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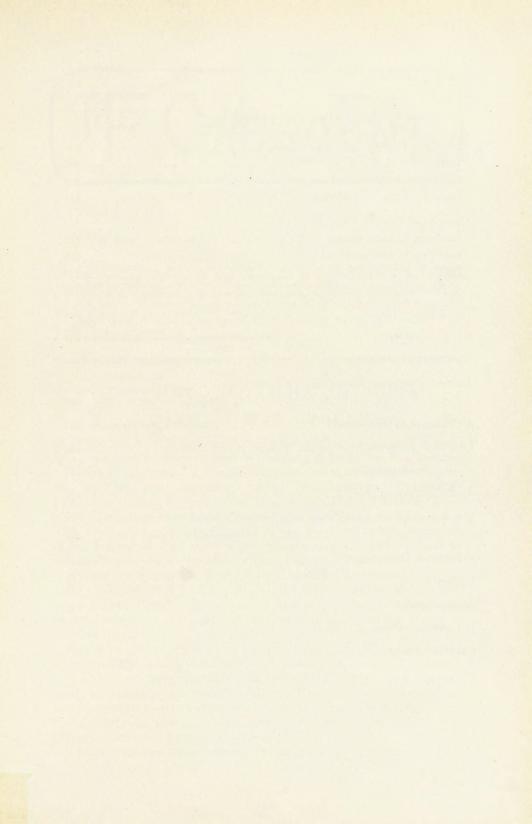
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INSTALLATION OF ALPHA NU

OMMENCEMENT week was over; students were saying farewell to Wittenberg and Wittenberg friends for the summer months; trains leaving Springfield were crowded with boys and girls who were homeward bound. Sororities and fraternities had almost ceased to exist. Not so with Tau Delta Theta however. Here, more than ever before, were signs of activity and life-and with reason. For this was perhaps the most important week-end in the history of Tau Delta Theta-the week-end when she was to be installed as the Alpha Nu chapter of Gamma Phi Beta.

Alice Dibble was the first of the Gamma Phis to arrive. She came Friday morning, June 8, to give the sorority examination which began at ten o'clock. By noon this first step had been taken, and, in an atmosphere of happy relief, we lunched together at a tea

room nearby.

Early in the afternoon the Tau Delts left the house for homes in town. The Alpha Eta girls were coming to conduct the installation, and we gave our house to them, thrilling to know that already it was being occupied by Gamma Phis and by girls whom we had learned to love in our association with them. Bertha Schneider, director of our province, also arrived Friday afternoon and was taken to her room at the Shawnee Hotel.

Pledge services were held at the house Friday night, and later

the new Gamma Phi preps went merrily homeward to the accompaniment of Gamma Phi songs, with hearts beating fast under the ribbons of double brown.

Installation for the former Tau Delta Theta actives was held at eight o'clock Saturday morning at Margaret Malone's lovely home in Ridgewood. By noon there were twenty-five new Gamma Phis, and twenty-five girls who were glad that the sun was shining, for coats must never interfere with the gleam of a brand new pin.

Saturday afternoon thirteen from the alumnæ chapter were initiated. We were especially happy to have included in this number Josephine Bretney, one of the founders of Tau Delta Theta.

The formal banquet was held at the Springfield Country Club at seven-thirty Friday night. Reservations were made for seventy-five—the guests including Dr. Rees Edgar Tullos, president of Wittenberg College, Mrs. Tullos, Miss Ruth Immel, dean, and several other members of Wittenberg's faculty besides the Gamma Phis.

Three long tables faced the speakers' table, all decorated with baskets of the lovely pale pink carnations which are the flowers of our sorority. Everywhere smiling eyes greeted each other as the songs of Gamma Phi Beta were sung.

This banquet was the début of a new Gamma Phi Beta chapter

and the program was built around this idea.

Miss Schneider served as toastmistress, introducing Helen Ness Moores of Alpha Nu Chapter who told of the past history of the débutante; Lois Shilling of Alpha Eta, who introduced her to society. President Tullos, welcomed her into the local society, and Mrs. Barbour formally greeted her into the great national organization. Short toasts were given, too, by Margaret Malone, president of Alpha Nu, and by Miss Ruth Immell.

Then Alpha Nu's song was sung and the week-end was over yet never to be forgotten for it had been the most exciting and happy time of our college days. And I think the heavens were happy too, for as we motored home our way was lighted by a crescent moon, a

symbol of a successful felicitous future for Alpha Nu.

HISTORY OF WITTENBERG COLLEGE

Wittenberg is one of the older Ohio colleges, having been founded in 1854 by Reverend Ezra Keller who was authorized to do so by the Lutheran Synod of Ohio. The college has been in operation continuously for over eighty years, and throughout its history has been recognized as a strong and conservative college.

It is supported and controlled by the Lutheran Church which, through endowment and annual gifts, provides for a large portion

of its operating expenses.

Wittenberg is not a large college and it is not the purpose that

it shall ever become a large college. Its ideal is that it shall be a good college recognized for the quality of its faculty and the scholar-

ship of its student body.

The college is located in Springfield, Ohio, a city of 72,000, a city large enough to avoid the atmosphere of provincialism. It affords the students that contact with modern life which ought to be gained by the college student. On the other hand the city is not so large as to dominate the college or to prevent it from exerting that cultural and refining influence which should proceed from an educational institution.

Since 1874 the educational opportunities at Wittenberg have been open to young women on equal terms with young men. The number of women in attendance at Wittenberg has increased year by year and at the present time, young women comprise about 40 per cent of the entire student body. Many young women interested in securing a musical education combine the advantage of Wittenberg College and Wittenberg School of Music.

. The college has property and endowment funds totalling \$3,129,753.77. The value of the college plant, grounds, buildings and equipment is \$1,664,201.91. Wittenberg is fortunate in having received in 1925, \$233,333 from the Rockefeller Foundation as an

addition to the endowment fund.

The total enrollment of Wittenberg students in the college proper for the year 1928-29 is 1,059; of these 591 are men and 468 are women. Wittenberg for several years has been one of the most rapidly growing educational institutions in the state. At a time when other colleges are experiencing an increase in enrollment, Wittenberg's growth has been far beyond the average. The college draws from widely distributed localities.

The religious atmosphere at Wittenberg is definite and wholesome. While supported by a single denomination there is nothing sectarian in the teaching or the atmosphere of the college. Earnest young people of every denomination are welcome as students. No attempt at any time is made to impress denominational views upon the stu-

dent body.

HISTORY OF TAU DELTA THETA

Tau Delta Theta had the distinction of being the first woman's Greek-letter society to be instituted at Wittenberg. This sorority was founded April 17, 1902, its four charter members being Miriam Weaver, Edith Fox, Josephine Bretney, and Helen Vance.

The entire membership of the organization was composed of local girls until 1917. About this time the first chapter home was secured. Due to the growth the present chapter house on Woodlawn Avenue

was purchased in 1921.

In November, 1914, an alumnæ association was formed in which all of the older members took an active interest. In January, 1928, a Mothers' Club was organized. These two organizations are closely

related to the active chapter.

Since its organization Tau Delta Theta has always stood for the highest and best principles in college and social activities; and its purpose has been, and will be, to maintain the standard which it has held for twenty-seven years, and to bring honor to the name of

Wittenberg.

The badge was kite-shaped with a black enamel background upon which were embossed, in gold, the Greek letters, Tau Delta Theta. Below the letters was a star set with a diamond. The pledge pin was a star with the Greek letters in gold, upon the black enamel background. The sorority colors were black and white, and the flower was the vellow chrysanthemum.

ALPHA XI OF GAMMA PHI BETA

GAMMA PHI BETA WELCOMES ALPHA XI

IVES there a member of Gamma Phi Beta who can witness an initiation without feeling that she has been lifted far above the sordidness and actualities of every day life and has been transported to heights approaching the sublime? This feeling of inspiration and renewed allegiance which we have for the initiation service is intensified, even doubled, when witnessing the installation of a new chapter. Those of us who assisted in the installation of Alpha Xi will long cherish the happy memories of this occasion and wishing to share these memories with every member of our sisterhood are writing this article.

In L'Arc de Triomphe in Paris there is kept burning on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, an Eternal Flame of Remembrance. American travelers when visiting this shrine are overcome with a feeling of awe and reverence, of pride in standards and ideals; there is also that pardonable feeling of exaltation because he is a part of those same standards and ideals and may give of his talents to keep that Light glowing throughout all ages. This feeling which the traveler has is akin to the feeling which installing offcers have when they are passing on to others the standards and ideals of Gamma Phi Beta. There is an intangible Flame of Remembrance which burns within the heart of each member and a thrill of pride and exaltation that each of us may have a little part in keeping Our Light glowing brighter as the years pass.

By noon of September 20, the installing officers had arrived in Dallas and there were immediate signs of activity. Mrs. W. R. Cochran (Dorothy Shaw, Upsilon) was everywhere, directing, counseling and doing. Such efficiency, combined with such charm of personality is rarely found in one individual. She was aided and abetted by Mabel Fowler and Ruby Dudley who were initiated at convention in Kansas City.

Mrs. Cochran had arranged for pledge service to be held at her beautiful home on Lemmon Avenue at eight o'clock, on Friday evening. The group of visitors and the local Gamma Phis were augmented by a contingent from Psi and Oklahoma City who had arrived about seven-thirty o'clock. This made about twenty members for the pledge service which was conducted most impressively by Mrs. Barbour.

The Oak Lawn Methodist Church furnished a delightful setting for the initiation ceremony of Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Stover, assisted by local Gamma Phis and the girls from Psi had charge of the details of initiation and under this capable management no detail was omitted. Installation banquet was held Saturday evening at the Dallas Athletic Club, with some forty members present. The Dallas Alumnæ Association presented the installing officers and initiates with vanity cases bearing the Gamma Phi Beta crest. The tables were decorated with pink carnations and ferns and appeared most festive. Alice Field Boyle, Theta, presided as toastmistress and was most original and clever in introducing the speakers. A fitting climax to a series of inspirational talks, was reached when our president was introduced and gave, "And this is Gamma Phi Beta." She expressed most beautifully what every member feels but few have the ability to put into words. Telegrams from many chapters brought greetings to Alpha Xi, bidding the members welcome into our noble sisterhood. Many expressions of congratulations were received, some by letter, others by personal greeting and still others "said it with flowers." The banquet was truly a most enjoyable occasion; old memories were revived, old friendships renewed and all became college girls again when we joined in singing Gamma Phi Beta songs, led by Ella Brazil Lindsay, Oklahoma City, and Frances Atwater, Psi. It is true that music hath charms and no music so much charm as the songs of our alma mater, and of our sorority. Verily, time turned backward and what a joy we experienced in living again those care free college days.

Perhaps no chapter has had a more propitious beginning; two national officers and three alumnæ as installing officers, assisted by four girls from an active chapter and some twenty alumnæ. This together with the co-operation of the authorities of Southern Methodist University and the opportunity for growth and development which exists there, and the strong personalities of the Alpha Xi girls, will forge another strong link in our chain of chapters.

The girls forming the active chapter of Alpha Xi are: Mabel

Fowler, Lulu Mae Carver and Ruby Dudley, initiated at convention in Kansas City; Margaret Cate, Kathryn Peurifoy, Christine McCracken Coffee, Mary Jo Mouzon, Alice Haynes, Pearl Wallace Chappell, Charleen Shaw Cochran, Estaleen Woods, Lois Thompson McCulloch, Opal Wallace, Elizabeth Wood, Lucille Shaw Barrett, Joyce Cate. A charming group of young women, enthusiastic, capable and anxious and willing to carry on.

