother sent us the antique andirons for the largest fireplace—we have three downstairs. There are innumerable bedrooms upstairs, and one that is known exclusively as the "Alumnæ Room."

Things have been happening on the campus, too. Doris Lea was elected to Omicron Nu. As for Eloise Miller—but let's just quote what was said on the front page of the *Daily Texan* about Eloise:

"Eloise Miller, a member of the Gamma Phi Beta sorority and Curtain Club, has been selected to be in the play *Apple Sauce* Sunday afternoon and night with the professional Hancock Players. . . . The director of the Orpheum Players, Mr. LaSalle, discovered Miss Miller's talent by directing a musicale in which she had a part." Needless to say, Eloise covered herself and Alpha Zeta with glory by the excellence of her performance.

Dana Bramlette, who is back on the campus this year, is the author of *The Old Ones*, a short story appearing in the last issue of the *Longhorn*, the campus literary magazine. Helen Hamilton is the new president of Mortar Board.

It was a great joy to see Rachel Dunaway for a few days before she went on to Amarillo, and was married to Reavis Cox on February 18.

Gertrude MacRae's visit with us will long be remembered. After knowing her, one realizes that here is a woman, charming and poised, who embodies all the ideals for which Gamma Phi Beta stands. The news of what the other chapters are doing, the problems they have and how they are being met, the helpful suggestions about our own—our only wish is that she could be with us longer.

VIRGINIA MONTAGUE

ALPHA ETA—OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

*"Three out of five!" the chapter cries.
"Twill cause us not the least surprise
If Alpha Eta wins the prize."*

At the first March meeting of Alpha Eta we elected our new officers for next year: Pauline Pfeiffer, president; Katherine and Mable Lowry, joint vice-presidents; Mary Margaret Edwards, treasurer; Beatrice Haskins, recording secretary; Virginia Madden, corresponding secretary; and Mildred Grove, steward of our rooms. They will assume office just after spring vacation which ends April 11. "Puss" Pfeiffer and "Fran" Ledman were elected as our delegates for the Province Conference at Epsilon on March 17-18.

"Hellie Lou" Robinson has brought new honors to our group by being elected to Theta Alpha Phi, the national honorary dramatic fraternity. She played the lead, that of an old mountaineer woman, in *Sunup* by Lula

Vollmer, the fraternity's annual play. She was also selected as one of the ten representative women of the Junior class. "Gin" Madden was one of the ten sophomore women chosen.

Bowling has become a favorite recreation on the campus and because there is an intramural tournament, the alleys are filled with girls all day. Our team, composed of Mary Lu Selby, Ruth Stevens, Florence Merrill, Fran Boyd and Kit Lowry, have won three games out of five. A lovely silver loving cup is the prize which would add to our collection.

Omicron Delta Kappa, the senior men's honorary fraternity, is going to give a musical comedy, *It's All in Good Clean Fun*, April 12. "Puss" Pfeiffer and "Stevie" Stephens are representing us in the cast and "Jo" Suttles is the costume designer and manager.

Because we felt the need of a raise in scholarship we've plugged and Phi Beta all semester. As a result we came up quite a bit on the list and our average is 1.775 instead of 1.56 of last year. We have also made a chart of our freshmen's grades and it is at the rooms with the demerit list for "preps."

We will hold initiation on March 24 at Peggy Bing's home, for the eleven pledges who made their point average.

Martha Ballinger, ex-'29, of Cleveland paid us a week-end visit not long ago. She and Marge Meyers, '27, are working in the big Ohio metropolis where Martha is taking fencing lessons. Eleanor Quass, '27, also of Cleveland, spent last week-end with us. Ruth Werst, Sidney, who graduated in January was our guest for a few days in March.

"Jo" Suttles, as house steward, has made several improvements and when a picture was taken for our annual, *Le Bijou*, we were very proud of the rooms.

Open house was given for all the men at Monnett and Austin Hall February 25. This was supposedly an opportunity for the dear brothers to see how co-eds live! But no one recognized her neighbors' rooms for everything was spick and span. "Selby," who has a movie machine, entertained our guests with intimate pictures of the crowd.

Mary Jane Joyslin, an athletic major and an excellent swimmer, has been selected to be the head of that sport for the women in W.A.A.

"Beo" Haskins is head of soccer and she has been chosen for the Army-Navy varsity basketball team. "Lib" Rice was a member of the Army-Navy hockey team last fall.

VIRGINIA MADDEN

MARRIAGE

Esther Acklin to Mr. John Pfeiffer, Alpha Chi Rho.

BIRTH

To Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth E. Hudson (Gwendolyn B. Mills, Alpha Eta), on December 15, 1927, a daughter, Ann Lee. Mr. and Mrs. Hudson are residing at 995½ Alder Street, Eugene, Oregon.

ALPHA IOTA—UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT LOS ANGELES

*The crescent light shines o'er
The Alph' Iota door.*

A gloriously successful rush season, initiation, banquets, and presentation have been keeping the Alpha Iotas on the run ever since the beginning of the semester. What an effort actually to settle down to study!

Katie Simonson certainly deserves much credit for the way that she managed rush week. Everything went off perfectly, and seemed to be remarkably well organized. The night before preference, Mrs. George E.

Cryer was kind enough to let us use her home for a formal dance; and that served as a good drawing card in the subsequent success of our preference night banquet. Emily Berry arranged to have it at the Hollywood Athletic Club, and you can imagine her pride when several of the alumnae applauded it as being one of the most impressive Gamma Phi banquets that any of them had attended. The following Monday night we pledged what we consider ten marvelous girls: Margaret Griebnow, Frances Rodgers, Fredricka Monten, Lucille Gould, Mildred Bain, June Hansen, Mary Jo Patrick, Ruth Ann Younglove, Dorothy Crist and Martha Sellemeyer. Already we are hard at work instilling the spirit of Gamma Phi in their hearts.

February 26 was also one big day in the programs of all the girls—and especially so to a chosen few who were initiated. These new girls promise to be a valuable addition to the chapter and especially will help in putting through our new house at Westwood. Mrs. Coffman loaned us her home for initiation, and that was followed by the usual formal banquet at the Woman's Athletic Club. Kate Frost, 'Our Kate,' was a toastmistress of noble qualities. Everyone was simply aghast at the clever songs that the new girls composed for the event. Someday, you will probably hear some Alpha Iota sing at least one of them.

On March 8 the Gamma Phi Beta house presented its new pledges to the campus at a formal tea, and the place was certainly mobbed with people. We cherish the hope that it was at least half the success that some of the callers said it was. March 11 we held an open house from seven to ten, after a gorgeous all day party that Margaret Shirm's mother gave the girls en masse. Next Wednesday night we are planning to give our poor fathers a banquet, keep them well amused for a while, and then as tactfully as possible, broach them on the subject of finances for our new house at Westwood. That problem is now one of the definite present, as the regents of the university recently announced that we would be located on the new site next February. Unfortunately for all the houses on the entire campus, the Teachers' College will not be moved out for some long time in the future, and, of course, that tragically means that all sororities will find their chapters smaller, just at the crucial moment when they all need so awfully much co-operation and strength.

However, to touch upon a lighter subject, I should like to insert a little something about the crescent light that Katie got for rush week and hung up on the front balcony of the house. The rushees, girls, and Greeks on the campus all raved about the idea so much that we use it now for all our special occasions like the open house Sunday night of last week. The whole thing was very novel, and certainly received a great amount of enthusiasm from all sources.

AILEEN TAYLOR

ALPHA KAPPA—UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA

*Manitoba seems to pick
A Gamma Phi for Lady Stick.*

The excitement and thrill of rushing and pledging is over, but Alpha Kappa has to her credit nine lovely pledges, namely, Eleanor Bridgman, Betty Andrews, Betty Gilman, Alfreda Lehmann, Eleanor Dutton, Francis Tisdale, Jean Eaglesham, Helen Chambers and Fredericka FitzPatrick. Each and every one of them is outstanding, and will surely make the best of Gamma Phis. The chapter is now preparing for the next important event—the initiation of these pledges.

With the spring term speeding on its way, elections of next year's officers seem to be the important phase of University life. More than ever are we proud of the offices that Gamma Phis are filling. Marjorie

Heeney has been elected Lady Stick—the highest honor that could be given to any Arts girl. This is the sixth successive year that this position has been filled by a Gamma Phi. Marjorie is also to be congratulated for her fine work as leading lady in the university play which was so successful this year. Evelyn Reyecraft has the position of vice-president of the Co-eds' Executive and Betty Gilman, one of our freshmen, is secretary of this Executive. Betty Rowland, Eleanor Bridgman, and Betty Andrews have the three highest honors in their respective years—that of vice-president of fourth, third, and second years. Eleanor Bridgman is also basketball representative. Our freshmen are fast finding their places and will do their part in keeping Gamma Phi strong in campus leadership. Isabel Little is secretary of the Women's Executive at the Medical College, and the Permanent Executive of class '28 has two Gamma Phi representatives in Gertrude Robson and Nellie McNichol.

Alpha Kappa has instituted a new method of answering the roll call. Each girl answers to her name with the number of hours she has spent in studying during the previous week. A minimum number of hours is set, and beware to the girl who falls below. In this way we are hoping to see the chapter average better than ever in the spring examinations.

HELEN HAMILTON

DELINQUENT ALUMNÆ CHAPTERS

Reno—Mrs. Pearl Turner.

ANN ARBOR

*Through memory's ever tender, ever golden haze
We reveled in the glimpse of other days.*

The initiation banquet which took place March 3 is perhaps the thing which is uppermost in the minds of Beta alumnae just at present. The initiation banquet was unusually interesting for the alumnae because it traced the history of Beta by means of old letters and old photographs. Miss Randall brought back old yearbooks, *The Palladium*, by name, the predecessor of *The Michiganesian*. Adelaide Symons, who spoke for the Freshman class, happened to be the daughter of Bess Ryder Symons, a Gamma Phi, so she was able, perhaps partly because of this fact, to give a very lovely response for her class.

The alumnae chapter of Detroit did a very fine and thoughtful thing in presenting the active chapter with fifty dollars to be spent as they saw fit. The money has been put to immediate use in purchasing some folding chairs for the chapter room and the dining-room. Everybody felt that this initiation was one of the finest that have ever been held.

Mrs. Ernest Barbour, national president, recently made a visit to Ann Arbor. She was entertained at tea in the home of Marion Dickinson Shaw, and also at a tea given by the active chapter at the house. Mrs. Barbour discussed some of the problems confronting national in regard to finances and other things.

At a meeting held at the home of Sarah Hardy Adams, plans for Biennial were discussed, and June 17, 1928, was the date set so that those who are returning for class reunions may also attend Biennial. There will be a meeting at eleven o'clock in the morning, followed by a luncheon. The time was set so as not to conflict with plans for class reunions and the university affairs. We are hoping that a great many will find it possible to return at that time.

The following information concerning some of the alumnae may be of interest:

Caroline Colver Potter (Mrs. Nathan S.) and her family are abroad for six months.

Margaret Douglas Bement (Mrs. Howard) is now in North Carolina where Mr. Bement is head master of the Asheville School for Boys.

ELIZABETH PIKE

DEATHS

Esther Braley Tower (Beta, '98) of Carmel-by-the-Sea died in Santa Barbara on January 14, 1928.

Dr. Karl K. Koessler of Chicago, husband of Jessie Horton Koessler, died on February 13, 1928.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Charles McCallum (Helen Reese), on December 30, 1927, a son, Charles Edward.

To Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Brumbaugh (Caroline Stein), on December 16, 1927, a daughter, Sally.

BALTIMORE

*Whenever Baltimoreans meet,
They register a special treat.*

The alumnae of Baltimore have had several treats recently. One was a most interesting address at the February meeting by Mrs. Roland Evans at the home of Florence Olhm Hawkins. Mrs. Evans is here on leave from Cameroon, Africa, and she gave us a vivid and fascinating picture of her life there. The second great treat was the visit to Baltimore of our national president and our secretary-treasurer. We held our March meetings, followed by a tea for Mrs. Barbour and Miss Camerer at the Baltimore Country Club. They both addressed the meeting and were most interesting in their presentation of recent sorority news.

We are planning a benefit for our Endowment Fund. This to be in the form of a Gilbert and Sullivan Opera, *Princess Ida*, at the Little Theater Guild on April 11. This light opera is a take-off on higher education for women.

We alumnae were all delighted when Madeline Clay, the president of Zeta Chapter, was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. Madeline is a decidedly pretty and charming Philadelphia girl who has been one of the outstanding girls in Goucher during her four years here.

A number of alumnae, escorted by husbands or best beaux, attended the very beautiful dance given by the active chapter in the Belvedere Owl Room on March 9.

Mary Baker and Bess McCain Dahlinger are visiting in Augusta, Georgia. Nell Watts Clark is still in Montreaux, Switzerland, where her son's health is improving. Carrie Hill Tankersley, Zeta, '24, has a son. Charlotte Busch, Zeta, '27, has visited here several times this winter. Lucy Weaver, Zeta, '27, is to be married on April 19 to Mr. August Denham. They will live in Baltimore. Harriet Tynes, Zeta, '24, is in Louisville, Kentucky, in the Department of Health.

MARGARET LIPPINCOTT EMMONS

BOSTON

*A spirit of camaraderie
Is found within the N.P.C.*

With all the festivities attendant upon Panhellenic just past, and with the joy of meeting so many of our national officers yet vibrant, we are, at

this writing, hardly back to normal. We were so glad to welcome Mrs. Barbour, Lillian Thompson, Alice Camerer and Alice Dibble to Boston. Of course, we always receive many lovely letters from the various officers in Central Office and so feel as if we know them, but there is nothing that quite comes up to the personal meeting, if only to see if we approve of their smiles and latest bobs. Well—we did, most decidedly, and hope they had such a good time that they will be eager to come again!

The dinner Monday night at Miss Webb's Coffee Shop was a small and cozy affair. It was unusual because, of Delta's four founders, Mary Wellington and Emma Lowd were there in person, Minnie Cass Reynolds sent her daughter, Alice, and Louise Putnam was represented by her two sisters, Augusta and Elizabeth. Also, it brought together six past grand presidents, Mary Wellington, Emma Lowd, Elizabeth Putnam Clarke, Mary Shepherd, Lillian Thompson and Grace Howard Smith. Mrs. Barbour, although unable to attend the dinner, came in later. Others attending were Atossa Thomas, Susan Philbrook, Betty Macy Kauffman, Ruth Clarke Staples, Carlotta Brant, Helen Bemis Sawyer, Marjorie White, Isabel Sweetser, Gladys Kingman, Pauline Sawyer, Katherine Whiting, Alice Dibble, Alice Camerer, Harriet Rose Willcutt, Agnes Wells, Ruth Chandler and Marion Loud.

Agnes Wells, Beta, dean of women at Indiana University, addressed the Deans of Women Conference at the Copley Plaza Thursday afternoon. A number of our girls, having met her at the dinner Monday night, went in to hear her talk.

PERSONALS

We are most happy to have Emma Lowd, who has been in New York for a number of years, back with us again.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Charlton, Jr. (Elizabeth Moore), are spending the season at Palm Beach.

Carlotta Brant enjoyed a trip to Bermuda the first of the year.

Mrs. E. R. Grabow (Florine Courtwright) is enjoying the winter at Hollywood, Florida.

Dr. and Mrs. Willis M. Townsend (Harriette Stone) sailed for Bermuda last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hewnis (Edith Everett) are spending the winter in Arizona.

Florence M. Strickland, ex-'28, of Delta Chapter, is sailing with her father from New York, April 28, for a three months' tour of Europe. Florence is the daughter of Antoinette Brown, Alpha Chapter, class of 1900.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth McDougall (Olive E. Johnson) a daughter, Margaret, on November 17, 1927.

CHICAGO

*A secret now from you to me—
"Just cultivate—publicity."*

Chicago alumnæ have discovered a secret. We should like to pass it on to other Gamma Phis for perhaps they can profit by it as we are doing. We have always talked a lot about how deplorable it is that all other sororities have so much publicity and are so frequently mentioned in news items and society columns, etc., and one seldom sees Gamma Phi in print. But, heretofore, all we did was talk. This spring we appointed a live, enthusiastic and competent girl to have charge of publicity. Our name is in the papers every few days for something and any individual whose deeds

are recorded is always quoted as being a Gamma Phi. Our attendance at monthly luncheons has doubled already and that is only one of the many benefits we expect to reap.

At the annual election of officers in January Mary Alice Budinger was chosen to lead us this year as our president. Mary Dunn was elected recording secretary and Helen Northrup keeps her work as treasurer.

The alumnae held what we call a big sister tea at the lovely new home of Mary Alice Budinger in February. Each Epsilon freshman was assigned to some alumna, the latter to act as big sister all through the year. Each freshman was called for, taken to the party then taken home again by her big sister. Everyone got well acquainted and we came home more convinced than ever of what a wonderful group of freshmen were at Epsilon.

Province conference is to be held at Evanston this week-end with Epsilon and Chicago as joint hostesses. A big Panhellenic banquet is to be given Saturday noon, and Saturday night there will be a Gamma Phi banquet at the North Shore Hotel in Evanston.

We are planning another large card party this spring in order to make more of the coveted dollars.

Best wishes from Chicago to all Gamma Phis everywhere.

GALDYS WILLIAMS PFEIFER

PERSONALS

Billie Bauer, Epsilon, '19, has a little girl, Barbara.

Jane Hoffman, Epsilon, '19, has been spending the winter in California.

Elizabeth Hardy, Betty Crandall and Dorothea Cutler have all moved into lovely new houses in North Evanston.

CLEVELAND

Luncheon for the Dean from Beta— Many plans for Alpha Eta.

With the hint of spring in the air it is a far cry to write about a Christmas party; but it was held after the last letter was on its way and it was such a nice one that I can't leave it out. This year it took the form of a luncheon at the Women's City Club; we entertained the Alpha Eta pledges and several of the active girls, Eleanore Selby, Kathrine and Mabel Lowry and the president, Katherine Whitney.

Our February meeting might well be called "Alpha Eta Day"; for we had luncheon at the home of Florence Freeman, with Frances Hecker and Eleanor Quass as assisting hostesses. We were very glad to have the pleasure of meeting Antoinette Main from the active chapter, who was the guest of honor, and to welcome Marjorie Myers, our new member. The only thing to mar the day was having to say goodbye to Helen Williams who left that night for her home in Streator, Illinois. We miss her and hope that her new plans will bring her back to Cleveland. We are very proud of Helen for her splendid work on the new budget.

Some of us had the pleasure recently of meeting Rebecca Eaton, Alpha, when she was here in the interest of Hindman Settlement School. She is field secretary for this school and gave a very interesting talk at the Women's City Club.

Agnes Wells, Beta, dean of women at the University of Indiana, attended the N.E.A. convention which was held in Boston simultaneously with the Panhellenic Congress. On her return she was the guest for a few hours of Mary Lyons Dibble, Nan Dimmick joining them for luncheon. Dean Wells and Mary were classmates at Michigan and the reunion was a most enjoyable one.

Alice Dibble also stopped off on her return from Panhellenic Congress and spent two days with her mother.

We are all rejoicing with Abbie Lane Geibel over the birth of little Nancy Jean, February 14.

Nan Dimmick was the hostess for the March luncheon, Florence Adams assisting her. Lillian Boynton Smith, one of our loyal members, who has been ill this winter, was able to be with us again and we were all glad to have her and to see her looking so much better. We missed Helen Sander at this luncheon as she was in New York. Marion Deming Harr and Marjorie Myers were elected delegates to the Province Conference to be held in Evanston, March 16-18, and plans were discussed for the Mothers' Tea to be given later. At this meeting we welcomed Martha Ballinger (Alpha Eta). The pleasant task of greeting new members is giving us the feeling that Cleveland Chapter is having a sure and steady growth.

OLIVE MOORHEAD BECKWITH

COLUMBUS

*With charming grace and welcome hearty,
Columbus gives its first big party.*

Columbus Alumnæ Chapter enjoyed its first real party of the year on Saturday, January 7, when, as joint hostesses with the Gamma Phi Beta Mothers' Club of Delaware, it entertained with a bridge luncheon at the Maramore in Columbus, for the active members and pledges of Alpha Eta. About twenty tables were filled, and many delightful acquaintances were made between actives and alumnæ and, last but not least, with the Alpha Eta mothers whose loyal interest in Alpha Eta is famous.

On March 1, eight of the Columbus alumnæ met at the home of Mrs. Warren Sisson for dinner and a very interesting business meeting. Letters were read from a number of out-of-town alumnæ, expressing interest in our newly organized chapter; and we greatly hope to increase our membership and strength before another year.

MARGARET R. SISSON

MARRIAGE

In June, Ada Radcliffe, assistant dean of women at Ohio State University, to Mr. Nathan Marple of Columbus.

BIRTH

To Mr. and Mrs. Glen Oliver, a daughter.

DENVER

*"Over the lake the time has gone
As the sun must go at the close of day,
And the waves they tumble and roll and fawn
And the elders gossip as elders may."*

Initiation day! When Gamma Phi Betas from charter members to the babies of the organization mingle and the elders gossip as elders may! With the usual evidence of keeping up with the times, Theta of Gamma Phi Beta turned her initiation banquet hall into a radio station fully equipped to broadcast or receive.

Miniature radio boxes concealed programs and other objects of a more edible nature, officially known as "screws, lugs and nuts," while more than seventy Gamma Phis gathered at the Brown Palace Hotel, February 25. Chellie S. Wright, Sr., was toastmistress while Chellie, Jr., presented

the year's happenings in chronological order. Everyone enjoyed hearing Nina Thompson's lovely voice and Myrna Louise Snyder's violin as well as the toasts given by Genevieve Park, Agnes Hawkins, Margaret Cullen, Genevieve Young, Jane Butchart, Lindsey Barbee, Maxine Hair and Chellie Wright.

Nine new members were welcomed, three of them Gamma Phi sisters, and included Lucille Albright, France Barr, Katherine Bartlett, Helen Cullen, Lydia Day, Marian Dowson, Joy Kinkle, Genevieve Park and Virginia Ramsey.

But the banquet has not been our only excitement or work during the past few weeks. With the Gamma Phi Beta camp for undernourished children an ever-present responsibility and with financial assistance an ever-present need, we sold theater tickets and under the able management of Kathleen Kennedy Jacobs cleared \$156. We are still enjoying good sales from our Gamma Phi Beta playing cards which, we understand, are obtaining quite a vogue in various parts of the country. Speaking of those cards, reminds us of Katherine Wigginton, Theta, who is responsible for the clever design. Katherine, who has been attending Reed College at Portland, Oregon, became Mrs. Hugh L. Nelson, January 29, and has now taken up her residence in San Francisco.

And, last but by no means least, we come to the annual play which Lindsey always writes for Theta. At the risk of appearing to steal other people's thunder, we must declare that it was "the best yet." Snappy and clever, it puts its players through their paces in a manner calculated to hold its audience and hold its audience it did through chuckles and thrills. *Have You Seen the Queen?* was based on college scenes and actions, a subject on which Lindsey is a past master. As for the players and their rôles, that must be left to the active chapter to discuss.

Now for a little gossip among us elders: the call of the far countries is being answered by many of our Gamma Phis. By the time this letter is read, Beatrice Edwards will have landed in Germany and joined Mildred Biddick and a friend for a flivver trip from Copenhagen to Albania. Three Men in a Boat will have nothing on those Three Girls in a Ford when they complete their three-months' adventure. Beatrice sailed March 26 from New York on the S.S. *George Washington*. Would that she had needed a secretary!

Gertrude Thams is reported to be basking in the Honolulu sunshine and to have become so in love with Hawaii that she cannot come down to any rational statement concerning a return home. Josephine Maroney sailed March 7 for Paris to study some three months. Coming closer to home, Helen Strauss Crowder is planning a trip to California, we hear, while Reba Dawson has been enjoying a holiday in Kansas City where she visited friends. Betsy Gage Murray, they tell us, is now making her home in Peru, South America, while Margaret Marr Marvin has taken an apartment at 380 Riverside Drive, New York City. Florence Kob Adler has been visiting her mother here, accompanied by a handsome eight-months-old son. Florence lives in Wisconsin where the snow is "head-high" in winter.

At the February meeting which was held at June Butchart's we were glad to welcome Annette McMillan, Rho; Gladys Auman, Rho; and Mary Smith Schoonover, Sigma. We hope they will come again and often. Our March meeting was held at Jessie Huffsmith Schepferman's home.

Before we close, we must tell the world that Dorothy Bell Joyce, our vice-president, is up and around again. Dorothy had removed one of those unnecessary objects known as an appendix.

EDNA M. TRAYLOR

MARRIAGES

On February 8, at the Church of the Transfiguration in New York, Margaret Marion Maurer, Theta, ex-'28, to Mr. Richard Gose Marvin. Mr. and Mrs. Marvin are at home at 380 Riverside Drive, New York.

On January 29 in Portland, Katherine Wigginton, Theta, to Mr. Hugh L. Nelson. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson will reside in San Francisco.

DES MOINES

*Letters to absent Gamma Phis
Bring inspirational replies.*

Three meetings have passed since my last letter. Our January meeting was held at the home of Helen Johnson Cummings with Mildred Nutting Leibald and Francis Nelson Wherry assistant hostesses.

Election of officers followed the luncheon and all of last year's officers were re-elected. For the past several meetings we have been gathering at the home of some member and she, assisted by two others, serves the luncheon, for which we pay fifty cents. This fifty cents goes into the treasury and helps to fill the coffers a little.

Our February meeting was at the home of Mrs. J. B. Synhorst with Cloris Waterbury Straight and Francis Turner Byers assisting. The letter from the expansion chairman was read and voted upon. Mrs. Lloyd was elected delegate to the Province Conference at Madison, Wisconsin. We were reminded that we had just one more month in which to earn our two dollars which were pledged at the December meeting. Various ways of earning this said money were reported, such as the making of home-made candies, fudge cakes, cookies, aprons, rosettes, baby mittens, etc.

Our meeting in March found us at the lovely new home of Ruth Emery Doolittle with Mary Belle Nethercutt and Mary Martin assistant hostesses. Necessary new legislation of national and new budget were acted upon. Mrs. Mishler, correspondent, reported that twenty-eight letters had been sent out to Gamma Phi Betas through the state asking them to affiliate with the Des Moines Alumnae Chapter. Quite a generous response has been received and we are hoping for more. Each one, in answering, voices the same sentiment of how she has missed *THE CRESCENT* and wants it again so that she will know the doings of Gamma Phi Beta. Here's for the continued success of the cream paper with the brown cover!