As a final act of the installation a model meeting was conducted by Mrs. Smith; and Alpha Xi was then ready to emerge on her own responsibility. Plans for some attractive parties for rush which began Monday following installation were formulated and Mrs. Stover and Mrs. Smith remained in Dallas to work with the girls and

to lend a helping hand whenever and wherever needed.

The five installing officers were: Elizabeth Barbour, Epsilon, our gracious president, so thoroughly imbued with the spirit of Gamma Phi Beta that she will guide the stately ship to a safe harbor; La Verne Stover, Sigma, vice-president, petite, charming, smiling a way through all obstacles and a worthy first mate for our ship; Florence Smith, Epsilon, capable, efficient and untiring in her labors for Gamma Phi Beta, a pilot who is always on the watch so that our ship may strike no rocks or reefs; Flo Kinnebrew, Epsilon, the Spirit of Youth, the personal director of the crew who kept every one in a happy mood; Eula Fullerton, Psi, chief mechanic.

From Psi came Carrie Johnston, Lois Johnston, Frances Massey and Frances Atwater. Della Brunstetter, Myrtle Skillern, Jewel Morrison, Fay Chapman and Ella Lindsey from Oklahoma City

alumnæ. Ruth Sneed from Alpha Zeta.

Alumnæ living in Dallas are: Dorothy Shaw Cochran, Upsilon; Ethel Singnaigo Everts, Upsilon; Alice Field Boyle, Theta; Mrs. Ralph Ellis, Sigma; Lucille Franklow Rendall, Alpha Zeta; Mary Brus, Psi; Helen Hambleton, Psi; Helen Holmes Carpenter, Omicron; Alice Signaigo Rice, Upsilon; Nettie Turner Griffin, Alpha Zeta; Frances Jones Mitchell, Phi; Edith Sylvester Magarrell, Phi; Anna Campbell Moore, Upsilon.

May the crescent moon which rose in Dallas on September 20 and 21, 1929, attain its fullness in enriching the lives of the girls who were initiated, in proving itself an invaluable addition to Southern Methodist University and in giving service in the communities where, after graduation, the members go to assume their places in the great scheme which has been so wisely planned by our Gracious and Divine

Father.

EULA E. FULLERTON, Psi and Oklahoma City

SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY

In the fall of 1915 the Southern Methodist University was formally opened with a registration exceeding that of the first year of any other university. Dallas, the foremost city of the Southwest, had long been recognized as an excellent location for a university, and when the Southern Methodist Church decided to found such an institution, the city of Dallas gave 600 acres of land and \$300,000 in cash to the proposed university. One hundred and thirty-three acres of this grant constitute the present campus of the University. The Rockefeller Foundation Fund departed from its usual custom in aiding the foundation. Thus S.M.U. sprang full-grown from the happy conjunction of these three agencies.

Since 1915 the University has enjoyed a phenomenal growth and enlargement. To the College of Liberal Arts there have been added the Graduate School, the School of Theology, the School of Music, the School of Commerce and Business Administration, and lastly the School of Journalism. The faculty has increased from thirty-

seven the first year to eighty-four this year.

The campus has gradually outgrown its original rustic appearance. To Dallas Hall and the two dormitories have been added a modern, well equipped gymnasium and a building to accommodate the Schools of Commerce and Journalism. Two Ministerial Apartments, for ministers and their families, have recently been completed, and the first house has been built on Fraternity Row, a plot of land set aside by the University for the location of fraternity houses. The grounds are made beautiful by the picturesque Forest of Arden, by well tended tennis courts and ball parks and one of the best golf courses in the city.

The year 1922-23 has brought an unusual number of gifts and foundations to the University, chief among which is the gift of \$100,000 from Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Kirby, of Austin, for the construction of a building to accommodate the School of Theology. Jordan Ownby, former student of the University, donated \$10,000 toward a fund for the construction of a football stadium with seating capacity of six thousand, which will be called the Jordan Ownby Oval. Colonel Pires, of Dallas, willed one-fourth of the residue of his estate to the University, which will be approximately \$500,000. Many other scholarships and endowments too numerous to mention, the donors ranging from students in the University to friends and patrons all over the state.

The activities of the school include Y.M.C.A., Y.W.C.A., Choral and Glee Clubs, Women's Athletic Association, debating societies, and many other literary, social, religious and sociological organizations. The annual spring presentation, formerly a May Fête, has this year been changed to a religious pageant which promises to

become one of the most interesting and valuable features of the school year.

The University is proud of its scholastic achievement, claiming two Rhodes Scholars as its sons. Nor has it been without its glory on the athletic fields and in the realm of oratory.

And as it has grown in structure, so it has grown in spirit, and slowly as the years revolve the University is building strong a foundation of traditions and ideas that is claiming for it a place among the great institutions of the nation.

HISTORY OF GAMMA BETA

Gamma Phi Beta came to Southern Methodist University in the spring of 1929 for the purpose of investigating the university with the idea of placing a chapter on the campus. They found Dorothy Shaw Cochran and Ethel Signaigo Everts, alumnæ of Upsilon Chapter, ready to sponsor a group. Mabel Fowler, Ruby Dudley, and Margaret Cate were chosen from the student body to assist, and these five, working together, selected Christine Coffee, Mary Josephine Mouzon, Katheryn Peurifoy, Lula Mae Carter, and Mary Alice Haines.

Mrs. Horace Smith with a group of Psi University and Alpha Zeta girls came in February, 1929, and colonized Gamma Beta. In June Mabel Fowler, Ruby Dudley, and Lula Mae Carter went to Convention and were initiated while the charter was granted June 26 at Kansas City making Gamma Beta the Alpha Xi Chapter of Gamma Phi Beta. These girls rushed during the summer and on September 21, 1929, Mrs. Barbour, Eula Fullerton, La Verne Stover, and Mrs. Smith with Gamma Phis from the Psi, Zeta, and other chapters held the formal installation on the campus. There were thirteen initiates.

A TRIBUTE

Tribute is paid to Dorothy Shaw Cochran and Ethel Signaigo Everts, both of Upsilon, to whose thoughtful, patient, untiring efforts, the success of the colonization is due. Each has given generously of time, effort and interest; and the affection of Alpha Xi is centered upon them. The efficiency and personality of these two alumnæ will mean much to the new chapter; and no group could have more charming sponsors.

THE SORORITY HOUSE

NE of the most valuable assets the sorority chapter can possess is an attractive home. In many colleges, where competition in rushing is keenest, the sorority house is a determining factor in successful bidding; and in every college it is becoming increasingly vital to the morale,

well being, and activities of the group.

Considering their relatively brief period of existence in college history, sororities have accomplished wonders and today are recognized as permanent, desirable adjuncts to educational institutions. Proper living is just as important as the curriculum and the sorority recognizes its duties to the undergraduates in advocating the best possible homes, properly supervised and equipped with the "mechanics" for refined living, comforts and even some of the luxuries. Therefore, fireproof, sanitary chapter houses, conveniently arranged, chaperoned by approved housemothers, observing a substantial, balanced, well prepared diet and containing contact, all in an orderly manner, are an actual necessity; and are within the financial reach of the average student. Without the close association and contact that comes from this group living, much of the benefit of college life is lost.

The increasing activities, the growing desire for more and better things, and the natural prosperity of the country have combined to advance both the construction and operating cost of chapter houses, so that the problem of the prospective builder is chiefly that of finance. Where the chapter is wealthy, as few of them are, this problem is simple and can readily be turned over to a reputable architect who will send in his bills. But most chapters have limited resources, or none at all, and must therefore, limit the cost

and work hard to pay even that.

The construction and managing of the house is a business proposition and calls for a business organization. The problems are many and varied, there-

fore, to the group ambitious to build, the first step is to "organize."

The organization should be selected with greatest care and a separate building corporation is better than a building committee as it must assume legal and financial responsibility only possible entirely, or at least mostly, of alumnæ members and of course those having building experience are desired. While a large number of participating members may be helpful in raising funds, the control should be vested in three or five capable workers who can be selected as the building committee of the corporation, directed by a "hard boiled" chairman.

By law your corporation must have a president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer; must keep minutes of regular meetings, must have a corporate

seal and contracts must be executed by its officers.

Funds must be raised before entering any agreements and the amount should be at least 10 per cent of the total expenses to be incurred. More is better and will enable cheaper financing, therefore the more money raised before starting any project the easier will be the problem. Raising the equity or nest egg is the real test of your sincerity and will demonstrate whether you really wish to own your own home or merely think you do. Methods of raising the initial funds are varied and are covered extensively in fraternity publications. They consist mainly of donations, proceeds from card parties, rummage sales, operation of tea rooms and book shops, and a long list of "stunts" testing your originality.

The major financing is best raised by a first mortgage loan on the land, building and furnishings so your title must be clear. It is possible to cover this mortgage through the sale of bonds; many of them being sold to members, their relatives and friends; or the issue can be underwritten by a

bank or an individual and sold to the public. After the original equity has been collected endowment can be enlisted to help with a small loan if approved.

In developing the financial analysis, the total obligation must not exceed six times the gross annual receipts. In this, however, donations need not

be included.

Each project must be carefully computed on its own merits from the basic figures and ample margin allowed for sinking fund, loss of income, and contingencies. For example: Fifty girls, each paying \$60 monthly, for room and board, for nine months, would provide \$27,000 annually and dues from non-resident members should insure \$3,000 more, or a gross annual income of \$30,000. This should be discounted about 10 per cent for probable vacancies and other losses to \$27,000 and of this at least \$15,000 must be spent for operating expenses, leaving \$12,000 for interest and amortizing the loan.

Assuming the interest at 6 per cent, the repayment at 3 per cent annually, and 1 per cent for sinking fund, or a total fixed charge of 10 per cent of this accrual, one could borrow ten times \$12,000 or a total of \$120,000, and with your equity of \$10,000 would create a sum of \$130,000 to cover all costs. The amortization rate might be reduced to 2 per cent or even less if your

backing is good.

This however, must contemplate a serious shrinking in the proceeds from the loan to cover the brokerage fee, first years interest, costs and expenses that will total from 15 to 20 per cent of the loan. It is always expensive to borrow and reduces your available funds for purchase of land, construction, furnishings etc., to \$103,000 or perhaps down to \$96,000, available cash.

The \$15,000 is ample to cover all routine operating expenses but does not include special entertainment; and too the rates charged for board and

room will necessarily vary in different localities.

With the total of say \$100,000 to cover all expenditures, the proportionate sums should approximate:

Land\$	
Building contract	71,000
Architect fee	
Furniture and equipment	15,000
Total investment\$10	00,000

This is merely suggestive and approximate; can be varied to fit conditions and is conservative.

Furnishings can be largely secured by gifts from friends; whole rooms

being furnished by individuals and groups.

The site should be selected for size, location and cost. It should be convenient to the campus, with proper regard to transportation and environment, ample in area but not larger than required for proper "setting," else there will be too much landscaping to maintain. It should be located on high ground if there is choice and on a good paved street.

An architect is necessary and should be engaged as soon as the project is assured, preferably before purchasing the ground. Be sure he has the proper experience in this, or similar type of building, because architects specialize and but few will be suited to this work. The terms of his compensation and the duties he undertakes should be thoroughly discussed, understood, and covered by contract or letter. Six per cent of the cost of the building is ample in most cases for the best talent, including supervision.

The planning of the house is contingent on many factors and much thought, investigation, and study are essential to real success. Do not leave all the

details to the architect, as some will suggest, at least not until you are satis-

fied that he has solved the problems to your satisfaction.

The size of the chapter, taking its probable growth into consideration, the locality and environment, the character and social status of the girls, the alumnæ who may wish representation, the average number who will live regularly in the house, the number of town girls who will use the club facilities and perhaps take either regular or occasional meals, while living at home; the maximum to be entertained at rushing; initiations; dances; home comings; chaperons and helps' quarters; and a long list of questions and points should be considered and decided well in advance.

Not the least factor is the matter of cost and this must be watched and guarded closely if you would avoid headaches and worse. Before actually planning your home establish a complete budget including every item required in buying and landscaping the lot, building and finishing the house, furnishings, equipment and decorations, and instruct your architect posi-

tively that this amount must not be exceeded.

Frame construction (wood) while lowest in initial cost and suitable for smaller chapters in warm climates, is not durable and is more costly in the end for upkeep, repairs, and maintenance.

It is advisable to build well even if it hurts; there will be less grief in

the end, so do not try to make the budget too small.

Masonry construction—that is concrete foundations, reinforced concrete floors, brick, tile or stone walls and tile partitions—will endure indefinitely, will not settle or crack from shrinkage, are fireproof, sanitary, furnish better insulation and will repay the extra cost from insurance saved. If too costly however, the ordinary construction may be used, which consists of concrete foundations, masonry walls but using wood for the floor and partition supports. The roof may be built of wood rafters and boards in any case but should be covered with slate, tile, or asphalt shingles.

The style or type of architecture will of course be prominent in the thoughts of anyone about to build and there are a number of safe, attractive, standardized types that are suitable; but this too is much a matter of lo-

cality, pocketbook, and personal taste.

Where the college has adopted a specific design there is no alternative but where few have taken this initiative, it rests with the chapter to express itself.

Something significant and in limited uniformity, as the general style in Gamma Phi houses, would seem appropriate, partly for the somewhat sentimental purpose of identification and distinction, but also for the more practical and economic factors in design and standardization of detail. Certainly, greater perfection and economy could be secured in the "mechanics" of construction, if some standardization were followed; and if used by chapters in future construction, most of the mistakes and oversights of the past could be avoided.

After carefully surveying all the suitable types of houses that might be selected, it is suggested that the Colonial or American style is the most appropriate because: It is typical of North America. It is simple, flexible, adaptable. It is appropriate in all sections and climates. It is economical in arrangement of space and in cost of construction and operation. It lends itself equally well to the use of frame, stucco, brick, or stone construction. It an be developed to any size, shape, or arrangement to suit the budget, the site, the climate and the taste; permitting wide variation while yet following the basic principals or motif. It is permanent, having been used extensively since colonial days and will remain while many of the transient types are obsolete. A large number of Gamma Phi houses have used the Colonial style of architecture.

The arrangement of the interior has more nearly approached standardization than the exteriors but, due to transition, climate, size of chapters, and other influences, there must continue to be some considerable variation.

Most of the chapters have grown in size so that it seems proper to contemplate from fifty to sixty girls as resident for the average house. Less than twenty would not justify a separate home, as the cost would be out of proportion; but the club type would be appropriate for the smaller chapters.

To house so many regulars and allow for special occasions, contingencies, town members etc., will require "considerable house" costing with land, building and furnishings, only, in the neighborhood of \$2,000 for each permanent resident or \$1,000,000 for a fifty girl capacity house. This is more nearly a minimum than a maximum as there is really no limit to what can be spent if tastes and funds are not limited.

For such a house it is assumed that there will be a full basement, first, second and third floors, divided to provide rooms and spaces somewhat as follows: The basement should extend above grade to permit shallow windows and to drain thoroughly. It should have at least one outside entrance, a rear or service stairway from the kitchen and a main stairway for the members, permitting easy access to a central hall opening into the principal rooms. At one end and extending entirely across the building can be the chapter room with vestibule and suite consisting of robing room, property closet and toilet. The chapter room should have a platform about six inches high across one end and a proscenium arch or dropped beam for the curtain across the front. The robing room should contain wardrobes along the walls, each built with shelf, hooks and a drawer.

The entrance to the vestibule and the property closet door should have cylinder locks. There must be a large trunk room with racks for baggage and benches for use in unpacking, as trunks should not be carried up-stairs. There should be a general storage room for furniture and miscellaneous equipment. The kitchen storeroom should be located close to the service stairs and kept cool. The chapter office with a small closet, the heater room, fuel room, laundry and help's quarters, also should be located in the basement. The heater room should contain the boiler, hot water tank and heater, incinerator, and tools. Unless all laundry work is to be sent out, there should be a large, well equipped laundry containing triple compartment, tray, sink, gas stove, washing machine, mangle, dryer, and boards and irons for hand work. There should be at least two rooms each with closet and bath for help, if help is to live in the house. In some cases it is desirable to locate the kitchen in the basement and serve through the pantry on the first floor, by using a dumb waiter. This allows more public space and freedom on the first floor, but requires more "help" and expense in serving.

On the first floor is the main entrance through a large well heated vestibule, and opening off this should be a room equipped with shelves, hooks and racks for wraps, rubbers and books. The hall may be large or small as desired, but as the first floor is mostly public and assembly space, the hall should be a radial or connecting space for all rooms. There should be a small reception room or alcove off the vestibule or hall for visitors and a public

toilet should connect.

The living room, dining room, hall, and such other public assembly rooms as are built, should be so arranged as to open up into one general area for special gatherings, and also to close off for partial privacy. Dating, being an essential, should be encouraged by attractive nooks and cosy corners, easily provided when laying out the partitions and placing the openings between these rooms, but in most houses a library and perhaps a music room will be desired. Of course the living room would not be complete without a large, wood burning fireplace.

Sun rooms and enclosed porches are sometimes provided but cost about as much as regular rooms and are of less value and use.

Adjoining one end of the dining room must be the butler's pantry containing shelves for dishes, drawers for linen, a silver sink, and provision for

the dining room service.

The kitchen requires much thought and planning, otherwise it will be a source of constant loss and worry. It must contain a large, first class range, a cook's table built with heavy top, drawers and shelves, overhead racks for utensils, a large double drain board sink, a pot sink and closet, a mechanical refrigerator, and food storage closet. It should be well ventilated with a spacious flue and of course there must be shelves, drawers and cupboards in abundance. A place for everything but with no waste space.

The chaperon will require two rooms, a living room and a bedroom with a complete private bath. Also opening into the hall will be the telephone booths, accessible but not conspicuous. Service stairs extending on up to the second and third floors are worth the cost and space and should be pro-

vided if possible.

The second and third floors are generally devoted to sleeping quarters

with provision for study rooms and toilet facilities.

In most existing houses the bedrooms are relatively small and accommodate two girls with one large toilet to the floor. This is the more economical arrangement but is no more than a dormitory, inherited from the past and not in keeping with the modern trend, which is more in the direction of private baths and refined treatment. There is much criticism of the dormitory type, therefore, if the budget can be stretched to stand the strain, it is advocated that the bedrooms be arranged in suites with smaller baths forming complete units for regrouping the girls.

Several different combinations can be devised such as a suite of two large sleeping rooms accommodating four or eight in the group, with a study, a well equipped dressing room and bath. Or three bedrooms could be grouped around the central dressing room, bath, and study combination

to accommodate either nine or six girls.

The advantages of this regrouping are numerous and can be made quite attractive in that the bathroom is convenient, warm, and equipped to contain the personal toilet articles of the individuals; the dressing room would also be the wardrobe with ample shelves, hooks, rods, racks, drawers, mirrors, chairs and other utilities; the study would be always available and comfortable, while the sleeping rooms could be better ventilated, cleaner, and cool if desired.

Also on the floor should be utility rooms for use of the girls in light washing and ironing; linen rooms for storing clean and collecting soiled linen; telephone booths; and a small serving pantry or closet for emergency use.

For the sorority house in the larger cities where members do not live in the building, the club type is appropriate, is relatively economical to build, but reversely has but limited income. Such a club, contemplating a much smaller membership, say twenty-five to thirty actives, must however provide for alumnæ and other guests on occasion to double the average and for rushing, pledging, homecomings, and parties the maximum of which might run up to two hundred.

Such a house would embody the same public or assembly rooms as the larger houses consisting of chapter room suite and service accommodations in the basement; large living room with hall and vestibule; coat closet and reception room or alcove with such auxiliary, library, music room, guest rooms and

similar accommodations but no dining room.

There should be a small kitchen for luncheons and spreads with rather large, well equipped serving pantry for the use of caterers; it being more satisfactory to have large gatherings served from outside.

For emergency or visitors, a small suite of one or two rooms with bath; and these rooms could also serve for studies, utility and dressing rooms by connecting to one end of the living room. The beds could be folding or roll-away, and the furnishings appropriate to combination uses. It might be feasible to finish off a suite in the attic and use the entire first floor as an open assembly.

The cost of building the "club" type would depend on so many unknown conditions that only the wildest guess can be made here; the lowest possible price for adequate size building being at least \$7,500 for the structure with land, furnishings, and extras to be added, while the larger and more elaborate

type could run up to almost any figure.

A well known principle in architecture is to construct the ornament, rather than ornament the structure; therefore, simplicity is in better taste,

is more permanent, and is less costly than elaboration.

Plaster should be plain as a rule and used as the background, with perhaps a few simple mouldings in some of the more important rooms. While the Colonial type, by virtue of its origin when all materials and labor were cheap, is rather lavish in the use of heavy molded wood trim, high ceilings, doors and windows, later modifications have rendered it perfectly proper to simplify the interior treatment; so that today, wood trim is reduced to a minimum or entirely omitted.

For instance, window jams may be finished entirely in plaster, and wood used only for stools and aprons; arches between the public rooms formed also entirely in plaster, and where terrazzo floors are used, the base may

be of the same material.

Where reinforced concrete floor construction is employed, the floors that are to be carpeted will be finished in cement and painted, while main stairs, living room, hall, dining room, and other public spaces should have terrazzo or some similar refined material in color and pattern; rolled, ground, polished, and waxed. Rugs can then be used or the floors left bare, with propriety.

Mantels, plate rails, panel molds, and any such embellishment should be avoided and all floor, wall, and ceiling surfaces kept free from "catch alls," dust collectors, bric-a-brac as unsightly, unsanitary, unnecessary and ex-

pensive.

Where possible, radiators should be recessed and where not so treated should have metal covers or shields, both for appearance and to protect deco-

rations from dirt.

Hardware and lighting fixtures afford opportunity for expression, and can well be emblematical of Gamma Phi. The fireplace also may be developed in the same way by using stone facing with the crest artistically carved either in the key stone of the arch, or on the chimney breast. Mantels are not needed and are being omitted as rubbish collectors.

Electric light outlets are a great convenience and if included in the original contract do not cost much. Sockets for lamps, vacuum cleaner, and utilities

should be provided abundantly though located carefully.

Oil heat, automatically controlled, is recommended for nearly all sorority houses; for economy and comfort. It is much cheaper than hard coal, is clean, needs attention but once a month for cleaning and oiling, and maintains an even temperature always.

An incinerator for consuming garbage and waste is almost a necessity in most houses, but there are so many poor kinds that careful investigation and full guarantees should be had before deciding on the type and size.