SADIE W. MISHLER

DETROIT

*The meetings hold variety—
A bridge, a dinner and a tea!*

Two monthly meetings of Detroit Alumnae have been held since our last letter, neither of which your *CRESCENT* correspondent was able to attend, unfortunately for her, for from reports both were very pleasant occasions. Evelyn Roelin May, of Beta, lent her charming home for the evening bridge held January 13, and though it was a Friday, too, the ancient hoodoo failed to work, and the committee, composed of Winifred Hubbell, Mildred Maloney, and Mrs. A. G. Brookes, arranged a delightful party.

The great thrill of the evening, of course, was the presence of our national president, Mrs. Barbour. She was entertained at dinner at the Wardell Hotel by the chapter officers, preceding the evening meeting; and problems, both local and of wider scope, were informally discussed. We felt it indeed a privilege to have her with us.

Helen Tuthill Pulford's always hospitable doors swung open for the tea held on Saturday, February 11. The committee in charge was Marion McKenzie, Helen O'Leary and Mrs. Paul Davis. A new member, Mrs. E. M. Callis, was welcomed to our roll on this day.

On March 14 we are to enjoy a dinner party at the home of Mrs. Flinterman, with Mrs. Bowen, Mrs. Holmes, Paula Henze, Mrs. McKay and Clara Hosie, assisting the hostess.

Dorothy Sweet Welchli and Helen Pulford visited the Toronto chapter the last of January in their official capacity and report a very delightful time.

As province director and province secretary, respectively, Dorothy and Helen will attend the province conference in Evanston the week-end of March 17, and it is hoped one or two other Detroit alumnae may be present, also. The girls plan to motor over if the weather permits.

Marion Flaherty of Gamma is to spend a short time in Baltimore in April, on business for the J. L. Hudson Company.

Mary Atwood of Gamma, who is teaching in the Liggett School for Girls in Detroit this winter, is a recent addition to our membership.

The approaching marriage of Winifred Hubbell to Mr. Bernat H. Sherwood of Grand Haven, to take place early in April, is of double interest to us all, as Mr. Sherwood's daughter, Lucinda, is a member of Beta Chapter and is known to many Detroit alumnae.

HILDEGARDE HAGERMAN JOHN

KANSAS CITY

*Of Alpha Delta's house a mention—
Also the plans for next convention.*

The Kansas City Chapter is enthusiastically looking forward to the arrival of Mrs. Ernest Barbour, our national president, who is to come the last of April on her way to Province III's Convention, held at Urbana, Illinois, April 27-29. We hope at this time Mrs. Barbour will approve our plans to hold the next national convention of Gamma Phi Beta in Kansas City.

We are working continually under the splendid direction of Elsie Frisbie Norman on the budget for convention. On February 24 Gamma Phi had a line party at the Kansas City Theater to see *Enter Madame*—and incidentally cleared sixteen dollars by the sale of tickets in addition to supporting that worthy dramatic organization. Much credit is due Allis Haren, who managed the ticket sale, and her committee: Laverne Brough Stover, Margaret Lodge Hovey and Laura Frances Cottingham.

A most outstanding accomplishment for our Kansas City Chapter is the increase in our active membership. We now have a roll call of forty-two against thirty-one of last year, and our new members are enthusiastic and active.

Gamma Phi Beta took a large part in the annual Panhellenic luncheon on February 18, but a more interesting report of this event will follow, ye editor having missed the party.

On February 21 the Alpha Delta alums had a buffet-dinner at the home of Adelaide Weeks. A series of these get-togethers were planned in order to keep up on the news of Alpha Delta's new house, and to help in having our ideal chapter house at Columbia by September 1.

Vada Morris, Adelaide Weeks, Frances Hubbard Glenn and Laura Frances Cottingham formed the alumnae committee from Kansas City and wrote two-page, longhand letters to all Alpha Delta girls to tell them of the hopes for the new house and the necessity of payment of pledges to the house fund by June 1. We are very happy over the replies we have

had from some of the girls and in the checks that have been sent to Rose Baker Reid, treasurer, in Columbia. We are proud to say that C. B. Rollins, the builder, has already excavated for the foundation on Richmond Avenue and we hope that Rose is receiving as steady a current of checks, as she did in February. Several people were misled by these newsy letters because of incorrect addresses on our files. We hope that they read *THE CRESCENT*!

We are glad to welcome back into our active membership Carolyn Jalley McAdow. She and "Mac" moved to Amarillo, Texas, after their marriage last spring, but find Kansas City the best place after all.

Laura Frances Cottingham

MARRIAGES

Marion Green, Alpha Delta, to Mr. Charles Lynn Johnson of Kansas City, on Monday, January 30, in Kansas City. One of her attendants was Gladys Seimon, an active member of Alpha Delta.

Martha Elizabeth Gunn, Alpha Delta, to Mr. Cecil Raymond Prettyman, Delta Upsilon from Kansas University, on February 25. Betty was attended by Laura Frances Cottingham, maid of honor and Corrine Heim, bridesmaid, both of Alpha Delta.

THE ANNUAL PANAHELLENIC LUNCHEON

[We wrote to Lindsey Barbee for her play, *Then Greek Met Greek*, but it was too long and dramatic to be used as a stunt when no stage was possible. So, with Lindsey's plot in the background, the sketch which had to include other sorority stunts, music and dances was written.]

At the annual winter Panhellenic luncheon held February 18 at the Ambassador Hotel, an exceedingly clever playlet entitled *All in a Rush*, written and produced by one of our prominent alumnae, Louise Saltmarsh Battis (still "Pep" to us) was presented. The scene is laid in Rushmore College during rush week, and centers around the doings of a freshman who is being rushed by all the big sororities. Each sorority is confident it will pledge her, and, to entertain her on the last day of rushing, each group gives a stunt in Rush Hall.

(At this point in the sketch each sorority represented in Kansas City Panhellenic gave an individual stunt—many of which were most entertaining.)

These were necessarily short—less than four minutes—and our own was also written by Pep. It presented an alumna looking at her "K" book recalling college days through her singing of a parody on "Among My Souvenirs." Of course Elsie Freshie Norman (what would we do without her?) was the girl and she gave, not only Gamma Phis but other sorority girls as well, a thrill by her beautiful singing. (Hear, all ye Sigma members who used to sigh as, by popular request she feelingly sang "At Dawning" or "Kiss Me Again.") One of her souvenirs was her first serenade, and, at the end of the first chorus, Anna Lois Voigts, Doris Shoemaker, and Caroline Harkroder Paxton sang "Gamma Phi I'll Ne'er Forget Thee" from backstage. That gave the audience another thrill, for they sang it beautifully. Elsie's song ended with the thought that she still had Gamma Phi—her living souvenir. And, needless to say, Elsie could put just such a thought over—and did.

To get back to the plot of the playlet, the prize rushee, much to the consternation of all concerned, pledges a local. This she does—perhaps you can guess—to please her boy friend, a senior from her home town, who has given her a heavy rush. But—alas for the freshman!—the said boy friend is engaged to one of the members of the local sorority (the

Kepa Lota Data, by name). Some typical situations arise and the humor was much appreciated by the audience.

Anna Lois Voigts, a last year Sigma graduate, did beautifully with one of the important rôles. And we were indeed proud of Pep to have written and directed such a clever sketch. (Incidentally she played the lead in the playlet given last year at this winter luncheon.) It recalled to the minds of some of us the two clever fashion shows she wrote and played in while at Kansas University, as well as many other plays and clever skits in which she took part.

LOS ANGELES

*Daffodils of golden hue
Symbolizing hearts so true.*

A coterie of Alpha Iota girls, headed by Marjorie Harricks and supplemented by Pat Cleland, Sarah Blount, Dorothea Cassidy and Mary Rich Ingledue, served as hostesses at the January meeting held at the Alpha Iota chapter house. Some forty sisters gathered around the bridge tables after meeting and one lucky member carried home a bit of pottery fashioned by Dorothea Cassidy, one of our art teachers in the city schools.

Grace Adele Berry opened her home for the *n*th time for the February luncheon meeting which was, as is always the case when we convene on Genessee Street, a delightful gathering. Constance Owens of Xi and Mabel Sperry Stone of Omicron assisted her. The seniors were our guests, that is, the two of them who could come.

Our next meeting is to be held at the Y.W.C.A. on the evening of March 28. We shall hear reports then from the Conference delegates. Marie Kuhl, of Epsilon, our Alpha Iota representative this year, was unanimously elected official delegate to Conference. We are hoping that a number of 'alums will motor to Stanford for the week-end.

April 28 is the date chosen for our big benefit bridge at the Roosevelt Hotel in Hollywood.

We are looking forward with eagerness to Mrs. Barbour's visit to the Pacific Coast.

I'd like to tell you about the eleven new Crescent wearers who gathered 'round the festive banquet board, sandwiched in between college Gamma Phis and alumnæ, but I suppose I'd be stealing Thuel Ross's thunder if I did. It's worth the price of admission just to hear them sing their original songs. With eleven like that, safely in the circle, and ten more of like caliber recently pledged, what ought we not be able to do in our alumnæ chapter some five years from now! Frances Lucas vied with Richard Halburton and his glorious adventures, when she led little Ulyssa, the modern Greek maiden, through the trials, and tribulations attendant upon a present day voyage in a college craft. Paraphrasing does her clever speech small justice, so I am sending it along verbatim. Ye who read this, and could have been present, hark ye, and come next time.

We have found a veritable gold mine in the Safeway and Piggly Wiggly coupons, having sold six hundred dollars worth in the last two months. That means sixty dollars profit for us and it is the first time in my remembrance that we have ever been proffered the opportunity of assisting the chapter in a financial way that hasn't meant a financial sacrifice on our part. We get a dollar's worth of groceries for the coupon for which we pay our treasurer a dollar. But she buys one hundred dollars worth for ninety dollars, and the chapter makes 10 per cent on our necessary purchases. Already San Diego Alumnæ Association has written to ask us how we do it. In case any more of you are interested, here's Connie Owen's recipe: One telephone book, locate therein "Safeway" and "Piggly-Wiggly." Call number and ask to speak to person in charge of co-operat-

ing coupons. Explain to him your scheme which we are working here in Los Angeles, and which they doubtless have in other states. Listen attentively and follow directions. Sell coupons to sisters, mothers, friends and neighbors. Put in your savings bank the 10 per cent profit and carefully watch the hundred dollars accumulate. Time required to "raise" the hundred dollars varies one day to one month, according to heat enthusiasm in the oven of organization. This per cent pudding is good for jaded appetites and a tonic for tired sisters.

And, oh, yes, those golden daffodils that I mentioned in my last letter were a bit late this year, but the first crop of them fills a bowl on the dining-room table and I just wish you could all see them peeping over this typewritten letter.

GRACE PARTRIDGE UNDERHILL

PERSONALS

We were delighted to have Freida Hansen of Epsilon with us at our February meeting. She is living at 1842 Cherokee Street, Hollywood.

Mrs. Frank J. Gilloon, Lenore Latzer of Omicron, who lives at 84 South Sierra Bonita, Pasadena, brought her enthusiastic self and sister, Irma Gamble, over to Grace Adele Berry's meeting and they were both just full of ideas as to how we could raise money. Irma, who now lives in Peoria, Illinois, used to be president of St. Louis Alumnæ.

Elizabeth Buffington Rabbitt and her wee Betsy accompanied Murray on a five weeks' business trip to Philadelphia and Washington recently.

Florence Mitchell Smith, of Epsilon and Oklahoma, recently delighted her friends with a brief sojourn in our city and of course there were lots of Epsilon parties while she was here.

Jerry Bruner is to be married in April, but she didn't tell me, and I can't find out now what is the lucky man's name.

Elizabeth Bridge Currier dropped from the skies and San Francisco on a few of the Eta girls, on a flying trip south. Your correspondent had the fun of showing her the new Westwood campus in a downpour.

Virginia Kendall Bentley of Eta has left our midst, as John has been transferred to Cleveland.

Frances Stowell Kemitzer of Eta and her newly acquired geologist husband, Louis, are occupying the Bentley's erstwhile apartment in Beverly Hills, at 124 South Camden Road.

Marjorie Kelly and Kate Frost plan to spend the summer in Europe.

Berenice Smith of Alpha Iota is script girl for one of the big moving-picture directors.

Kitty Pope of Eta is building a new home which they plan to occupy by summer time.

Helen McKee is rejoicing because her mother came out from the East to visit her.

Ada Gilchrist Garst of Mu is a new candidate for our alumnæ chapter, her husband having recently been appointed a member of the geography faculty of the University of California at Los Angeles.

MADISON

*Springtime always brings the tale
of the annual rummage sale.*

So little time has elapsed since our last letter that I am afraid this one will be short and lacking in much news. We have, however, had a business meeting and have elected our officers for the following year. Mrs. Leslie Gillette is continuing as our president, and Katherine Clausen Gage, ex-'24, as our vice-president. "Freddy" Atwood Sisk, '19, has

been relieved by Mrs. W. T. Stevens, Iota, '21, as secretary, and Evelyn Dickens Alexander by Dorothy Jones Frautschi, '24, as treasurer.