The house heater, the incinerator, and the hot water heater can be cross connected and operated as a unit, to the advantage of all; with the combination an abundance of hot water should be available at all times.

A drinking water filter with cooling system can be worked in economi-

cally through the mechanical refrigerator and is a valuable asset.

Decorations should be sparingly applied at first both to permit more study, and also to allow the building to do any settling or cracking that may occur, and then may be done in installments if funds are low. Styles change and therefore extremes are to be avoided. Wall paper is recommended for most walls as it can be cleaned or replaced cheaper than painted surfaces, the calcimine is admirable for ceilings.

Period furniture is to be preferred to the more transient and temporary faddish types that come and go, and as it is now proper to mix periods

in the same room, ample variety is possible.

Consideration must be given to the use, purpose, and treatment of the house, the furniture and decorations; and durability under rough usage

should determine selections.

This is but a brief survey of the subject and is written in an effort to stimulate interest and perhaps to be of some slight aid to those who contemplate building. It does not presume to cover the entire scope nor to enter into much detail as each house must be developed to meet specific requirements and fit existing conditions.

ERNEST BARBOUR

"WE ARE BUILDING"

(From a Professional Decorator's Point of View)

OST of us can say, "We are building" because we are actually doing so in fact or in the relationship. building or rebuilding chapter houses. By that I mean we are either planning a new house, in the midst of building it, or are remodeling, refurnishing, rebuilding the one we have.

Outside of college, many of us are in one of these processes in regard to our own home. Or perhaps we are building a civic college women's club, a community house or a summer camp or golf club house. The basic principles of building exteriors and interiors are

the same.

The writer, who has had years of training in this country and abroad and rich actual experience in lecturing and decorating, can think of interior decorating, her profession, only in terms of building, for two reasons.

First: interior decorating should begin, and actually does begin, with the first architectural draft accepted by the client or building committee. This sketch may sugggest the perfect interior, allowing proper wall and window spaces and general good proportions of the rooms. By the same token it can define rooms utterly devoid of charm, character, or convenience. Of course, most architects of recognized standing understand this point and work toward it in their design. But no client or committee should accept even a first floorplan-sketch without mentally walking about each room, satisfying themselves that the interior will be fundamentally right.

For example, always allow wall space for a piano, a sofa, or a book case or two and other sizable furniture in the living room; and beds, chest of drawers, etc., in the bedroom. Allow your rooms to be wide enough in proportion to their length to give a sense of spaciousness; don't allow them to be elongated candy boxes. Neither must ceilings be too low nor too high. The former makes you feel compressed, stifled; the latter as if you cannot keep your feet on the ground, but rather must rise up on wings and fly. If one has to conceal the former, use a self-colored stripe wall paper; if the latter, drop your picture moulding a few feet down according to the proportion of wall. Have flowered-all-over wall paper, modern or traditional, go up to the moulding; plain paper above and continuing over the ceiling.

A helpful method of procedure is for client or committee to make scrapbooks of pictures from current decorating magazines of the windows, fireplaces, rooms complete and other things that express the choice of the collector. These should give both the architectural detail and the curtained and decorated treatment. Scrapbooks of ideas are most helpful to architect and decorator. Of course, both decorator and architect may and should suggest their ideas which may be even smarter, lovelier or more practical. They are creative

artists in this line.

Should your house be on Main Street in Centerville with no architects or decorators possible geographically or financially, use your public library files or send to the Metropolitan Museum, New York, for booklets or picture-cards of interiors, exteriors, and furnishings of the type and period house you wish it to be—Colonial, English, French or any other style. Decoration magazines such as *House and Garden* have compiled and bound their best issues which are reasonable, helpful textbooks for the layman, and procurable by writing for them.

In addition to a scrapbook of pictured ideas, make a notebook of architectural details listed, such as incinerator, upstairs pressing boards, and clothes chutes from upper floor to laundry in basement. Take this and your scrapbook to your architect and you will be

talking the same language.

To return to the writer's view that the decorator is actually building too. Her second point is that interiors and their furnishings must be built up from the point of scale of furniture, color and fabrics.

Do not, if you can help it, allow heterogeneous gifts to be bestowed on you out of your home or that of others. Also be clever and select a committee of cultured, tasteful people whether they be mothers, or sorority sisters. Should you have only those available who think they are artistic but express their taste by putting posies on everything, by all means leave decisions and selections to a professional decorator. By this I do not mean a department store furniture man. He often is your worst enemy because he knows only what he sees in catalogues from Grand Rapids. Some Grand Rapids things are lovely, but not always are they good taste.

Once you have your committee or decorator, or both (and I'd advise much praying in selecting them), and when your architectural interior is a right foundation both in design, color and finish, you can proceed. You have asked your architect to not use any garrish Tiffany wall finishes. For Colonial or English interiors you are using quiet plaster or wall paper. For Spanish, French, or Italian you are using plaster.

Always your woodwork must be simple and well designed and built. Your fireplace mantel is the center of your room. Be very watchful that it is in good taste. Catalogues may be had from Curtis Cabinet Manufacturing Co. in Ohio and Shevlin, Carpenter and Clarke, Minneapolis, who are very reliable, have beautiful designs of mantels, corner cupboards, doorways, etc.; and because of doing it in a factory, you often find it more reasonable than having the fine mill work done by your own city firms. Again I refer you to books and good decorating magazines.

As for furniture and curtains, they must contrive to give the effect and atmosphere you wish. As for example—a sorority house is the home of young people for nine months, or less, a year. Home must be expressed; youth must be expressed. Because it is only for nine months the materials need not be such expensive, grandiose ones. It isn't as if you were planning a permanent home for mature people where expensive substantial linens, damasks, et cetera, would be used.

To be practical you must use fabrics that will stand wear and tear in upholstery; but do use uncommon ones! For example, select striped in greens, tomato and sand flat mohair for some of your chairs instead of tapestry and thick pile mohair that comes on almost all furniture store pieces. The smart hotels today are using fine mohair and rep materials and find them very practical as well as reasonable. Lescher Whitman mohairs serve this purpose.

Curtains should be selected first in working out a decorative color scheme of a room unless you have a rug such as an Oriental to live up to. If you have a Chinese or Oriental rug pick out the most predominate three colors—such as sand, old blue, and burgundy. Your curtains and chair covering them must follow these colors. Sand background cretonnes with roses of deep red, and striped upholstery combining the three colors, are a suggestion. This room naturally cannot be youthful; therefore, the decorator will recommend not putting large sums of money into Chinese or Oriental rugs.

As for allotting your money expenditures, you can have butter on all your bread if you spread it evenly and reasonably thin. Oriental rugs take most of your butter for one slice.

An ideal method of procedure (and it need not be expensive) would be to select your chintz or cretonne. Waverly fabrics are excellent for this purpose. If it has a soft peach background with some bluegreen and pale-gold in flowers and leaves, use that color scheme as the keynote of the whole room. These colors are harmonious, liv-

able and youthful.

For floor covering select a reseda green broadloom chenille rug. Place on top of this rug chairs covered in old-gold striped mohair, a sofa and chair or two slip-covered in the same chintz as being used at the windows, and an occasional chair of peach rep striped or self-figured. Sorority house upholstery should always be planned not to show spots or usage.

Lamps in this room could be in pale-gold with ribbon binding, or simple decoration, of blue-green or peach. These should not be monotonous but thoroughly *simple* and always *related*. Walls and woodwork in this room might be painted in pale sunshine yellow, or peach to match the background of chintz. This room would have

much charm and youthfulness.

Bedrooms are usually carried out individually by those using them. If one selected her chintz and was allowed to paint (or have painted) her chest of drawers, bed and chairs it would be well to pick out some color from the chintz for the paint and another color or two for the bedspread and cushions. Hand tufted unbleached muslin bedspreads dyed old blue, soft gold, peach, etc., still are about the most inexpensive decorative bedspreads possible.

Slip-covers should be used wherever possible. They are thoroughly practical, can be cleaned, and add much charm, decorative

quality, and hominess to your interiors.

Fundamental principles of design in interior decoration are the same whether they are used in a cottage or castle, in a sorority house of young people or a home of more mature college graduates. Always keep in mind the purpose of your rooms. Sunrooms must be subtly gay, living rooms happy and livable, bedrooms restful and individual.

Good taste is not expensive, neither is it difficult—but it does take thinking, study and appreciation. Each room need not be done in a day or a year. Build your interiors! Get the chintz and rug, and enough chairs to sit on today; your other ideas can be worked out as Christmas money, earnings, or gifts come in. But always build your interiors! Do not allow weeds or broken bricks to be put in, in the form of wrong colors, too large furniture or hideous lamps. Simple things are always right.

No matter your age or location, college woman on or off the campus, build beautiful harmonious interiors! Your dividends of contentment and joy will be enormous; and this article which has been written with much pleasure, will not have been written in vain.

VERNITA SWEZEA SEELEY, Lambda (Mrs. Paul Clark Seeley)

WE CHOOSE OUR RUGS

N decorating our new sorority house we begin with our floors as our foundation, not because they come first as to position, but rather because our most cherished belongings, our Oriental rugs, possess the essential qualities for an artistic home of personality—those of beauty, distinctiveness, interest, and character.

The weavers of the old time rugs had a natural genius for color creation and combination, and in the fine old carpets are to be seen countless shades and hues—all in harmonious contrasting and blending. Modern chemists have never been able to equal the vibrancy, depth, and life of the Orientals' rich vegetable and animal dyes. No two rugs were ever alike. While designs were symbolic and handed down from generation to generation each individual wove something of her life into her fabric. Every piece then has a personal intimate touch combined with the tradition of bygone ages—an individuality rare in this land and age of mass production, conformity to styles and standards, and stereotyped homes and furnishings.

As the foundation of our seventeenth century English living room the dark walnut floor frames a fine old Serape carpet, its predominating color in soft shades of rich tomato red. This rug made in the province of Heriz, Persia, is one of the best wearing of all Oriental rugs, an important item to consider when furnishing a sorority house. Its durability however is almost forgotten when one thinks of its beauty. In weaving this rug the artist must have dreamed of a precious sapphire with its many faceted surface and sparkling lights, for the central medallion is a deep blue on a rich ivory field which in turn is surrounded by the soft red ground with corner designs of the ivory. An elaborate floral border of the same blue ground as the center medallion frames the carpet and being darker in tone gives balance to the rug and the room. An elaborate vine and floral pattern in varying shades and hues of ivory, brown, henna, blue, red, green, and gold radiates in all directions from the center jewel medallion tying the several borders and fields into one complete unit.

Using this storehouse of color and individuality as our key we decorate our room. The rich walnuts of floor, woodwork, and ceiling beams, and the creamy tones of the plaster walls borrow from the browns and ivories of the rug. At the *leaded* windows, no glass curtains, to detract from the interest of the small panes of glass, but straight hand-blocked linen draperies in a bold English floral design repeat the reds, blues, yellows, browns, and greens, in a brighter tone than the rug, on a background of light green.

The fireplace being the center of interest, the soft red shades of the rug are heightened and intensified in an informal flower painting with two-tone leaves of green and brown which hang over the walnut paneled mantel. On either side of the fireplace book shelves flank the walls, the rich and vari-colored bindings of the books also

harmonizing with the colors of the rugs.

To describe the upholstery fabrics and accessories that go in this room is another story, but these also are keyed to the rug not only in color, but in the harmony of design and texture, interest being maintained by covering in different colors, shades, and materials the various pieces of furniture. Some materials are plain, some patterned, and some provide variation through unusual weaves. The various shades of red predominate, climaxing in the bright hue in the mantel painting; there are however other color accents of yellow, blue, green, and red, scattered throughout the room in the shape of lamps, pictures, and pottery. We treat our hall which opens into the living room as part of the living room. The old Persian Shiraz rug in this room with prayer niche of dark blue, and with conventionalized animals and birds woven into the central design as well as the seven border stripes, harmonizes with the serapi beautifully. although none of the colors can be said to match.

In the doorway of the living room between the Serapi and Shiraz is a rare Tekke Bokhara, from Turkoman of soft velvety texture and mahogany red in color. The geometrical design consisting of elongated octagon forms is arranged in alternating rows with diamond shaped figures. Blue, green, brown, wine, and old rose form a most pleasing color combination, harmonizing beautifully also

with the larger cerapi and the Shiraz.

An old Bijar, the product of a wild Persian normadic tribe, carpets the floor of the dining room. Its name translated means "board," and it has the reputation of wearing like iron—which of course is an exaggeration. One again wonders how the people of this barbaric tribe, uncultured and uneducated as they are, have the artistic sense of proportion and harmony to produce a fabric of such genuine beauty as the Bijar. A plain field of clear deep blue surrounds a central medallion of soft rose red in which is woven the Persian Feraghan or fish design. An outer border of the same color as the center medallion surrounds a cornered border of light tan with the same interlacing Persian design in blue red and brown. Blue is chosen as the predominating color in the furnishing of this room; this does not mean, however, that it is used to the exclusion of the other colors.

JUSTINE SARKISIAN, Theta

ATTRACTIVE GROUNDS ABOUT CHAPTER HOUSES

HEN an architect presents a set of plans of a house there is a sketch of the outside as it will look when completed, in which there will be large trees drawn into the background, smaller ones and shrubs beautifully landscaped in the front; but, alas, when the house is built the growing things of the design are not there—just bare grounds and plain skyline. Some day, maybe, the landscaping, so aptly and easily drawn into the plans, may be included in the estimate of the builder, but until that day comes we have the task and also the pleasure of creating a landscape setting to our sorority houses. As we take the empty house and fill it with furniture and rugs, draperies and work of art so we should take our barren yards and fill them not only with green grass to cover the brown earth but with shrubs, trees and evergreens. Thus we bring the house into seeming to belong and to be suited to its place in the great out of doors, the natural world as it is about us.

Here we need the help of a landscape gardner and nurseryman to tell us how to arrange the grounds, what to plant and when to plant. The lots of most chapter houses are small so there is need of no great number of trees or shrubs, for here as with the interior decorating of the house there must be thoughtful care and a feeling for proportion that the whole effect be not that of a complicated plan filled with objects. With the thought always in mind of "The little more and how much it is, the little less and what miles away," the whole should have a feeling of there being a purpose in the making of the design and also of each part helping to make a harmonized whole.

To soften the sharp angles which a building makes in the skyline we need tall trees. We also like them for their green in summer and for their brown branches in winter and for the shadows they cast onto the broad surfaces of the house. After the grass is planted there is need of shrubs, then trees, if all cannot be done at the same time. Not all good things in life are rare and expensive, so also there is no need to put money into odd nor even very large trees, for the medium sized ones are not retarded in their growth by being moved, as are the large ones, and so in a few years they catch up in size. Also the younger trees take root more quickly, and do not need so much care during the summer, which is always a problem in each chapter. A sorority can plant for a sure future even more than a home owner can, as families move and change while a sorority will have years to watch the young trees grow.

The elm and the hard maple are the best trees suited to all climates.

They are long-lived, grow to great size and withstand cold and heat. For the first three years after they are planted an open space near the body of each tree should be left free of grass so as to catch easily the water, and in the summer should be well covered with grass clippings to hold the moisture. All trees must be thoroughly watered several times after planting, even in cold weather and then again in early spring. This applies especially to evergreens which need much water all winter, all spring and all summer.

Since our sorority houses are not used during the summer our shrubs and flowers should be planned particularly to give an effect for the spring and fall months. Do not allow the nursery man to smother the house. Use just a few varieties for each season, and as any shrub to make an impression in the design must be planted in groups, put three or four of the same kind near together. The pussy willow shrub and forsythia are good for early yellow and Japanese quince for early red. For lilac use the Persian-a prolific bloomer. Snowball, spirea and honeysuckle can follow. Among these may be planted some peonies and iris along the front which given a little care each spring will reward us with a quantity of color for a charming garden picture. If you have need for a tall screen of shrubs to shut out some garage or aught that is plain or unsightly, use tall growing shrubs such as rose locust, flowering almond, mock orange, or flowering crab or honeysuckle, shrub or sumac, which will turn red in the fall giving color in the background.

For shrubs to be ready to greet you and your rushees in September one of the best is the hydrangea which may be a low growing or a tall variety both of which should have each branch cut off about twelve inches each spring. Just here let me give a warning and also a plea that no one be allowed to prune or cut a shrub or a tree except an accredited man from a reliable nursery; for more shrubs are ruined by too much pruning than by too little. Never let anyone cut a shrub at the top. Cut out only the oldest stalks to the ground.

If there is any place where you can plant hardy vines which will grow large, use for spring the early Chinensis wisteria for it is most beautiful, hanging full of delicate lavender blossoms before there are many leaves. The two vines lovely for fall are the white clematis Paniculata and the silver lace vine, Polygonum. Both are most decorative out of doors, and long branches of the blooms can be used in flower arrangements for the house—a great help at rushing time. The well known bittersweet vine should be planted out in some sunny place; use the two plants of this vine as they have to cross-fertilize to produce the red berries to be attractive all winter.

When the first whiff of a spring breeze blows into the house we think of gay tulips and bright daffodils. Here again it is not quantity of lines of color needed but just groups or bunches set into the borders that will give a spring joy to everyone. Each chapter should try to make a cheery, happy impression by the yard of the house to greet everyone returning in the fall. With a suitable planting of hardy asters and boltonia and chrysanthemums, also of annual asters, a wealth of color can be achieved. Plant these hardy flowers in the early spring, give them plenty of space to spread and they will grow and increase for several years before they will have to be transplanted.

There is no annual which gives such satisfaction as the varieties of asters. Many people will exclaim and say the asters are hard to grow, but here are a few needed suggestions. In the first place, if there is no one in the chapter house who will take care and water the asters get some "town girl" or mother to grow these for you. Put them into pots, five inches in diameter, and sink them into the ground. In late August these pots can be taken up and again sunk into the ground around the sorority house. Get a lot of them, not less than ten dozen so that some may be used for house decoration and enough money will be saved on one party to pay for all the lovely color in the yard. Be sure not to buy mixed colors in asters but distinct colors and get from a florist while the young plants are growing in boxes when they can be bought cheap. Have them put into pots and these can then be used over and over for many years. Each separate color should be planted in a group to make a distinct and harmonious effect. The red sensation or crimson giant aster is the color of an American Beauty rose and is just stunning in the yard of any house. Next to this put some white ones. A group of soft lavender and a delicate pink is charming; another group may be of deep rose and deep lavender. Each year new combinations may be made so that there will be variety to keep up the interest of everyone.

As to the care of asters—when they are about six inches high they should be well sprayed with Bordeaux Mixture until the stems and the ground under them are wet. This will need to be repeated in a month. After that if the plants are hoed and kept watered they should blossom abundantly. Of course there may come black aphis but they are easily controlled by a two-day successive spraying with Black Leaf 40.

The hardy chrysanthemums will come into bloom after the annual asters and will last until a hard freeze comes; for the frost does not hurt their flowers.

This landscaping and care of the yards of our houses should be given into the hands of some alumnæ or Mothers' Club and should have a place in the budget of every chapter. A Memory Garden could be made if each mother would give a small amount, enough to buy a shrub or a perennial plant or a dozen asters, and the whole thus be easily financed. Let us all take hold now and get shrubs and trees planted this winter and make plans for early spring planting.

A joy in life and a love of one's home always seeks expression

through its adornment; and true adornment must be the following of correct ideas of artistic proportion in line, in form and in color. So, with the best advice in simple landscaping, let all Gamma Phis show their spirit by giving an ideal setting for our beloved chapter houses. These will then, as mercy, be twice blest—blessing us with a keener appreciation of beauty, and a stronger love; and blessing those who enjoy the beauty as they are passing by.

FANNY GOODMAN SIMONDS, Beta

A CHALLENGE TO OPPORTUNITY

I breathed a song into the air, It fell to earth, I knew not where;

And the song, from beginning to end I found again in the heart of a friend.

-Longfellow

N OUR round of busy lives do we pause often enough to drink deeper of the pleasures derived from the finer and more beautiful gifts of God? Is our time so taken up with daily routine and duty that we neglect the inspiring things that are within our reach? And how much time are we voluntarily devoting to cultural achievement? We as representative college and sorority women owe it to ourselves to develop a love and appreciation for the best that life holds in store for us. Fine music, fine paintings, fine books, fine speech, fine manners—all these are symbolic of our personalities. By so moulding our lives, we can create an enviable reputation upon those with whom we come in daily contact. Is a Chopin prelude, a Bach fugue, or a Beethoven concerto familiar to us in name only! Do the paintings of Rembrandt, Corot, or Gainsborough hold no charm for us! What thoughts do the names of Milton, Browning, Poe stir within us! In short, there is art in everything if we but seek it. It is that something which responds to the best in us and lifts us above the commonplace.

Our highest aim for Gamma Phi Beta should be to embody in our college home these touches that make for a cultural atmosphere. To be recognized for our achievements and by our leadership along these lines of higher development would be a lofty ambition. What concrete steps can we take toward establishing such an enviable reputation on our campus? As a beginning we might inaugurate the custom of having a classic half hour on Sunday afternoon, for the purpose of promoting the best in music, art, literature, et cetera, followed by an attractive tea. Guests including outstanding people on the campus, could be invited to attend and occasionally to participate on the program. This program could consist of various musical numbers, dramatic renditions, special dance numbers, prefaced by

introductory remarks, as well as discussions or short talks on late developments in art, an occasional book review, and current topics of the day. By so doing, we could cultivate a love and appreciation for advancement in art, and Gamma Phi Beta would soon have the established reputation of being the exponent and promoter of the cultural things in campus life. In short, we could make this Sunday Classic, or whatever you wish to call it, the bright spot of the week, the refreshment in our busy round of college activities. The principal thing to remember is to have our plans well organized, our program attractively arranged, and our hospitality thoroughly enjoyed by all. And a fitting close to each program would be to sing as a group some of our finest Gamma Phi songs, for there is nothing that so "links our hearts as one in Gamma Phi" and promotes a higher mental and social culture.

Oh Gamma Phi Beta, we'll cherish thee more, With each day that passes than ever before. In thy service ever our best efforts lend Who are our protector, our guide, and our friend.

ELSIE FRISBIE NORMAN

LITA BANE JOINS THE STAFF

OF
THE "LADIES HOME JOURNAL"

MICRON is very proud of Lita Bane, '12, not only on account of her personality and her place in the chapter circle but because she has succeeded phenomenally in her chosen profession; because she was president of the American Home Economics Association from 1926 to 1928; and because she has just joined the staff of the Ladies Home Journal as associate editor in charge of homemaking. In the October number of this periodical, Miss Bane contributes a very fine and comprehensive article "New Values in Homemaking"; and in the November issue appears an equally fine contribution called "The Household Buyer."