Spring has almost come and those of us who went away are returning. Madeline Johnson Hefty has returned after a lovely trip to California. Mrs. Burr Jones and Mrs. Vroman Mason are back after enjoying the sunny climate of San Antonio, Texas.

We have enjoyed two functions with the active chapter this month. The first was a reunion. We were entertained by Sophomore Stunt and later a buffet supper. The next week we went to an initiation banquet. Dorothy Frautschi had the toast from the alumnæ. Both events were enjoyed very much.

Our plans for the spring seem few so far, but we are getting ready for our biennial rummage sale. Rummage sales seem to run hand in hand with housecleaning; thus one in the fall and one in the spring.

May we have much more news when we greet you again next fall.

MARGARET BRITTINGHAM
JANE MAUTZ

MARRIAGE

Lucy Jane Whitaker, '26, to Mr. Richard Marshall, '20.

BIRTH

To Ellen Gould, a baby daughter.

MILWAUKEE

*Retrospection shows a year well spent
In loyalty, achievement, merriment.*

Much water has run under the bridge since last you heard from Milwaukee Alumnæ Chapter.

As our active year is drawing toward its close, it is gratifying to look backward and feel that it has been a good year. A good year, because of meetings well attended, of problems solved with enthusiasm, of undertakings carried to successful conclusions.

The Community Fund team, under the leadership of Margaret McDonald, has to its credit one more successful year; the last of some five dozen luncheon doilies have been completed and mailed to Gamma Chapter for their new home; and just now a number of our girls are contributing their efforts toward helping the Y.W.C.A. attain a goal of \$600,000 for a new home.

With the time for paying our endowment pledge at hand, the bridge club has been revived as a pleasant and sociable means of earning our pledges. Those of us who wish to have it get together as many as can come on a certain day. The hostess provides a prize and refreshments; the players contribute fifty cents each; and lo, at the end of the afternoon one more member has earned her contribution.

For the immediate future, our thoughts are directed toward the second province convention to be held in Madison the last week of April, and our efforts shall go toward helping to make it a success. Mary Burchard Burlingame will be our official delegate; Virginia Vliet Dalton is chairman of the committee to prepare and present business for consideration; and many of the rest of us hope to swell the attendance, and to renew friendships made at other conventions.

ANNE McCAWLEY GLENNON

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Hoffman (Bernice Hunter, Gamma) left Milwaukee March 15 for a three-month Mediterranean trip.

Mrs. David Bloodgood (Eleanor Mueller, Rho) and small daughter have visited for several weeks with her parents at Hollywood, Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Mullaney (Kathryn Ryan, Gamma) announce the birth of a daughter, Eugenia, February 9.

Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Clark (Martha McCammon, Omicron) announce the birth of a daughter, Jane Angell, January 21.

Mrs. R. F. Coerper (Alice Ringling, Gamma) gave a talk "Some Phases of Modern Drama," before the College Club the afternoon of March 13, and before the Marquette Woman's League, the evening of March 20.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur H. Bartelt (Mabel Duncan, Gamma) and daughter, have moved to San Antonio, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Areson (Leona Sturt, Delta) have recently moved to Milwaukee from New York City.

MINNEAPOLIS

*As busy bees amass the honey,
Alumnæ plan for making money.*

On one of the coldest nights of the year, with a forty mile gale driving snow into every crevice, the Minneapolis Alumnæ Chapter gathered at Louise Jenkins' new home on Mt. Curve for its January supper meeting. It was also our annual meeting and after the yearly reports of the officers and committee chairmen, the nominating committee presented the following names for office during the ensuing year: Helen Schei Wilke (Mrs. Paul Wilke), president; Carolyn McDowell, vice-president; Katherine Serviss Miller (Mrs. Forrest), secretary; Eunice McGilvra Erdall (Mrs. Arthur), treasurer.

I am sure you all remember our president as Gamma Phi's most efficient chairman of Uniform Examinations. We all feel sure, knowing Helen as we do and having watched her fill many rôles so very satisfactorily, that she is going to be just as efficient in her new office.

Carolyn McDowell has visited many of the active chapters as well as city chapters, so you all know that as vice-president, she will be successful. I, personally, do not envy Eunice her job, for of all the nerve-racking, teeth-grinding duties, that of treasurer is the worst! But, she is the one to handle our money in the best possible way and be sweet and smiling at the same time. Katherine, we know, will keep the minutes perfectly for that is her method of doing anything she tackles.

Now for some of the things we have been doing. Our projects, namely, Junior and Senior Bridge Clubs; the Pantry Shelf; the Sewing Basket; our two rummage sales each year, and our magazine subscriptions, are netting us many dollars to swell our house and scholarship fund.

The Junior Bridge Club meets on alternate Fridays for bridge and tea, while the Senior group meets on the Fridays preceding and following for a bridge luncheon. Besides being a money-making scheme, we have so much fun that none of us miss a meeting if at all possible to be present.

Under the capable direction of Louise Huey, the Pantry Shelf from which we may choose anything in the line of goodies, is netting us a tidy sum. Not to be out done by the cooks of the chapter, our girls who are deft with a needle have signed up for the Sewing Basket, which is the clever idea of Ruth Eaton Lansing. Ruth made (as did Louise for the Pantry Shelf) a most attractive poster to advertise the work of the girls. One may order smocks, dresses, fancy linens, children's clothes, etc. Reports at each meeting stimulate us to further activity.

Did you know that an organization may raise quite a large amount from commissions retained from subscriptions to nearly every magazine published? Not alone do new subscriptions count, but renewals also.

Katherine Silversen has managed this project most ably. Commissions paid are good and if some few of us whose memories are not very long would but sharpen them a bit, we would have a still more prosperous magazine business. All of these projects increase our fund, enabling us to do many things otherwise impossible.

Minneapolis Alumnae are very proud of the active chapter. Their presentation, at the Nicollet Hotel of *The Gamma Phi Beta Night Club* proved so successful and the acts of such high caliber that the girls have been asked to put them on at various places, among them the Veterans' Hospital. The same acts were given both afternoon and evening of the original presentation. In addition, bridge was played at more than a hundred tables. Can you wonder that we are proud of our Kappa Chapter girls?

At present, two of our own active chapter members are enjoying loans from the Scholarship Fund. Through Mary Staples, our delegate to active chapter meetings, we learn of many problems which confront the girls and thus we are prepared to aid them in every way. Their problems are ours; our desire is to give suggestions to them and receive their confidences. We feel that we are keeping in close touch with our college chapter.

Rewey Belle Inglis spent several days at Kappa Chapter house as visiting delegate. She has also inspected several other chapters in this province. If you all knew Rewey Belle as we do, you would better understand how we love her and how excellent a mentor she is in all situations.

Vacation time will soon be upon us with all of the attendant trips and pleasures. To each sister, Minneapolis sends greetings and best wishes for a lovely summer.

MARGARET ALDRICH JONES

PERSONALS

Mrs. Charles Silversen will sail April 18 for Europe, where, in June, her son Charles, a student at Princeton will meet her. Together, they will make an extensive automobile tour of Europe.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward S. Smith and daughter, Betty, a Smith College student, will spend the month of August at Etons Ranch, Wolf, Wyoming.

Rewey Belle Inglis will teach English in the Harvard Summer School. With her family, she will drive East where they will take a cottage for the summer.

Carolyn McDowell has been seriously ill for more than a month.

Doris Sarles Mann, Alpha Beta, visited Minneapolis the first week in February, as the guest of her sister, Eleanor Sarles Goodman. Mrs. Mann and Mrs. Goodman spent a week in Chicago before Mrs. Mann's return to her home in Devils Lake, North Dakota.

Mr. and Mrs. James K. Lewis (Alice Kidder) are now in their own home at 2724 Ewing Avenue South.

Mary Clark, principal of the School for Crippled Children in St. Paul, had charge of the program at the N.E.A. meeting at Boston.

Lorena McFarlane of Virginia Minnesota, charter member of Kappa Chapter, attended the Conference of Deans of Women in Boston. This conference was held in connection with the N.E.A. meeting.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. John Kelly (Carol Albrecht), a son, in December, 1927.

To Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Ensign (Coil Winter), a son, on February 9, 1928.

ENGAGEMENT

Genevieve Bezoier to Mr. Warren Tingdale, Delta Upsilon.

MARRIAGE

Isable Bladon of Excelsior, Minnesota, was married to Dr. Joseph Behrens at the home of her sister, Mrs. Wayne Browning of Evanston, Illinois. Dr. and Mrs. Behrens will be at home for the summer at Lake Minnetonka.

NEW YORK

*The New York bridge still proves to be
Addition to the treasury.*

A bridge part was given at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel the first Saturday in February. We had the opportunity of welcoming two new brides, Patricia Young Bell and Helen Johnson McDonald, who played with Florence Wallace and Harriet Bissell. Mrs. Phillip Kirby was chairman of the committee and she deserves a great deal of credit for helping Gamma Phi to raise nearly two hundred dollars.

On Monday, March 5, a meeting was held at the home of Kathryn Herbert, who lives at 244 Riverside Drive. Mrs. Herbert, Kathryn and her sister are so delightfully hospitable that we always enjoy being with them.

On April 23 our annual meeting will be held, and in May we hope to have a party in the country.

A tea was given at Alice Foote McDougall's Forty-sixth Street Shop for Mrs. Barbour, our national president, on her return from the Panhellenic Congress in Boston. We were all interested in hearing about the business and discussion that took place.

Any new Gamma Phi coming to New York is asked to notify Mrs. Roy Richardson, 387 McDonough Street, Brooklyn, New York. Phone, Had- ingway 9771J.

HELEN CODLING HALSTED

PERSONALS

Blanche Shove Palmer, Alpha, is recuperating from a serious illness which kept her confined in the American Hospital in Paris, France, for nearly three months. She is expecting to return in April and we will be so happy to see her.

Hilda Grossman Taylor, Alpha, recently held an exhibition of pastel portraits at the Ferargil Galleries. The New York *Evening Post* was among the newspapers that praised her work with the following criticism: "The portraits are particularly felicitous when the objects are children. The sensitiveness of the handling in these portraits with the firm decisive line makes a likeness and a picture of the portraits. It is able, serious work gracefully executed."

Helen Leete Keeper, Alpha, and her husband recently spent a week at the Commodore Hotel. Several parties were given for Helen and it was a real pleasure to have her with us.

Marguerite Woodworth, Alpha, spent a week-end in New York on her way back from the Deans' Convention in Boston. A luncheon was given for her at the McAlpin Hotel by Joie Potter; and Dorothy Buck, Charlotte More Meloney, Florence Murray Cleaner and Helen Halsted were present.

Laura McCarty Vance, Epsilon, is spending the winter in New York. Lela Robbins Cook, Alpha Delta, has come to New York to live.

Betty Cooper, Alpha Theta, has a position with an advertising firm in New York.

Ruth Elva Russum Shearman and her family are to sail on June 1 for China, Australia, and New Zealand.

Mary Calloway, Mu, has joined the alumnæ chapter.

Virginia Moore Groesbeck has been visiting at her home in Michigan. Dorothy Potter France, Alpha, and her husband recently returned from a trip to the West Indies.

Frances Thorndike, Vassar, '22, daughter of Mrs. E. L. Thorndike, Delta, has won a fellowship from Vassar to study mathematics at the University of Goettingen.

Gene Joy Beatty, Alpha, and her family have moved from Brooklyn to Scarsdale, New York.

PORTLAND

*Four hundred tickets means to Gamma Phi:
Insurance premium—charity—and Chi.*

The February meeting was held at the home of Virginia W. Petheram with Caroline Benson Unander, Bertha Masters Patterson and Helen Wilcox acting as assisting hostesses. We were glad to welcome several of the girls just out of college and hope to have them become active members.

We received an invitation from the Seattle Alumnæ Chapter to attend the Province Conference of Province VI to be held in Seattle on March 30 and 31. Our president, Helen A. Smith, was elected official delegate and with several other girls, plans to drive to Seattle for the conference. We are proud of our province director, Beatrice Locke, who we feel has handled the affairs of Province VI very capably during the past two years. At present she is on an inspection tour of the province.

In an effort to raise money for our insurance premium, charity fund and Chi Chapter house emergency, we have taken four hundred tickets for the performance of the Henry Duffy Players for the night of March 21. This stock company has become very popular in Portland as well as in other cities on the coast.

VIRGINIA W. PETHERAM

SAN FRANCISCO

*There's a very special task for me and you—
'Tis to meet the needs of Eta and of Mu.*

The season opened very delightfully with our Christmas luncheon at the home of our new president, Annette Ruggles Wellington, in Berkeley. The weather was perfect, so the crowd was large; and, after enjoying a fine luncheon and counting the calories consumed by our neighbors, as we sat around the big room, what should happen but the arrival of the traditional five pound box of candy announcing the engagement of one of last year's graduates.

We feel we have accomplished a lot in that we have our year fairly well planned. We know the needs of Eta and Mu and are bending our efforts toward filling those needs. The girls have planned a large card party for Valentine's Day, the proceeds of which will help Mu to redecorate its Stanford home.

The rummage sale we have been considering is to take place later in the year. After the change of season we hope to increase our accumulation.