Read what the Ladies Home Journal has used as a preface to her October article:

Miss Bane's career in her chosen field of home economics has given her a background of knowledge, of leadership and of stimulating human contacts such as few persons are privileged to enjoy. A graduate of the University of Illinois in 1912, she has since taken a master's degree at the University of Chicago, and has done additional graduate work at Columbia and Wisconsin.

Beginning her professional career as a teacher, she became assistant professor of home economics at Washington State College. During the war she was engaged in the food-conservation work of the United States Department of Agriculture, going from there to the Illinois Extension service, where for five years she was state leader.

Her clear thinking, broad-mindedness and genuine interest in home problems led to her choice as executive secretary of the American Home Economics Association, a position which she held for two years before becoming

president of that growing body.

Recently Miss Bane has been associate professor in charge of home economics and health in the University Extension Division of the University of Wisconsin, and also on the resident home-economics staff. She is a member of the National Education Advisory Committee, recently called into being by Secretary of the Interior Wilbur.

Under Miss Bane's direction the *Journal* will present to its readers a new and broader conception of the important business of homemaking—a conception in line with her own expressed standard for the home, which has been incorporated into the permanent aims of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers and has been widely used by this and other associations.

Miss Bane's own aim for the homemaker is to have the home: economically sound, mechanically convenient, physically healthful, morally wholesome, mentally stimulating, artistically satisfying, socially responsible, spiritually

inspiring, founded upon mutual affection and respect.

"EARLY CANDLELIGHT"

T IS with pleasure that we announce through the pages of The Crescent a second novel from the pen of Maud Hart Lovelace, Kappa. Mrs. Lovelace is no stranger to readers of the



magazine; for her clever articles, written expressly for Gamma Phi Beta, often have appeared in our columns, and we feel that she never has lost her interest in her chosen sorority nor has she refused at any time to comply with a request of the editor! Which is a maximum tribute! The editor herself has wandered with delight through her own copy of Early Candlelight and loves it allthe flesh and blood characters. the local historic charm, the vivid pictures, the clever delineations, the artistry of expression, the colorful atmosphere, the dramatic situations, the charming romance, and the many angles of early frontier life. Read it for yourselfpledge, college girl, alumna; let it find a place on the chapter library or upon the living room table; and find in the Minne-

MAUD HART LOVELACE, Kappa

apolis chapter letter an account of the signal honor conferred upon Mrs. Lovelace. Incidentally, be very proud that she is a Gamma Phi!

From the publishers of the book—the John Day Company of New York City—comes this "special to The Crescent."

Kappa chapter has new reason to be proud of Maud Hart Lovelace, for her second novel, *Early Candlelight*, published by The John Day Company of New York, promises to take a prominent place on the season's fiction lists.

The bright jacket of the new book carries the following description:

"Frontier life in Minnesota a hundred years ago provides a colorful background for Mrs. Lovelace's new novel. The charming and dramatic romance of Delia DuGay, daughter of voyageurs, is the central theme, but of equal interest is the author's picture of the old trading posts scattered along the Mississippi and Minnesota Rivers, and the early Fort Snelling. At that historic fort, then the westerly outpost of young America's civilization, a handful of aristocrats, officers and their ladies, strive to maintain

a gay social life in the midst of the wilderness.

"Under the paternal walls of the fort live the DuGays, the 'divil DuGays,' whose crowded cabin is always ready to welcome with impartial hospitality French settlers, soldiers, swashbuckling, jubilant voyageurs, Sioux braves and the great fur trader and state builder, Jasper Page. Most winning of all the delightful DuGays is the daughter Delia, whose personality has a wild-grape tang and sweetness and a frontier-bred strength. To her the family turns for guidance upon its eventful course; to her alone her voyageur brother, Narcisse, reveals the secret of his strange alliance with the Indians; to her comes Jasper Page himself to learn a new lesson in pride, and, at last, to find happiness in her love."

AUSTIANA TAYLOR GORETH

N THE death of Austiana Taylor Goreth on October 13 at White Plains, New York, Gamma Phi Beta lost one of her most loyal, most gifted, most honored members.

A brief sketch of her life will be of interest to many.

She was born in Brooklyn, New York, March 15, 1869, the daughter of Rev. Dr. Geo. Lansing Taylor and Eliza M. French. From the Collegiate Institute of Hackettstown, New Jersey, she entered Syracuse University, graduating with the class of '92. She was later elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

With a love for young people, and a natural aptitude for teaching she followed that profession successfully in the high school of Sidney, New York, in the Malone, New York, Academy, and in the

Girls Latin School of Baltimore.

September 19, 1900, she married Frank W. Goreth, a Syracuse University alumnus of the class of '91, a member of Psi Upsilon fraternity, and of Phi Beta Kappa. A lawyer by profession, he is associated with the New York Title and Mortgage Co. Three children were born to them: Margaret Louise Hunt (Mrs. C. D.),

Alpha, '24; Gertrude May McClure (Mrs. G. Y.), Alpha, '25;

Mansfield French Goreth, Beta Theta Pi, Syracuse, '27.

The entire married life of Mrs. Goreth was spent in and near New York City. During all these years she treasured her membership in Gamma Phi Beta, especially while her children were students in Syracuse. There she found special joy in renewing the ties of college days, and in making new friends among the younger girls. To no returning alumna was ever a heartier welcome accorded, for "Austie" was known and loved of all. Endowed with keen intellect, of unusual charm of manner, of a beautiful, radiating personality she was always the center of an interested group.

As we, her contemporaries, look back over the years to her college days, we recall the delightful entertainments given by herself and her sister, Georgie,—the plays, the farces, the charades, and other frolics in which they were so vivacious, so happy, so clever! Who will ever forget "Austie's" charm as she recited "The Irish Philosopher," "The Silver Tea-pot," or "The Bird's Christmas Carol"?

She was the honored toastmistress at the thirty-third annual convention of Gamma Phi Beta when all four founders were present, and again at the fiftieth anniversary Convention at Lake Placid. Every Gamma Phi who was present at that memorable banquet in 1924 will recall with what grace and ability she presided. She was especially happy that evening for she had with her four Gamma Phis of her own family circle—her sister, Georgiana Taylor Carpenter, her two daughters, Margaret and Gertrude, and her niece, Isabel Brown Thomas.

A devoted student, an appreciative reader, she was a lover of the best in literature, and deeply interested in events of the day, at home and abroad. She was a founder of The Outlook Club of South Orange, New Jersey, and a member of the Contemporary Club of White Plains, to whose literary monthly, *The Dial* she was a frequent contributor.

So rare a personality could not, would not, live unto itself. She

gave richly and beyond her strength to others.

Truly a choice spirit has returned to its Giver. We are thankful for her radiant life; we shall miss her, but she will live in our hearts always.

LOUISE KLOCK FRENCH, Alpha

Two poems by Austiana Taylor Goreth, published in the Contemporary club Dial.

TWILIGHT

O twilight hour, that tender hour, when readiest are tears, When memory, like a muffled bell, tolls back long vanished years, When sounds of earth, now near and loud, now faint and far away, Remind us of the echoing past, and of some loved, lost day. The afterglow has died away, the stars are not yet out, And drearily the faded leaves are tossed and whirled about. The naked trees sway to and fro, the skies impassive lower, Yet peace is stealing to my heart, I love this twilight hour.

The glories of the Autumn die along the swelling hills; The mournfulness of Summer past the musing silence fills; The sweetness and the sadness blend in one deep, long-drawn sigh: When I must breathe my last, O God, at twilight let me die.

HIS BIRTHDAY

Who was born on Christmas morn?
Was it the Wonder-Boy whose birds of clay
Rose singing in the air, and flew away?

No, it was a helpless babe O'er whom his happy mother's heart did yearn With purest love that asks for no return.

Or was it then the lordly lad Whose playmates early his dominion owned, As though already seeing him enthroned?

Ah no, it was a stalwart son Who gladly his fond mother's wish obeyed, Suffered his father's will, and learned his trade.

No princeling of his tribe was he, Some day to sound a tocsin that should shake Imperial Rome, and make her legions quake.

He was a well-liked, eager youth Who "grew in wisdom," so the saying ran, "In stature, and in favor with God and man."

No haughty Pharisee was he, Weighing each grain of fault with cruel care, Binding the poor with loads too great to bear.

"Ye heavy laden, come to me,"
Said he, who spoke as no man ever spoke,
"My burden is light, and easy is my yoke."

Why crown the year with him, who ne'er An army led, nor sat upon a throne, Builded a city, nor carved a storied stone?

The bells of all the world are ringing! Each farthest corner of the earth has heard His glorious message, His transcendant word.

It is His birthday song we hear, That voice serene, above all noise and strife, Saying, "I am come that ye might have Life."

THE REPORT OF THE 1929 CAMP FOR UNDER-PRIVILEGED CHILDREN

THE Gamma Phi Beta Camp for Under-privileged Children opened its sixth season on July 17, 1929. Fourteen children between the ages of eight and twelve accompanied by their counselors Lucille Albright, Theta; Helen Cullen, Theta; and Mary Lou Bartlett, Theta, left on the Colorado and Southern for Crystal Lake and Camp. They were met at Camp by the head counselor, Louise Ridgway, Sigma, and Mrs. Harper, the excellent cook and practical nurse who had served the Camp two years before in so

satisfactory a way.

Each child upon arrival received a khaki play suit, tennis shoes, tooth brush, towel, wash cloth, tooth paste, half bar of Ivory soap, and an outing flannel night gown. There they placed in neat little piles near their beds which they had made with one wool blanket (between which they slept) and a cotton one which was drawn over them. After these simple chores were finished the children were sent out of doors to play. From this time forth they spent most of their time in the open; and as the Camp is in a secluded spot with plenty of sunshine, the children ran around a great deal of the time without the blouses of their suits. Before the end of the encampment each child had acquired a good coat of tan.

Meals were served on time: breakfast at seven-thirty, dinner at twelve and supper at six. Each meal contained some healthful items especially milk which most of the children liked, and green vegetables. The menu was drawn up by a dietitian, Corrine Heim, Alpha Delta.

who had served as counselor at the Camp in 1928.

The work of the Camp was done by the children who were divided into squads, each squad working at the same task for two days in order that its work might be valuated. The children were given a certain number of points for their work and competition was keen. They were also given points for ability to clean their plates at every meal, personal cleanliness, quietness during rest-hour, and behavior. A certain percentage of points entitled the child to a certain colored star and these, totaled, gave her a gold star. At the end of the encampment, prizes were awarded to the child having the greatest number of gold stars. Record of these deeds was kept on a chart hung in the dining room where every child could watch her progress as well as that of her playmates. Stars were awarded immediately after supper, thus shortening the evening's entertainment of the children.

Rest period lasted for two hours: one hour of actual sleeping, the other hour spent in playing quiet games or story telling or plotting some mischief to be enacted at a later date. Following the rest period, the children spent one hour in hand craft work. They made simple apron dresses which they could wear during the rest of the summer and in early fall. Many of the group had never sewed before and were quite thrilled to be taught to do so. They also made scrapbooks illustrating the things that they had learned and had done each day that they were in Camp, raffia bags, and pine needle mats and baskets.

The children were carefully weighed in order to watch their gain in weight and at the end of the two-week period it was found that each child had gained from one to two pounds.

One of the counselors was unable to stay because of duties at summer school so her place was taken by Freda Roof, Theta.

The second encampment of children between the ages of ten and twelve left Denver on August 1 for Camp to remain there until August 15. They were accompanied by their counselors, Mary Ellen Hubbard, Alpha Delta; Margaret Smart of Kansas City, who generously substituted for a counselor who was unable to come; and Peggy Moseley, Theta. The head counselor, Louise Ridgway, remained at the Camp for the month so was there to greet the new children. This encampment was furnished with the same clothing as the first group and followed the same program. These children were very active, but in spite of the constant trotting to and fro, they managed to add two or three and sometimes four pounds to their avoirdupois. They were a very ambitious group and made several mats and baskets as well as their little dresses.

The Denver alumnæ chapter held its summer meeting at the mountain home of Laura Eggert which is near the Camp. After a delightful luncheon the girls went over to the Camp and were entertained by the children who had prepared a very clever program. We certainly wished that the other chapters could have been with us in order to see what a quick response the children make to the love and care given them by the girls. Their program was of their own making with the exception of one song which gave them the greatest thrill—the Gamma Phi song, "Green Little Freshman."

I wish to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to all the counselors and all those who helped to make the Camp a success this year; to the alumnæ chapters who sent their contributions directly to me and to the whole sorority at large who made it possible to carry on this fine philanthropic project this year.

GENEVIEVE P. Young, Camp Manager

PANHELLENIC DEPARTMENT

THE GOAL OF INTERFRATERNALISM

A ND these few precepts in thy memory" began Polonius as he gave his blessing to the departing Laertes, and so we begin as we welcome a new college year full of fraternity friendships and adventures. May we take up the responsibilities which we have assumed as well as the privileges and bring them all nearer our goal of interfraternalism as we dedicate ourselves again to another

vear of service.

Inform yourself! Can you imagine how almost Utopian it would be if every fraternity member knew, completely and understandingly, the Panhellenic Creed, the Interfraternity Compact, the Standards of Ethical Conduct, and along with these was accurately and honestly informed on Panhellenic regulations generally and specifically? These are all easy to comprehend, just as easy to practice, if only we bring a willingness of spirit and an eagerness to do one's part. The new manual of information gives in condensed form this information which should intensify your fraternity loyalty and interest and which will bring you into closer touch with the progress and expansion of fraternity life. Know your Panhellenic nationally and locally!

Be faithful! What a world of living depends upon that word! Will you be true to the ideals and purposes of your university and your fraternity? Will you be steadfast in fairness, honesty, and justice? Will you be sincere in all your relationships one with another? Will you strive for simplicity which is the essence of good breeding? Will you uphold dignity and womanliness in word and deed? If so, then a large problem in rushing will be solved and more opportunity will be given for the natural attraction of

personalities and characters.

Co-operate! No goal is reached through individual effort but rather through consistent working, and playing, together. In whatever we attempt remember that the truest results and the greatest success are measured in terms of co-operation. The very connotation of the word "Panhellenic" implies co-operation. Let us concentrate upon it, this year! Let us climb together hand in hand!

As we think on these things and as we achieve knowledge, loyalty, and unity, let us keep before us the summary of "these few precepts"

as given in the closing words of that famous farewell.

This above all else, to thine own self be true, And it must follow, as the night the day, Thou canst not then be false to any man.

N. P. C. COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

N. P. C. IN DENVER

National Panhellenic Congress will meet in Denver, February 23-28.



INSTALLATIONS—THEN AND NOW

AN INSTALLATION is to a group what an initiation is to a freshman—a never-to-be-forgotten experience, an indescribable happening that one recalls with tenderness and enthusiasm. Now, while our two installations of 1929 are fresh in our minds, why not give ourselves the luxury of reviewing other installations; why not compare the simplicity of former days with the detailed program of the present.

Far back in 1882, Beta Chapter made its bow with Kate Gardner and Ella French as installing officers; and if there happens to be a social side to the event it isn't recorded! This first installation inspired the famous remark of Dr. Smalley of Syracuse, "I presume that you young women feel very elated over being members of a sorority" and was followed by our adoption of the word sorority to designate our organization. In 1885, Carrie Morgan received a letter regarding a possible chapter at Wisconsin; and so secretly was the subsequent installation conducted that no one knew about it until it was all over. Emma Cushman of Alpha in 1887, all by herself, installed the group at Boston University which became Delta Chapter. Suppose we ask Emma Lowd and Mary Wellington to tell us all about it! The first definite petition to Gamma Phi Beta came from Epsilon in 1888; and the installation held for nine initiates in University Hall was followed by a simple dinner at which two other members were pledged. While Zeta owes its existence to the suggestion of an usher at a Syracuse wedding. This usher, John Brownell by name (one of the first "Gamma Phi men" now so lustily extolled in song) told the Alpha girls that his sister, Margaret, and his cousin, Nellie Powell, had entered Woman's College of Baltimore (the former name of Goucher College). Immediate organization of these two and two cousins of Harriet Wadleigh, Ann and May Palmer, was followed by an installation for seven. In 1894, Tau Delta, the first organized local to petition our sorority became Eta Chapter with eleven charter members and with three Beta members to introduce them to the mysteries of the order.

The Theta installation in 1897 was the first to be accompanied by an elaborate social program; for the beautiful home of Bishop and Mrs. Warren was the setting for the festivities. In 1901, Iota, now inactive, celebrated its installation by an elaborate luncheon at Sherry's. Kappa as a local, Khalailu, sent a formal printed and bound petition—the first of its kind in the sorority world; and its reception into Gamma Phi Beta was marked by a brilliant reception followed immediately by a house party at Lake Minnetonkacertainly, an innovation. Lambda, in 1903, with a simple installation, became the pioneer in the sorority work at the University of Washington. Mu, in 1905, had the distinction of the first installation under the direction of an entire chapter-Eta. Nu, in 1908, led the Greek-letter van at the University of Oregon; and, in 1910, Xi claimed the same distinction at the University of Idaho. Omicron, sponsored by a founder, Frances E. Haven Moss, and the Dean of Women, Violet Jayne Schmidt, Beta, made its initial bow at a reception given by these two and followed the reception with a banquet. Pi, installed in 1915, is the only chapter to hold its début party at the residence of a governor of the state; for, at this time, Governor Morehead's daughter, Dorothy, was a member of the in-

stalled group.

Rho, in 1915, was installed by Gamma Chapter, with a banquet as the finale. The Crescent Club at the University of Kansas became Sigma Chapter in 1915—and here we have the first mention of a pledge service preceding the ritual; while a "muffin worry," a reception and a banquet completed the program. It is interesting to note that Sigma's famous "muffin worry" was suggested by a remark of the first Chancellor of the University who was accustomed to call the girls' affairs "cooky shines" or "muffin worries." Pi Beta Phi long ago adopted the term, "cooky shine"; and Sigma chose to immortalize "muffin worry." Tau, the first chapter of the sorority in an agricultural college, was installed in 1915 by Theta Chapter; and its advent was celebrated by a banquet. The Alpha chapter of Phi Mu Gamma, a prominent junior sorority, at Hollins College, became Upsilon—an experience claimed by no other chapter; and it is very interesting to know that the daughter of Blanche Shove Palmer was national president of Phi Mu Gamma at that time. Tau Epsilon at Washington University and Beta Tau Beta at Oregon State College were organized with the express purpose of petitioning Gamma Phi Beta; and in 1917 Tau Epsilon became Phi, and Beta Tau Beta, Chi, the latter holding its pledging and installation at the Phi Delta Theta house. Psi celebrated its entrance into Gamma Phi Beta by a pledging on Friday the thirteenth with thirteen around its table; and followed its first tea with a banquet. On account of quarantine Omega's installation was postponed until the Christmas holidays; and the group celebrated the event with a dinner.

Alpha Alpha was installed by Alpha in 1919, and its festivities were made distinctive on account of Gamma Phi Beta's entrance into Canada. Alpha Beta held installation at the Phi Delta Theta house, and had the honor of holding its first reception at the home of the president of the University. Alpha Gamma was ushered into Gamma Phi Beta in 1927 by Eta Chapter. Alpha Delta, sub rosa until the charter was granted, and including no alumnæ in its list of membership, was installed by Phi with a very beautiful reception at the home of Jane Emerson Miller (whose husband is dean of the Graduate School) as its outstanding social feature. Alpha Epsilon at its installation in 1922 included an unusual number of representatives from other chapters (as Tucson is something of a cosmopolitan place) and claimed Eleanor Dennison of Theta as installing officer. Alpha Zeta's exquisite white leather petition found favor with all who read; and in 1922 the chapter was installed by Florence Mitchell Smith. Alpha Eta, sponsored and installed by Alpha in 1923, experienced the excitement of being the first of the Greek-letter sororities at Ohio Weslevan University. Alpha Theta and Alpha Iota, whose charters were granted at the famous convention at Lake Placid Club were installed with that inspiration as a prelude. Irene Langford who brought Alpha Theta's petition to Convention had the never equalled thrill of knowing that the request had been granted, of sharing the banquet and of receiving initiation at midnight in the picturesque little chapel. Alpha Iota's installation banquet was attended by so great a number of resident and nearby Gamma Phis that it was a memorable and spectacular event. And both chapters claimed 1924 as installation year. Alpha Kappa's entrance into the organization was an important event at the University of Manitoba; for not only was the chapter the first Greek-letter group on the campus but it was the object of much interest to the community; and its festivities were marked by a charming conservatism and dignity. Alpha Lambda-first on the campus at University of British Columbia-was installed in 1928 by the sorority president, Elizabeth Barbour, and had forty from Lambda as guests of the occasion. Alpha Mu, first sorority at Rollins College was so warmly welcomed by college authorities and by President Hamilton Holt that installation was a delight. Upsilon was the installing chapter, and the banquet was distinctive in that it included the "golden personalities" of the college.

And here we are at the end of our list with Alpha Nu and Alpha

Xi to tell you about their festivities!

So, whether the portals of Gamma Phi Swung open for you in the years gone by. Or whether you've just now entered in With the joy of that shining crescent pin— The thrill is the same—the joyful heartThe whispered promise to do your part.

And whether you made your lasting vow
In the days that were or the days of now,
The love is steadfast, the heart is true,
And it's always the crescent pin for you!

THE SOUL OF THE CHAPTER HOUSE

Oftentimes we bestow animate qualities upon inanimate objects; and if the soul of a person is reflected in her eyes, why shouldn't the personality of a chapter house shine out through its windows? A woman may have beauty of feature, perfection of breeding, exquisite detail in her gowns; but, if she has no soul, no resources within herself, she can give nothing to the outside world. A chapter house may boast the finest architecture, the most costly of furniture, the most charming of surroundings; but if it lacks that intangible indefinable something that makes it a home, the superficial qualities

are as naught.

What gives the soul to a chapter house? The spirit, the harmony, the comradeship, the friendship of the group within its walls, whose home it is. The piano may not be a baby grand; the rugs may not be oriental; the furniture may be a bit weak and wobbly; the pictures may not be costly ones; and the grounds may not know the touch of the landscape artist. But if the soul is there, the house is a home, and its wide-flung windows will give to the world without the genial glow and the true white light of sisterhood. If we take this white light and pass it through the prism of everyday life, it will resolve itself into seven rainbow hues—patience, understanding, hospitality, graciousness, sympathy, loyalty, endeavor. And the house will have a soul.

Our house is not Gothic nor gorgeous nor great, But many a person turns in at the gate. For there's always a welcome; the door is flung wide; And the light always shines for the person outside.