We have been very fortunate in visits from our alumnæ, who are living away from this district. This year's theater season enjoyed *Chauve Souris* and as its advance agent came Theda Cockcroft Wetmore. There were many parties and time was far too short for us all to see her.

We had three girls visit us from "The Islands," Helen MacLean Jongeneel, Ethel Nowell Robinson and Florence Macaulay Ward.

The latest news in the return to San Francisco of popular Etas is the homecoming of Leslie Underhill Lockwood.

We are all welcoming Doris Hoyt, after two years of violin study in Europe. Her sister Beth, also of Eta, spent the last year with Doris. One of the thrilling bits of news is the announcement of the engagement of Verda Larson and Frank Halbert.

The spring card party was a large social success and the funds gained from it very helpful.

LAURA VAN BUREN STEARNS

SEATTLE

*Excitement, commotion, and many fine plans
To welcome the incoming Gamma Phi clans.*

To be an alumnae group in a college town is one thing; to be an alumnae group in a town selected for a Province Conference is another thing; but when the two are combined—then there is excitement. Plans and more plans for March 30 and 31. The program provides for four business meetings, auto rides, luncheons at Lambda house, a dinner at Sunset Club, and a final banquet at The Wilsonian. Do you see where there is any time left for ordinary personal affairs? Plain reality surpasses our grandest plans, in that our president, Elizabeth Barbour, is to be a guest of the conference. Those of you who have never been to a convention, should make a special effort to attend the Province Conference, as it is a convention in little, with many of the same kind of thrills.

But to go back to the beginning of my story—the January meeting went off with the steady hum of an old standby machine, even if it was a new year starting. We met at Myrn Kinnear's home on Queen Anne Hill, where we admired her remodeled living-room and partook of the luncheon provided by the committee plus a "Swan's Down" cake. The business meeting had many high lights—the welcoming of new officers, much discussion of silver jubilee and new group projects, though no action on either was necessary till later, and last but not least, the happy realization of treasury surplus to start the new year. Lambda Association also had an interesting financial announcement—that during 1928 they will begin paying off the second mortgage bonds on Lambda house, four years ahead of schedule. Who says it hasn't paid to bazaar, and rummage, and project about? It almost seemed like old pre-bazaar days to see a large box appear and from it issue brown bundles, with a request, "please pull bastings," or "please turn hems." These were the gowns for the active chapter, which saw a long step of progress as the many skillful fingers worked to the tune of the aforesaid hum. New officers are: president, Alice Taggart Livingston; vice-president, Mary Terrell Seaholtzer; treasurer, Emmy Schmitz Hartman; recording secretary, Hester Hill Moore; corresponding secretary, R. Pearl Wickstrom.

We heard hints of the new house of Elizabeth Carroll on that romantic sounding street on Magnolia Bluff called Perkins Lane; of Bess Freeman's plans for her house on Mercer Island; and the satisfaction of Adelaide Linne and Anna Rabel to be settled at last at Broadmoor. Parkside Drive has become a real Gamma Phi row, with Lucy Davidson, Orpha MacAusland, Adelaide Linne, and Anna Rabel already installed and Sally Moffett planning for the future. Here, you must know, they can almost play golf between grapefruit and eggs at breakfast time, since the fairways lie under their windows. The streets are so planned that they run along the work-a-day fronts of the houses, whose leisure fronts are either upon the large open center green or upon the series of greens about the edge of the park.

St. Valentine's Day meant a meeting with Lucy Wallrich Davidson. Here we oh-ed and ah-ed at the subtleties of architecture, and turned green with envy at sight of the treasures of heirlooms to be found as furnishings for the charming rooms. Orpha MacAusland and Emmy Hartman, the travelers,

were present, and Rosemarie Mallon Strang, of Xi, remembered to find us again, this time we hope for keeps.

On February 19, a few of us alums renewed our youth by attendance at initiation, where we saw ten new angels made worthy to peer over the edge of the crescent. Again on February 28, we were in the college group, meeting the several representatives of Tau Omicron from the University of British Columbia, who were at Lambda house for tea.

The Mothers' Club staged a bridge party at the House on March 2, which was attended by several alums. They seem so much more a part of us now that several Lambdas are of the club.

Apologies for failure to keep up to the style of former correspondents are useless, and ditto for lack of proper amount of news must be demanded from those who fail to send on a good choice bit. These bits have materialized—

Carol Wakefield visited here for a few days at Christmas time, just returned from England. She has spent two years studying there, graduating at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts in London, and spending her holidays on the continent. She is now in Detroit, member of the same company as Katherine Barnheisel, The Wright Players, a very popular company in the city.

Geraldine Doheny writes that she enjoys the Kappa girls very much. She is often at the house for lunch or dinner, or for affairs coincident to the chapter. She is hard at work for her Doctor's degree in history.

Marion Walter has been called east by the serious illness of her brother.

Jess Atkinson and her family are spending a month in the south.

Dorothy Haggett Lister is visiting her mother.

Anne Williams is taking a much needed rest cure.

Elfreda Smith is slowly recovering from a relapse following flu.

Ethyl Whitley has a new daughter, Mary Ethyl.

Vernita Lundquist is to give an illustrated talk at Mrs. Leary's home, on the first world cruise of the *Rhyndam*.

R. PEARL WICKSTROM

SPOKANE

*Spokane meetings have their joys
Full of business, pep and noise.*

This spring has been unusually lively for the Spokane Gamma Phis. Our meetings—the last one was with Ruth Coffee Morris, Xi—have been full of business, pep, and noise! I am afraid that we would shock any "active" visitors with our lack of law and order. Everyone talks at once; resolutions are passed or vetoed amid hilarity. In short, the married sisters forget the all important question of whether it was too early to take off Johnny's long underwear, and the unmarried ones forget their beaux and their careers. However, in spite of the good times, we have accomplished other things. For example, another successful rummage sale which added nearly sixty dollars to our charity fund.

On March 8, we gave a dinner party in the East banquet room of the Davenport Hotel, honoring Miss Beatrice Locke of Portland. Miss Locke is director of this province and spent the day here between visiting Boise, and Xi Chapter at the University of Idaho. Violet Baker Stanton, our president, presided, and the tables were decorated with large bowls of pink carnations. Bathline Cowgill Lewis, Xi, now of Burlingame, California, is visiting her family here, and was also a guest at the dinner.

How nice it is to talk with Gamma Phis from afar, and to exchange opinions with them!

On the thirtieth of this month Bernice Stambaugh and Violet Baker

Stanton are going to the Province Conference in Seattle. Both have worked hard and faithfully and certainly deserve to enjoy Seattle's hospitality.

ELIZABETH C. WILLCOX

ENGAGEMENT

Helen Stutz, Xi, '27, to Mr. John Gee, Sigma Nu.

WEDDING

Ellen Peterson, Xi, to Mr. W. A. Schmitz.

ST. LOUIS

*Five thousand dollars raised! And we
Held Birthday Party Jubilee!*

Feeling that we had especial cause for jubilation this year, sixty of us from St. Louis and Phi chapters put on our best bibs and tuckers on the night of February 25 and gathered at a hotel to celebrate two events: the birthday of Phi Chapter, and the success of the biggest undertaking in our history, namely, the raising of \$5,000 toward the Women's Building Fund of Washington University. I wish I could make you feel the thrill we had from our party. Everyone of you, I am sure, knows the spell of an annual formal reunion, with its laughter and lights and lovely color, its joyful greetings between sisters who see each other only on that occasion, its snatches of gossip about new rings, new husbands, and new babies, its whispered questions about the new faces which appear—its general atmosphere of jollity and congeniality. Add to this impression, some excellent entertainment and a most satisfying dinner and you will have a fairly accurate picture of our party.

One of the pleasantest features of the evening was that it gave us the opportunity of hearing two very talented Gamma Phis. Elise Arbuthnot, Sigma, who has been studying in St. Louis for grand opera work, very generously consented to sing for us; and our own Ethel Knobloch, who as soloist with the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra has won distinction with her violin, played very delightfully for us.

During the evening I learned a little piece of news about one of our St. Louis Gamma Phis in which you will all be interested. Julia Jonah, who for the past two years has been winning honors for herself in her work at the Southern Illinois Normal School, has won more honors by having some verse accepted by *The Saturday Evening Post*. She has already had verse published in *College Humor* under a nom-de-plume.

As I write this letter, Spring is arriving in St. Louis with its usual accompaniment of first robins—according to our daily newspapers, the first robin has been seen each day for the last two weeks. By the time the next letter appears, we shall have sweltered through the summer heat, vacations will be things of the past, and rushing will have descended on all actives and those few faithful alumnæ who have the time and the will to help. Good luck to you all!

DORIS TALBOT HETLAGE

PERSONALS

Lucille Babcock who has been with us in St. Louis for some time, has gone to New York to become head of the Fashion Department of the Butterick Publishing Company.

ENGAGEMENT

Charlotte Briner to Mr. Walter A. Kamp, Theta Xi.

BIRTH

To Mr. and Mrs. Earl Whitley (Ethyl Evans), a daughter.

SYRACUSE

Young alums at meeting rallied.

Bridge—and needle point—and salad.

The most interesting event in our alumnæ lives since our last meeting was the visit of our national president, Mrs. Ernest Barbour. Those who met Mrs. Barbour were charmed by her very attractive personality and ideas. She has such a perfect understanding of the college girl of today, and such a sense of humor that she endeared herself to all who met her. As one of our illustrious alumnæ said, "Her ideas are modern, but not too modern." While here she was the house guest of Florence Bailey Crouse.

Saturday night the active chapter had Mrs. Barbour and Miss Cameron, the national secretary-treasurer, to dinner and the alumnæ called informally in the evening. Unfortunately, there were too few alumnæ there, but the shortage was due entirely to the disgusting weather which we had that night. We all hope that Mrs. Barbour will come again and stay longer so that we may all meet her.

Our regular monthly meeting was an evening one. A cry had gone out for younger alumnæ at meetings, so they all sallied forth in great style. Mrs. Henry Mills, mother of Marian Drake and Helen Mills Kimber, very kindly offered her home. Marian and Helen busied themselves all day making delicious chicken salad and its accessories which were "enjoyed by all." Some played bridge, some knitted, some made needle-point chair covers, while others just chatted. But all had a good time as usual.

NORMA BRANNOCK

PERSONALS

Hilda Grossman Taylor, '12, recently had an exhibition of her portraits in the Ferragil Galleries in New York City.

Betty Campbell, '18, of the Home Service Department in the American Red Cross is on the Mediterranean Cruise and will later visit Italy and France.

Marguerite Woodworth, now a dean of women, was in Syracuse on her way to a conference in Boston.

Katherine Sears Partridge has gone to New York to become secretary to Dr. Richard Dennett.

Helen Crockett MacEwin with her husband and small son who are living in Florida have come back to Canastota for an indefinite stay. We are all delighted to have "Crocky" back again.

Grace Webb Edgecomb is in Miami for the season.

Edith Thompson Robertson is also in the south.

Grace Weymer, '27, has just returned from a two weeks' tour of the Middle West with the Salzedo Harp Ensemble. The Lawrence Harp Quintet, of which Miss Weymer is a member, gave a concert at the White House March 8.

Emily Wells Simmons, ex-'98, is president of the North Shore group of the Chicago Alumnæ.

Mary MacKenzie visited Margaret Head for a week-end, but her trip was such a short one that none of us had the fun of seeing "Mickey."

Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Specht, Jr., (Bess Holdredge, Alpha, '09) and daughter, Helen of Steubenville, Ohio, have returned to St. Petersburg for the winter. The young son is in Mt. Gallitzen Academy at Baden, Pennsylvania.

Ruth Holdredge, Alpha '13, and her mother spent an uneventful six months at their cabin on Mt. Baldy this year but on December 10 were driven out by the snow. "Tish," Ruth's faithful old "Cad" stood buried in the snow two weeks until someone dug her out and drove her home. That is only fifty miles from Los Angeles! About December 1, a mountain fire

driven by a sixty-mile wind raged for two days, coming within three miles of the Holdredge cabin.

ENGAGEMENT

Alice Coonley, '26, to Mr. Harold Machold, Psi Upsilon, Syracuse '27.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Charles Martin (Kitty Cobb), a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. Leo Yehle (Dorothea Smith), a daughter.

TORONTO

Sophisticated Swells we've heard

Adopt a slogan, "Mum(p)'s the word!"

A new vogue has swept Toronto. Catching?—oh, very! Exclusive?—makes one so, immediately. Indeed, all the "swells" in town have adopted it as their own. They call it—mumps!

Bonnie Wickware, our brilliant young Spanish lecturer, and Edith Merrill, a charming freshman pledge, are the latest to be inducted into the Society of Sophisticated Swells, but the word has gone round that neither Bonnie nor Edith were very enthusiastic about it after all, and that they will soon be among us again. It was unfortunate that Edith was in quarantine when this year's pledges were initiated on Saturday, February 11.

Which reminds me that the initiation banquet, held at the King Edward Hotel, was a truly wonderful affair. It always is. The thrill of it never seems to wear off, but rather seems to increase with each succeeding year. The toasts simply sparkled with wit and wisdom and there were all kinds of delightful little surprises which added to the merriment. Of course, the evening finished with a delightfully informal dance.

Such a lot of things have happened in the past few months. We hear that Grace Tremere stopped her busy career to listen to the chimes of wedding bells, but we have yet to learn just who is the lucky man.

New York has been the Mecca for several Gamma Phis just recently. Maxine Wrigley was the first to go tripping Gotham-wards, via Montreal, where she stopped off for a week to visit with Helen Burford Vernon and to gossip with Eileen McElroy Delahay and Daisy McGregor Smith. Mary Dalley has been mixing business and Broadway lately, too, while Billie Moffat has reversed things and has just come home from New York to say "Hello!" before delving still deeper into the intricacies of dietetics at the Fifth Avenue Hospital, New York City. May Harris has been traveling again, but she chose London, Ontario, for her destination this time.

We have all been very sorry to hear that Marion Stirrett, who is now head dietitian at the Wellesley Hospital, Toronto, has had to undergo an operation for appendicitis. We are hoping that it will not be very long before Marion is her old, merry, capable self again.

The two red-letter dates for the immediate future are the alumnae bridge to be given at Sherbourne Club on Saturday, March 10, and the annual spring "at home" which will be held in Jenkins' Art Galleries on Friday, March 16.

MARXINE WRIGLEY

P.S.—The "Swells" have two more initiates! Margaret Colwill was forced to desert her post at the Robert Simpson Company, Ltd., for three weeks and retire to the seclusion of her home at Arthur, Ontario, while Beatrice Menzies is hiding her light under a bushel (or do they come in pairs?). Bea will probably have so many witty remarks stored up by the time she is permitted to return to classes at the Ontario College of Education that the Fire Department will have to be called to dampen her spirits.

ALUMNÆ ASSOCIATIONS

BOISE

*We chorus in rhyme,
 " 'Tis the very first time
 That we've had a
 Province Director!"*

Our Association here in Boise has had so much excitement in the past week that I hardly know where to begin.

The most important event, however, was the visit of our Province Director, Beatrice Locke, from Portland. As this is the first time the Boise Association has ever had a visit of any kind, we enjoyed it immensely and gained a great deal of inspiration from Miss Locke. As a result of her visit I believe it will be possible to send at least three representatives to the Province Conference in Seattle. Perhaps the most enjoyable party held while she was here was a dinner at which there were eighteen present. This was the largest number we have ever had together, and some of the guests had never attended a meeting before. This was followed by a gathering at the home of one of the members. Miss Locke told us many interesting things regarding national, the convention last summer, Gamma Phi ideals, etc. We all left the meeting with the firm resolve to attend a convention, rush with all our might, and conquer our inferiority complex.

At last we have had our long planned rummage sale. It was a huge success as we made the most we have ever made at anything. Now I am sure we shall have the courage to try it again.

We are rejoicing in the arrival of two new members from other chapters. Isabelle Birney has come from Theta chapter to take up work among the young people of the Methodist Church. Mrs. Irving Hart (Heen Logan) of Seattle has also just come from California to make her home here.

The members of the Boise Alumnæ sends best wishes to you all.

FLORENCE ALLEBAUGH MATHIESEN

MARRIAGES

Olive Athey to Mr. John Newcomb.

Mildred Archibald to Mr. Joseph Frazier.

BIRTH

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Mathiesen (Florence Allebaugh), a son on November 17, 1927.

GRAND FORKS

*Even snowdrifts soft and high
 Can't quench the warmth of Gamma Phi.*

Having just tunneled my way home through one continuous snowdrift, I decided to get my CRESCENT letter off in a hurry before all communication with the outside world is cut off. The first, real honest-to-goodness snow storm this winter and it had to come just as we hopefully anticipated seeing or hearing some "vanguards of spring."

Nevertheless, it takes more than an ordinary dose of moisture to dampen our Gamma Phi ardor and so we plan blissfully right now for a food sale sometime in the near future, while a possible Easter rummage sale is in the offing.

We alumnæ, here in Grand Forks, really have spent a busy, and, we think, profitable winter in Gamma Phi activities. First and foremost, our visiting delegate Virginia Morrison MacDonald spent several days with us in January and we derived no end of inspiration and help from her. With

her aid we have reorganized our Alumnæ Association somewhat and have a "brand new" Board of Directors which we find is functioning splendidly. Our new officers are as follows: Verona O'Gorman Brundin, president; Estelle Diechert Lillie, secretary and treasurer; Aura Chaffee, CRESCENT correspondent. We have had sixteen members here in Grand Forks, until recently when two of us entered the State of Matrimony and left Grand Forks, Madge Allen and Louise Allen are the deserting parties. Madge Allen married Chester Bridgeman, Sigma Chi, February 10. They are now in Europe for a two months' wedding trip and will be at home in Jamestown about April 1. Louise Ryan married Harold Franklin on December 28. They are now at home in Minot, North Dakota.

Next letter I hope to be able to report stupendous profits reaped as the result of the aforementioned rummage sale.

AURA CHAFFEE

LINCOLN

*Just now we turn attention
To Province Five's convention.*

When Mrs. Holliet R. Knapp (Meda Eigenbroadt, '22) came to spend a month with her parents in Lincoln, her mother entertained Lincoln alumnæ at an afternoon party on January 28. Mrs. A. L. Trahern (Gladys Appleman) of Long Island, New York, was one of the guests. She has lived on both coasts since leaving Nebraska, has played in moving pictures, and was on a brief visit to her native state between seasons of her husband's stock company in which she plays the feminine lead.

Mrs. Knapp's presence in Lincoln was the motive for a series of small, informal parties.

Our number this year is depleted by the loss of four members. Mrs. Arnim West (Willie Rogers) has moved to Red Oak, Iowa, where Mr. Rogers has opened a furniture store. Mrs. Cliff S. Hamilton moved to Chicago before school opened when Dr. Hamilton left the University of Nebraska faculty for that of Northwestern University. Reba Maynard on her marriage to Stanley Sanger went to live in Chicago and Pauline Gund after her marriage to Marion Stanley decided to live in Omaha. Mrs. Sangor, who is visiting in Lincoln, attended the March alumnæ meeting. Constance Syford rejoined the faculty of the University last fall after a year in the East. There are now sixteen alumnæ in the Lincoln group.

Lincoln alumnæ are living in anticipation now. This clipping from the Lincoln Sunday *Star* shows why.

GAMMA PHIS MEET HERE

"Plans for the province convention of Gamma Phi Beta, April 20 and 21, were made at a meeting of the alumnæ Monday evening at the chapter house. Delegates from the active chapter at Denver University, and the Denver Alumnæ Chapter, active chapters at the Colorado Agricultural College, the University of Oklahoma, and the University of Texas, as well as representatives of alumnæ associations at Colorado Springs, Fort Collins, Oklahoma City, Austin and Omaha will be guests of the local active and alumnæ groups. Miss Madaline Miller of Denver, Colorado, province director will preside at the business meetings. Mrs. Walter Kline of Muskogee, Oklahoma, is province secretary. Among the social affairs planned are a luncheon at the Country Club, April 21; a tea at the home of Dr. and Mrs. F. F. Teal, 1941 South Pershing Road; a dinner at the chapter house, 415 North Sixteenth Street, and a house dance. Mrs. Warren Ogden is president of the Alumnæ Association, and Miss Helen Van Gilder of the active chapter of the hostess group. Mrs. Philip Watkins is chairman of the social committee. She will be assisted by Misses Marguerite McPhee,

Clarice Green and Josephine Gund of the alumnae, and Misses Mary Ball, Louise Weaver, Viola Allen, Ruth Dimick, and Charlene Cooper, of the active chapter."

We know that the old proverb, "Anticipation is greater than realization," will have been disproved by the time this gets into print for our delegates to the province convention at Denver last year brought home such enthusiastic reports of all that a province convention can mean. Lincoln alumnae are glad to act with the active chapter as hostesses.

BELLE FARMAN

NASHVILLE

*Though we are small and young, you know
There is a slogan, "Watch us grow!"*

The melancholy days have not shadowed the gatherings of the Nashville Alumnae Chapter. We have had several very delightful social meetings.

Our chapter is small, and the married and unmarried members are very busy. Many of the local alumnae are away teaching and doing other worthwhile things; so, consequently, our winter ranks are somewhat depleted. The reinforcements will soon be coming and we shall try to hold the fort until they arrive.

While Lorena Leech Hickerson was here we enjoyed a most delightful bridge party which was given by Beulah Leech, the younger sister. We enjoyed Lorena's visit greatly and felt that her time spent in Nashville was all too brief.

Doris Hawkins entertained the chapter with an unusually cleverly arranged bridge party at beautiful Ward-Belmont, where she is a member of the faculty. Perhaps not very high brow for college girls to talk of "EATS" but the ice course was so attractive, that the memory lingers with us. It was a frozen charlotte covered with shredded cocoanut, to represent snowballs, and in the Sunny South where snowballs are so occasional they proved as fascinating as delicious. Elizabeth McLane Smith went home from the party with an attractive prize.

Last week-end I spent with friends in Columbia, Tennessee, and while there drove over to Mount Pleasant to see Emma Louise Stewart Wallace. After several years absence she has returned to her former home where her husband is practicing law. On this visit we were informally introduced to Marilyn Stewart Wallace, age five months.

The alumnae had the pleasure of attending a tea given by the active chapter to the patronesses.

We are looking forward to the return of our alumnae that spend vacation days in Nashville. Robbie Neville among others promises a return this summer, even though located in Houston, that now holds the center of the stage nationally.

Mary Bates will be here to give first hand information on the "land of flowers," but when the "dimple of the universe" calls, not even a Democratic Convention, nor flowers and sunshine can exert any influence. These and others will be most welcome home, by the Gamma Phis.

MARY CECIL MORRISON

ST. JOSEPH

*Hear of St. Joe's loyalty
To Alpha Delta's home to be.*

Our January meeting was an unusually delightful one for we had with us our Province Director, Mrs. Woodward. We met for lunch at the Book and Bowl and then went to Beulah Bennett's for our business meeting. We enjoyed hearing Mrs. Woodward tell of Kansas City's ideas concerning

convention and of definite plans they already have under way to make it a tremendous success and an improvement over all previous conventions. She told us also of the latest developments in Alpha Delta's plans for their new house and we decided immediately after Mrs. Woodward's departure (she was obliged to leave on a four o'clock train) to give a bridge party for Alpha Delta's benefit.

The bridge party was held February 18 at the Moila Golf Club. We hope that our effort may help Alpha Delta to have its new house a little sooner than was expected.

JESSIE ROBERTS

PERSONALS

Jean Stingley took one of the leading parts in the Junior College play February 24 in spite of the fact that she had not fully recovered from a badly sprained ankle.

Mrs. John Alexander Tallant (Elizabeth Stingley, Omicron ex-'29, and sister of Jean Stingley) of Aurora, Illinois, with her small son John Stingley is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Stingley.

Margaret Huston, Alpha Delta, who moved away from St. Joseph last July, was in St. Joseph, February 25, and had with her the plans of Alpha Delta's new house.

Beulah Bennett expects to attend the National Music Supervisors' Conference in Chicago, April 17-20.

ST. PAUL

*Though young in years our strength is such
That Chapter-ship will augur much.*

The St. Paul Association is laying plans to become a chapter! Though not old in years, we are strong in active membership and are aspiring to the privileges and advantages gained by the title "chapter."

The quest for the where-with-all to replenish the frequently depleted treasury has been led into pleasant and attractive channels under the leadership of the Ways and Means Committee, headed by Elizabeth Young. A series of afternoon bridges are being given at the homes of the girls. Each guest pays fifty cents which is immediately poured into the treasury. So successful have these affairs proved, both socially and financially, that a second series has been started. These are held in the evening and husbands and friends are bidden. The first was given February 22, at the home of Mary Wilde with Mary and Elinor Lagerman in charge.

District as well as local pursuits claim attention. A number of girls are planning to motor to Madison, Wisconsin, the latter part of April to attend the district convention. Marge Hurd Sommers, our president, was unanimously chosen official delegate at the last meeting which was held February 8, at the home of Virginia McDonald.

The following clipping was of permanent importance to all of us. Into far-off lands is carried the name of Gamma Phi Beta and the Crescent Moon is shining on a sister in Stockholm.

"A wedding of interest to St. Paul was solemnized on Tuesday afternoon, January 3, at the home of Judge C. L. Hasselgren in Stockholm, Sweden, when Miss Wencka-Elizabeth Kielland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ingolf Kielland, 78 Smith Avenue North, became the bride of Arne Hasselgren, son of Judge Hasselgren.

"Miss Kielland was graduated from the Summit school and attended the University of Minnesota, where she was a member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority. She will continue her musical career in Stockholm, where Mr. Hasselgren is practicing law.

"An heirloom wedding gown of old white brocade formed the bride's costume. The gown belonged to her paternal grandmother and has been worn by a number of brides in the Kielland family.

"Luncheon was served following the ceremony which took place at 1 P.M. Guests from Norway and Paris attended the wedding, and telegrams of congratulations from many parts of the world were read. Mr. and Mrs. Hasselgren will make their home in Stockholm."

AIMEE WHITE

SAN DIEGO

*Personalities—plus
You learn from us.*

PART I. PERSONALITIES

In this treatise, it is fitting and proper to begin with our president, Virginia Black Buchanan,—or rather with her young son, as he is the one who has the chicken pox. His mother reports that he is not ill at all, but very proud of the decoration on his house, i.e., the quarantine sign.

Our secretary, Helen Parkinson, Epsilon, is now making the trip from San Diego to Chicago, by automobile. If she has taken great quantities of pure, glorified California atmosphere, as well as gasoline with her, no doubt she will have arrived by the time this is printed.

Edith Plested Avery's eldest son is in Switzerland, studying landscaping and architecture, while her youngest son has just completed a most enticing swimming pool, from native rock, on the terrace of her lovely home. We are all planning our summer wardrobes to include a sporty swimming suit, in the hope that Edith will invite us to take a dip.

Eleanor Berry Edmiston is building a very attractive new home, designed entirely by herself.

We are all thinking quite seriously of applying to Amy Speers Donaldson, for instruction in the art of playing bridge. We cheerfully admit she bests us all!

Grace Hammarstrom and Fanny Marks are implanting learning in the heads of young aspirants in quest of the "book of knowledge."

Beatrice Barker Evenson is extolling the beauties of the city, to her parents, who are visiting her.

Helen Eggers Metheny and Helen White have both been very busy moving. They are neighbors now at Ocean Beach, and I have a faithful and solemn promise from the former, that they will have lots of parties for us all, both jointly and individually.

Barbara Applegate Weld is planning to leave La Jolla. We will be sorry to have her go, and hope she will not stay away for any length of time.

May Vorhees Jones has been sojourning in Alpine, this winter. Margaret Brown Thaanum is most busy with her fine new baby boy. Thelma McGee McNary had a bad attack of tonsillitis, at the time of the last meeting. I cannot get her on the telephone, so it is her own fault that this goes to press with an inaccurate report on the state of her health.

We have a new member from Denver, Florella McQuarry, Alpha Beta. We are trying to make a good impression, in order to keep her with us.

There are a few more of us, but unfortunately I have no items and I would have to resign, if I used my imagination. Perhaps they will see that I get some interesting news for the next issue.

As an afterthought, the writer might add that she has a part in the prize Creative Day Play, to be given soon, by the University Women's Club, *Mr. Mathews Gets By*—written by Grace Arlington Owens.

PART II "PLUS"

A Panhellenic association has been formed here during the past year. All the sororities, and especially Gamma Phi, are taking a very active interest. It has been an entirely social affair to date, but plans are under way for a worth while program in the near future.

CONSUELO HARMON BALLINGER

WICHITA

*The joys that are—will be—have been
Are centered in a crescent pin.*

If you know anyone who doesn't properly appreciate her pin just refer her to me. I don't believe I ever quite did until this winter. If you can imagine yourself in a strange town on your first job and nearly a thousand miles from home, you'll know just how I felt. I didn't know a single person in Wichita and even had to go to the movies alone. Then I went to my first Alumnæ Association meeting and I haven't been really homesick since. I certainly am glad I can be a member of Wichita Association. You may think no one could be so nice as the girls in your own chapter but Gamma Phis are Gamma Phis no matter where they are.

Almost right away, I had a chance to go to a party. Florence Spencer Wolf was hostess to the Association members and their husbands on January 28. Those of us who didn't have husbands came anyway. The girls had been having such good times together that they thought it was about time the men had a chance to get acquainted with each other and the chapter and have their share. The evening was spent playing bridge and everyone had a wonderful time.

Gamma Phi Beta was joint hostess with Kappa and Tri Delta at the Panhellenic benefit bridge held at the Hillcrest Apartments. We had five tables out of the forty-four which isn't so bad as there are only ten of us in the Association.

Just now we are very busy making money. While we have our dues and a very efficient budget, it is nice to have something extra in the treasury for emergencies. It won't be long until it is time for summer rushing, too. Taking magazine subscriptions has proved quite profitable and, strange to say, interesting. After our business was concluded at this month's meeting we had lots of fun making lists of "prospects" and appropriate magazines they might be persuaded to take—*Engineering News Record* or *The Oil and Gas Journal* for the men, *McCalls* for the women next door; *Photoplay* for the young cousin who is a movie fan, etc.

Early in April we are to give a bridge party. Each Gamma Phi will bring several guests, paying fifty cents per person, for them and herself, though the guests will know nothing of that part of the arrangement. When the party is over we shall have money in our treasury, our guests will have had a good time, and each Gamma Phi will have paid off her social obligations much more cheaply than she could by taking her friends to luncheon or to a show, so everybody should be happy.

Officers for the coming year were elected at the March meeting. They are: president, Margaret Patton Hart; vice-president, Verle Patton Rutherford; secretary, Elizabeth Wagenbreth Owens; treasurer, Florence Spencer Wolf; *Crescent* correspondent, Fern Older; song leader, Joy Schaefer Henry; librarian and historian, Mildred Rule Olsen. Margaret Hart will continue as Panhellenic delegate.

FERN OLDER

WINNIPEG

*Activities are mostly mental;
Money-making, incidental.*

Our social activities this month have been mostly mental—taking the form of plans for the very near future. We have divided ourselves into four groups—each intent on making money. I haven't heard all of the ideas, but there are rumors of a bridge which is to take place very soon as a beginning.

Ever since the first of the year we have been having teas at the house on the last Sunday in every month. These have been so successful that we are now having one every second Sunday as well, to which we bring our friends—men and otherwise.

Our last tea and our last meeting were made more enjoyable by the fact that we received a five-pound box of chocolates at each of them. The engagements are announced at the end of this letter. We are also very proud to announce that we have another grandson. He is the son of Price and Dorothy Davis Rattray. We feel that we need a granddaughter now to round out our family.

BARBARA H. MONTEITH

ENGAGEMENTS

Kathleen Belt to Mr. Alan Davidson, of Winnipeg.

Barbara Monteith to Mr. Richard Bower, of Winnipeg.

OUR CONTEMPORARIES IN BLACK AND WHITE

The following article from *Kappa Alpha Theta* is printed in its entirety. It is a most readable account of college life—and presents some of the “modern” problems:

THE DIARY OF A THETA OF THE '90's

September 8.—The town waked up this morning from its summer sleep. The streets are full of students rushing about, hunting rooms. Mostly freshmen—they always come in early—the old ones wait until the last train and keep us wondering whether they are coming back. I would love to go to the station this afternoon and see who comes, but it is not permitted—mama says it's common. Anyway, I can go to the post office for the mail, after a sufficient length of time has been given for it to be opened. It is also common to stand around in the lobby waiting for the windows to be opened. But it's lots of fun. You see everybody you know. I'll slip around to B's this evening after supper and she'll tell me the news. I wish I knew if H—— is coming back.

September 9.—Early to chapel this morning. I'm always early the first day. Wish it could last. Busy all morning getting my hours arranged. Feeling very ambitious and eager in the pursuit, I have elected very few snaps. Perhaps I will regret it later on, when the dances begin. But now I feel very stuck-up. Really, I wouldn't have the face to go picking out the easiest things like some of them do.

October 9.—Spiked E—— H—— today. I was on the spiking committee. I am feeling a little blue about it for she is such a serious minded girl. I know she thinks I am frivolous. She is just the kind of girl I would like to be.

October 15.—Mama got back from the city with a lot of new dress goods and ideas how to make them up. Sleeves are very tight and bustles are clear out of style. Awful back-woodsy to wear them. D. and I have pledged ourselves to go to college tomorrow without them.

October 16.—I wish we did not live so far away from the college. With the streets all torn up and the slippery stepping stones over the creek, you are always late. I have lots of good company, though. It seems to me that only the chumps are on time. Eight o'clock is too early. It was five minutes to when I was going over the stile into the campus this morning. I ran up through the woods, stumbling over tree roots, wading through wet leaves, and got there just as the chapel doors were closing. I just couldn't leave my bustle off. I looked so flat. When D came into class she had hers on, too. It's too sudden—we'll have to do it gradually. We must be stylish at any cost.

November 9.—The B——s have sent out invitations for the first dance of the season. I have a new dress—a canary color silk, covered with clouds and clouds of tulle. Mama thinks it is too decollette—only that's not the word she used. She is wondering how I am going to wear it and at one and the same time wear my long-sleeved, high-necked underwear. She'll manage it some way. It's going to be a swell dance. Ices from the city and favors and an Italian orchestra for the music. They haven't a very big hall so it's nice to be invited as they have to leave out some one.

November 11.—The B——s went serenading last night. B—— and I heard in the afternoon that they were coming. About nine o'clock we decided to make a cake and ask them in. I've been here at B——s about a week

as my parents are out of town. Mrs. M— didn't see how we could make a cake at nine o'clock at night—she thinks it's a sacred rite or something and shouldn't be attempted without proper ceremony, but the Judge built the fire for us and we baked it. Then we went upstairs and got into our tea gowns and put the light out and lay down, but didn't go to sleep. Pretty soon we heard them creeping up under the window and tuning up. They have quite an orchestra and make pretty music. After the first tune we lighted the lamp—after the second the light appeared downstairs, and after the third we asked them in. We purposely rumbled our hair so it would look as if we had been to bed. The cake was still warm.

November 24.—Got home at four o'clock from the B— dance. A lovely time. With much moaning and gloomy prognostications mama ripped the sleeves out of my undervest and stuffed the neck part down around the top of my bodice. I felt like a stuffed toad. I wore the sleeves pulled on under my party cloak and promised not to forget them when I came home. I wore my hair in a new way—Psyche knot, it's called. They say it's classic, but papa says far from it with a Langtry bang attached. Poor papa, he shed tears when I cut my hair in bangs. But mama says it's my own hair and I can do as I please with it. The trouble is a straight bang makes me look like an idiot and my hair is so straight—I am scarcely ever separated from the curling iron. Forgot my sleeves. Mama greatly displeased and prophesied my death before morning from pneumonia. But I didn't take a mite of cold.

November 28.—I am engaged for the whole lecture course. We are to have DeWitt Talmadge, James Whitcomb Riley and Bill Nye, Emma Eames, Robert Burdette and some others I forget. It's an awful bore, but I don't like to be left out. I am going to the first one with C—. He's quite too-utterly-too-too as a dresser, but he's too spoony for me.

November 30.—Sat up nearly all night studying for examination. We put our books under our pillows when we went to bed. B says it's superstition, but we will give ourselves every chance.

October 1.—Who told me Ichthyology was a snap?

January 22.—The P—s had a party last night. I cannot imagine why I was invited—I am such a grasshopper and they are all so venerable. Maybe they thought a quiet evening would do me good. Mama says I was invited because I am the niece of one of their charter members. Well I wish Uncle Dick knew what he helped me into. Sitting all evening all dressed up in a party dress, playing games. I like games, but not when I have dancing slippers on. I like them at home by the fire winter evenings. They had two new games—krokinole and tiddle-de-winks. I giggled myself sick over that. There is a big colored disc and a lot of little ones, different colors—you flip the little one with the big one—snip it on the edge sort of, into a cup. It goes without saying that I couldn't do it at all. I got very proficient in snipping it, but not into the cup. It was very upsetting to some of those gray beards to get a tiddle-de-wink in the eye. I snipped one across the room and they didn't find it all evening. I hope they do. I'd hate to have them lose one of their new set brought from the city. I got home so early that mama nearly dropped. She asked me if I left early. I said, "No, it's over." She said that was something like—she thinks I do not get nearly enough sleep. I didn't profit by it, though, for I sat up and got my lessons. Some of them stall the morning after a party, but I'm not good at it.

February 15.—Exceeded my cuts in French. Prof. G— is making me read Molière's *Dust in the Eyes* to make up for it. It's a snap.

February 20.—A very awful thing has happened. It is said that at Mr. X—s party the other night, wine was served in the men's dressing room. As mama is an officer in the temperance society and H— and

I led the German, she thinks we are everlastingly disgraced. I've been scolded, but I can't see how I am to blame even if it's true, which I think it isn't. I asked H—— and he said it wasn't and I believe him. Mama didn't want me to go in the first place because it wasn't a college affair, but the boys wanted to go so they got one mother to say that her daughter could go if so-and-so would let her's, so after that it was plain sailing. They just lapped one mother's consent over the other until they got them all. I never went to a nicer party. Tarpaulins were stretched over the carpets—the favors were beautiful and must have been very expensive. H—— and I had practiced a lot and got along famously. My new slippers pinched horrid, but I danced every dance.

March 1.—I am in high favor with my family. The reports came out today and I got some daisy grades. I don't know how I did it for I haven't missed any social affairs. Went to a card party at the S—— hall. Something new and rather daring as cards are frowned on. Progressive euchre, it's called. In the city they give prizes to the winners, but they couldn't do that here so they gave each lady a favor. Lucky for me for I played like a Fiji—sat at one table all evening.

March 2.—We are all excited. A letter from the Grand president asking us to entertain the convention. Met and discussed and decided to do it. B—— and I went to the station to send the telegram. Had a funny time wording it. Finally got it, "We will be pleased to entertain national convention." Only eight words, and we could send ten for the same money. Couldn't think of anything to fill up. B—— suggested "Ta ta." Laughed ourselves sick. We'll give our annual big party during convention.

April 2.—To church this morning with my mother. The preacher raved about the frivolity of the times—tight lacing, cards, dancing, low necks, and all of us going to damnation. A regular turn or burn sermon. I was so sleepy I couldn't keep my eyes open. H—— came to call in the afternoon. I can't have a caller at night unless we go to church and most of them won't do that. Mrs. G—— came to church without taking the curl papers off her neck bangs. I thought I'd die trying to keep from laughing.

April 20.—We are all nearly dead. The convention was a great success and it should have been for we got the whole town to help us. Everyone took the most pains and trouble opening their houses and lending us things, even carriages. We felt very proud of the delegates, everyone said they never saw a finer lot of girls. The Lawrence girl missed her connections every place and got here the last day. We lost one of Mrs. S——s big napkins—mama is very miserable about it, but we'll find it.

May 28.—Commencement is over and the streets are full of drays taking trunks to the station. Makes me feel mournful. This is a place of good-byes. We have had such a good time together and some of them are going away and maybe we'll never see them again. Well—heigho—there'll be a new lot next year. And now to sleep for three months.

[unsigned]

[We are indebted for this diary to a kinswoman of the Theta who kept it. It would seem from this irregularly kept, almost haphazard chronicle that the same problems that are agitating the breasts of the reformers today were present then . . . drink, gambling, petting, improper dress, lack of seriousness and even hair cutting. For obvious reasons names are omitted.—*San Francisco Alumnae*]

Charm is the title of a volume of which Mary Margaret McBride, of Kappa Alpha Theta, is co-author. According to its authors

Charm is "A book about It and those who have It for those who want It," and they have prepared a questionnaire which may simplify the problem of getting at ourselves. *Kappa Alpha Theta* furnishes the information—and also the questionnaire. Try it.

1. What is your secret ambition—the one you never talk about for company?
2. What have you done to realize this ambition?
3. Are your day-dreams centered entirely upon yourself?
4. What is the real cause of the moody fits of depression that you have?
5. How many friends have you that can be counted on in a pinch?
6. Are you that kind of a friend to anybody? To how many people?
7. Are you envious? Jealous?
8. Do you like people?
9. Are you a good listener?
10. Do you find it a bore when somebody asks you to do a favor?
11. Are you constantly asking favors of other people?
12. Are you conceited? Do you talk too much about yourself?
13. Do you insist upon having your own way regardless of other people's wishes?
14. If you were choosing a friend would you choose yourself?
15. If you were giving a party would you pick yourself as first choice of a guest to be asked?
16. What trait in you seems to strike other people as most pleasant? Most unpleasant?
17. Are you ready to give more than you get?
18. Have you a pose?
19. What do you talk about?
20. Are you really well informed about anything?
21. What are your chief interests in life? Are they selfish or unselfish?

Delta Zeta reprints this article from the *Signet* of Phi Sigma Kappa. Now that elections are pending, it is apropos:

THE IDEAL CHAPTER PRESIDENT

To my mind the ideal chapter president should be one:

1. Who has won the respect and confidence of the chapter;
2. Who is resourceful and tactful;
3. Who accepts his office as a *responsibility* as well as an honor;
4. Who is thoroughly familiar with the condition of each department of the chapter organization;
5. With a clear conception of the fundamental principles upon which the growth of a strong chapter depends;
6. Who has at heart the ideals and policies of the fraternity;
7. Who is fearless and just in the administration of such rules and regulations as may be necessary in maintaining and building a strong chapter.

Louise Leonard, Grand President of Alpha Gamma Delta, sends through the *Quarterly*, this message to the seniors of 1928.

Among the plays in New York this winter is one called *The Ivory Door*. Its theme is that from our earliest infancy those about us build up traditions concerning us, based not on fact but on what they persuade themselves is fact. In the play those who have gone through the Ivory

Door in the king's palace are reputed never to have returned. At length a young king rules who determines to test for himself the truth of the rumors. He goes through the Ivory Door, and finds it leads to a long, dusty passage which opens on a distant part of the castle grounds. He returns to his castle, shorn of all attributes which tradition had falsely ascribed to him—and as his true self no one recognizes him!

Graduation is the "Ivory Door" through which you enter "Life." It opens up fresh opportunity for you to prove the truth or falsity of the traditions which have woven themselves about you. We can wish you nothing better than that as you go through the Ivory Door the less pleasant traditions shall drop away, proving they were never a real part of you, and that the happier traditions may cling to you and become more fixed in your very soul, because they grew from qualities within. So may you help to strengthen the desire for worthy attainment in those whose lives touch yours, thus increasing the happiness of the fraternity that you are "ours."

Now that our seniors are contemplating the various avenues open to the woman of today, it may be helpful to present this vocational survey from the *Arrow* of Pi Beta Phi:

VOCATIONAL SURVEY OF PI BETA PHI

| | | | |
|--|----|---|----|
| Actresses | 10 | Dancers | 4 |
| Accountants | 6 | Deans of Girls | 6 |
| Advertising | 14 | Deans of Women | 15 |
| Advertising (research) | 3 | Assistant Deans of Women ... | 3 |
| Apartment House Owner and Manager | 1 | Dean of Junior College | 1 |
| Architect | 5 | Demonstrator for Public Service | 1 |
| Artists | 5 | Dentist | 1 |
| Auditor | 1 | Dentist's Assistant | 1 |
| Bacteriologist | 1 | Dietitian | 13 |
| Banking | 17 | Director of College in South America | 1 |
| Beauty Parlor Owners | 2 | Director of Halls of Residence | 5 |
| Biologist | 1 | Director of Nursery School .. | 1 |
| Book Agent | 1 | Draftsman (mechanical) | 1 |
| Bookkeeper | 11 | Dramatics | 10 |
| Booking Agent for Vaudeville. | 1 | Dress Designers | 3 |
| Bondsalesman | 5 | Dressmaker | 1 |
| General Business | 43 | Extension Workers | 2 |
| Buyers | 3 | Farmer | 1 |
| Cafeteria | 9 | Farmer (Poultry) | 1 |
| Camp Director | 6 | Field Agent | 1 |
| Chaperons of fraternities | 5 | Floriculturist | 1 |
| Chemist | 1 | Gift Shop Owners | 10 |
| China Painter | 1 | Girl Scout Executives | 2 |
| Chiropractors | 2 | Health Work— | |
| Civil Engineers | 2 | Superintendent of Public | |
| Clerks | 44 | Health Nursing | 3 |
| Collector | 1 | Superintendent of Public | |
| Commercial Artist | 3 | Health and Phys. Ed..... | 1 |
| Composer of Music | 1 | General Workers | 3 |
| Comptometer Operator | 1 | Medical Adviser of Women .. | 1 |
| Consular Service in China | 1 | Hospital Assistant | 1 |
| Contractor and Builder | 1 | Hospital Credit Adjuster | 1 |
| Cryptanalyst | 1 | Hospital Technician | 1 |

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| Hostesses | 4 | Postmistress | 1 |
| Hotel Owner and Mgr. | 3 | Professors | 57 |
| Insurance | 9 | Psychiatrist | 1 |
| Interior Decorators | 10 | Psychologist | 1 |
| Home Lighting Decorator .. | 1 | Radio Expert | 1 |
| Laboratory Technicians | 8 | Radio Publicity | 1 |
| Laboratory Assistant | 1 | Radio Office Work | 1 |
| Landscape Architect | 1 | Real Estate | 3 |
| Landscape Gardener | 1 | Red Cross Workers | 7 |
| Lecturers | 3 | Registrars | 14 |
| Librarians | 76 | Registrars' Assistants | 2 |
| Lawyers | 7 | Religious Workers— | |
| Motion Picture Work | 1 | Catholic Sister | 1 |
| Musical Work— | | Christian Science Practitioner | 2 |
| Concert Singers | 3 | Evangelists | 5 |
| Manager of Musical Artists.. | 1 | Director of Religious Educa- | |
| Organists | 4 | cation | 2 |
| Pianists | 2 | Ministers | 3 |
| Professional Harpists | 2 | Ministers' Assistants | 2 |
| Professional Vocalists | 4 | Medical Missionaries | 3 |
| Theater Orchestra Mgr. | 1 | Missionaries | 8 |
| Teachers of Music | 72 | Salvation Army Worker | 1 |
| Newspaper Publisher | 1 | Research Workers | 5 |
| Newspaper writers | 16 | Saleswomen | 11 |
| Nurses | 25 | Secretaries | 167 |
| Osteopaths | 2 | Shopper | 1 |
| Personnel Work | 9 | Social Workers | 70 |
| Photographers | 2 | Statisticians | 3 |
| Physicians | 16 | Stylist | 1 |
| Physicians' Assistants | 3 | Subscription Agency | 1 |
| Internes | 2 | Surgical Supervisor | 1 |
| Political Positions— | | Superintendent Federal Institute | |
| Political Workers | 3 | for Women | 1 |
| Assistant State Historian ... | 1 | Steward, Federal Institute for | |
| Clerk in Capitol | 1 | Women | 1 |
| Clerk of Court | 2 | Superintendent of Vocational | |
| County Recorder | 1 | Guidance | 1 |
| County Supt. of Schools | 1 | Tea Room Manager and Owners | 5 |
| Deputy Assessor | 1 | Teachers | 1380 |
| Deputy Clerk of Court | 1 | Teachers Agency Mgrs. | 2 |
| Deputy County Superintendent | | Theater Manager | 1 |
| Schools | 1 | Title Examiner | 1 |
| Deputy District Attorney.... | 1 | Travel Service | 8 |
| Juvenile Court Worker | 1 | Tutor | 1 |
| Register of Probate Court.. | 1 | Weaver (Owner of Studio for | |
| Superintendent of Woman's | | Hand Weaving) | 1 |
| Protective Division Seattle | | X-Ray Technician | 1 |
| Police | 1 | Y.W.C.A. Secretaries | 13 |
| Portrait Painter | 1 | | |

The death of William C. Levere was a great loss not only to Sigma Alpha Epsilon but to the entire fraternity world. The erection by the fraternity of the Levere Memorial is of interest to all Greeks; and the following excerpts from an article in *The Record* give an idea of how great an enterprise it will be:

Soon after Levere's death, Brother Norman H. Pritchard (Indiana Alpha), Eric Dawson (Mississippi Gamma) and James E. Chapman

(Illinois Psi-Omega) petitioned the State of Illinois for a charter to be issued to The Levere Memorial Foundation, which has for its objects the following worthy purposes, to-wit:

1. To erect and maintain a memorial building to be known as the "Levere Memorial" in honor and memory of William C. Levere and of other members of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity who have served their country on land or sea.

2. To maintain therein a memorial chapel, also a library, reading rooms, museum and art gallery, which shall be open and free to the public for research and study.

3. To preserve documents, archives, war records, relics, pictures, works of art, and related objects, for the encouragement of patriotic and historic research, particularly as to the history of education and educational institutions, together with such facilities as may be necessary or proper to the maintenance of such a memorial.

4. To cherish, maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom, to foster true patriotism and love of country in the youth of the nation, and to promote celebrations on patriotic anniversaries.

5. To establish and grant scholarships and loan funds to worthy and needy students in various universities, colleges, and institutions of learning.

6. To receive funds, donations, bequests, endowments, and gifts, both real and personal, for the furtherance of the objects and purposes above set forth.

Every S.A.E. whom the gods have blessed with the riches of this earth will be given an opportunity to contribute to some part of the proposed building. Every family whose S.A.E. boy rests in Flanders field will have the opportunity to set aside some little niche or corner especially in memory of the beloved son or brother who gave his life that others may live. There will be, for instance, twelve large memorial windows in the Chapel, one window for each of the twelve provinces of the fraternity. These windows will be appropriated as memorials by the twelve Provinces of the fraternity and dedicated to a certain outstanding soldier or statesman of that particular province. The windows themselves may embody certain scenes or episodes of particular significance to the province and will be constructed of the finest cathedral glass of effective coloring.

"When the gates of the Temple shall open" we will gaze upon windows of surpassing beauty containing the fine features of Noble Leslie DeVotie, our founder, William Collin Levere, the great friend to man. William McKinley, Philander C. Knox, and the faces of some of our heroes of the Civil War, the Boxer rebellion, the Spanish-American and Indian Wars and last but not least the great World War. This chapel will be located at the east end of the memorial building and will have a balcony on three sides, with a seating capacity of about 600. It is confidently hoped that some friend of the fraternity will donate the organ in memory of some loved one and that some very personal friends of Billy Levere shall provide the funds for a Levere Memorial window just opposite the main entrance on the south side of the Central Tower. Then there are the chimes in the Memorial tower so beautifully designed by Brother Knox. Who, among our 35,000 members, will immortalize some choice spirit of his college days who has passed yonder to the Chapter Eternal by donating the chimes for the tower?


The writer feels that there are men and women in every part of our country today whose lives have been benignly touched by the spirit of S.A.E. and who will grasp this unusual opportunity to keep green the sweet memories of some beautiful life.

The library in the western part of the Memorial building will contain the largest and most complete collection of books, pamphlets, prints and

documents pertaining to the history of Greek-letter fraternities since the founding of Phi Beta Kappa at William and Mary College, Virginia, December, 1776, down to the present day.

During his lifetime, Billy Levere browsed through the libraries, bookshops and private collections of America and Europe and gathered wherever he could an unusually rare and complete library of books and records pertaining to college fraternities, sororities, and other college and university organizations—in fact his collections are invaluable and in case of a fire could never be replaced. The trustees of the Memorial Foundation have placed thousands of these books, periodicals, ancient documents and original records, prints, paintings, photographs, steel engravings, etchings, etc., in fireproof vaults until the halls and shelves of the stone Memorial Temple can receive them without fear of loss by fire or otherwise.

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