AGAIN—OUR PLEDGES

The best argument against sophomore pledging is the thought of a chapter without the enthusiasm, the spirit, and the devotion of the freshman class. And now that the pledge pins have been fastened "o'er fast beating hearts" and the pledge duties have begun, it behooves all chapter members to keep burning the shining light of freshman idealism. Since the average pledge enters the organization of her choice with high hopes and aspirations, with an implicit trust in her sisterliness and loyalty of those who have welcomed her; with a sincere desire to do her part in chapter life. Surely, she has

every reason to expect a full and fair return for such devotion; and the true chapter will not allow its newest members to lose that sense of exaltation. Expectation must be answered by realization; implicit trust, by careful guidance; youthful enthusiasm by complete fulfillment.

You've given her the crescent and you've pledged her Gamma Phi. Her love is true, her faith is pure, her aspirations, high; If you would prove that chapter life is all she may desire, Just keep undimmed the radiance of her heart's celestial fire.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WHO'S WHO AMONG OUR CONTRIBUTORS

Ernest Barbour, the husband of the president of Gamma Phi Beta, is an architect of distinction and a loyal friend and helper of the sorority. Vernita Sweasea Seeley is a talented member of Lambda Chapter and an authority upon the subject of interior decorating. She has just been appointed interior decorator for a large, million dollar philanthropic institution in San Francisco, and, at present, is in New York investigating fabrics and furniture. In December, she sails on the Leviathan for Europe and South Africa. Justine Sarkisian of Theta is an authority upon the subject of oriental rugs. Fanny Goodman Simonds is a beloved member of Beta and Kansas City, and will be remembered as the gracious chairman of hospitality at the recent convention. She has made a study of gardens and landscape gardening, and recently gave a course of lectures on these subjects. Elsie Frisbie Norman, our enthusiastic chairman of music proves that she is vitally interested in other arts, and desires them all for the Gamma Phi chapter.

STYLE SHEETS

There have been several requests for style sheets; accordingly, the editor inserted in the last Crescent a copy of this sheet, expressly for the use of chapter correspondents.

Also, will each correspondent remember that the date for the arrival of the next letter is JANUARY 1, 1930.

NEW CHAPTER

On October 26, a charter was granted to Sigma Beta, petitioning group at the North Dakota State College at Fargo. Installation will be held after Christmas, and the new chapter will be known as Alpha Omicron.

DEPARTMENT OF GRAND COUNCIL

FROM THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

To BE REMEMBERED

All treasurers must be bonded before taking office (not all treasurers have).

All checks should be made to the International Treasurer but mailed to Charlotte Robertson of Central Office.

Some Figures That May Interest You

Largest number of initiates, 1928-29: Province IV, 111.

Largest number of actives, 1928-29: Province IV, 138.

Largest number of alumnæ, 1928-29: Province II, 266.

Number initiated into the Sorority in 1927-28, 527; in 1928-29, 557.

Number of actives in the sorority in 1927-28, 707; in 1928-29, 772. Number of alumnæ paying dues in 1927-28, 1,116; in 1928-29, 2,460.

ALICE CAMERER, Secretary-Treasurer

CENTRAL OFFICE

Come in and see our new Central Office! At last Gamma Phi Beta has taken her place with the other important sororities by establishing the Central Office in the business district of Chicago. We have a pleasant room in the Pittsfield Building, one of Chicago's newest and finest office buildings in the heart of the loop, and have purchased mahogany furniture, new files and, best of all, a lovely Oriental rug. Everything, from the brown drapes at the windows to the new map hanging on the wall, is perfection, and we are proud and anxious to display our new home to any Gamma Phi who will pay us a visit. If you are passing through Chicago, drop in between trains. A hearty welcome awaits you.

Charlotte Robertson
Executive Secretary of Central Office



DELINQUENT COLLEGE CHAPTERS

ETA—Helen Matthew Alpha Zeta—Janet Ann Carter Alpha Kappa—Nancy Montague

ALPHA-SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

"The floors had been newly varnished during the summer and a new carpet had been laid on the stairs."

Rushing week at Syracuse University opened for Gamma Phi with a tea on September 21, which was followed by a Circus Party, an Underworld

Party and a Night Club Party, all held at the chapter house.

Seventeen new pledges have been added to the chapter. Nine of these are out-of-town girls and eight have their homes in Syracuse. Those from other cities include: Camille Oberwieser, Stevens Point, Wisconsin; Betty Posson, Schenectady; Virginia Rand, Washington; Jane Corbett, Baldwinsville, New York; Betty Folsom, Fayetteville; Margaret Munro, Camillus; Barbara Kelley, Albany; Betty Morse, Binghamton; and Mary Orr, Canton. The Syracuse girls are Charlotte Hinds, Kathryn Schoeneck, Ann Betts, Patricia Pardee, Barbara Stellman, Mary Faye Thompson, Sarah Gere, and Eugenia Tholens.

The floors had been newly varnished during the summer and a new carpet had been laid of the stairs, greatly improving the general appearance of the house. The thoughtfulness of alumnæ who sent flowers or telegrams

wishing good luck was greatly appreciated.

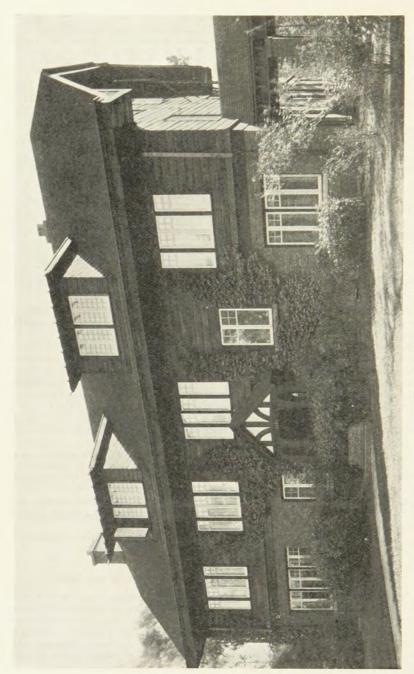
Very soon there is to be an initiation for three girls and also be an affiliation service for Emma Fensom, an Upsilon transfer, whom Alpha Chapter is very glad to welcome.

CATHARINE BARTELS

BETA-UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

"We have expanded, adding a unit at the back of our house."

We of Beta Chapter had the great thrill of coming back to a house that was almost entirely made over. We were simply breathless as we surveyed all the wonderful changes and are sending along some pictures to show you what is very hard to tell. To begin with, we have expanded, adding a unit at the back of our house. We have the most modern and colorful of kitchens in our addition and more sleeping rooms on the second and third floor. Then our living room has been enlarged and entirely redecorated. The addition of French doors in our dining room—opening



BETA CHAPTER HOUSE

onto the terrace, a new chaperon's sitting room, a smoking room, and men's coat room are other features of our new house.

On Sunday September 20 Beta had a house warming. Many of our alumni were with us including our national officers Alice Camerer, Lillian W. Thompson, and Pansy Blake. To add to our happiness, we were presented with an original etching by Wilfred B. Shaw. This was the gift of Mrs. Wilfred B. Shaw, one of our Ann Arbor alumnæ.

Rushing was a joy in such a house. We found ourselves in the midst of teas, luncheons and dinner parties. Two unusual features were a cabaret dinner with dancing between courses, and a pirate dinner, a most dashing affair. At last came the close of rushing with its two formal dinner parties. Then one silent day and the announcement of our pledges. We are so happy over our list following: Gladys Duke, Midland, Michigan; Carol Savery, Detroit; Margaret Smith, Cleveland; Frances and Georgina Merrill, Highland Park, Michigan; Laura Finley, Ann Arbor; Helen Nechodoma, Ann Arbor; Mary Elizabeth Wagner, Ann Arbor; Elfrieda John, Dearborn, Michigan; Esther Wey, Saginaw; Carol Wheeler, Grand Rapids; Margaret Gray, Brockton, Massachusetts; and Eleanor Robson, Charleston, West Virginia. These girls were pledged on Sunday, October 6.

Beta is happy to announce the initiation of Kathryn Eymon of Marion,

Ohio, and Emma Frances O'Hara of Ann Arbor.

Beta wishes to mention the remarkable achievement of Mrs. John D. McKay who heads the building committee of the new unit of the Y.W.C.A. in Detroit.

We expect to have a most active year and are looking forward to having entries in the archery contest, golf tournament, basketball team and baseball team. We are very proud of our president Dora Vanden Berg, who is vice-president of the senior Literary class.

HELEN P. BUSH

MARRIAGES

On September 12, 1929—Barbara Wheeler, '28, to Mr. David A. Turnock, '28.

One June 15, 1929—Louisa Smith, '28, to Mr. James Carlton of Lansing, Michigan.

GAMMA—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

"The house contains a fine new reference library."

Gamma is extremely proud of her pledges and we know that no other sorority on the campus was so happy about its pledge list as was Gamma Phi. Our new members are Jean Sellery, Madison. Wisconsin; Mary Test Kimball, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Ethel Anderson, Chicago; Margaret Bereman, Aurora, Illinois; Eleanor Stearns, Rochester, Minnesota; Frances McNiel, Decorah, Iowa; Martha Ann Burkatt, Ft. Wayne, Indiana; Betty Hart, Madison, Wisconsin; Helen Royce, Platteville, Wisconsin; Dorothea Chickering, Madison, Wisconsin; Louise Dvorak, Chicago; Marion Wiener, Omaha, Nebraska; Elizabeth Cool, Madison; Janet McCarthy, Antigo, Wisconsin; Helen Harding, San Antonio, Texas; Louise Marston, Appleton, Wisconsin; Imma Pabst, Chicago; Violet McElphatrick, Franklin, Pennsylvania; Isabel Husting, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin; Marian Card, Sparta, Wisconsin; Ann Palmer, Janesville, Wisconsin; Harriett Bartlett, Drummond, Wisconsin.

Rushing was very exciting and one of our parties was a Gamma Phi Night Club. Two of the features of the evening were a "blues singer" and a very good looking head waiter who warned us of an impending raid.

Shortly after pledging, we held initiation; and it is with pleasure that

we tell you of our five new initiates, Virginia Buswell, Harriett Treat, Ethel

Anderson, Betty Barlett, and Betty Crain.

Although it is early in the year, two girls have already put their names on the activity lists. Jean Jardine has been initiated into Coronto, honorary journalistic sorority, has been elected president of the Hunt Club, and is a candidate for the secretary-treasurer of the junior class. Mercedes Jelsma, who was elected to Wisconsin Players last spring, has the juvenile lead in Kempy, the Dads' Day and homecoming play.

With her twenty-three charming and enthusiastic pledges, Gamma is

looking forward to a very happy year.

Mercedes Jelsma

ENGAGEMENTS

Ruth Pierson, '28, to Mr. Frank Rhorer, Phi Kappa. Jane Biggar, '29, to Mr. La Verne Forkel, Phi Kappa Psi. Mercedes Jelsma, '30, to Mr. Ford Stewart, Phi Delta Theta.

MARRIAGES

Dorothy Bateman, '28, to Mr. Lute Getsloff.
Marjorie Gallagher, '28, to Mr. Frederick Murphy, Psi Upsilon.
Edith Gerry, '29, to Mr. William Schroeder, Phi Kappa Psi.
Margaret Schmerhorn to Robert Sykes, Theta Delta Chi.
Margaret McClellan, ex-'30, to Mr. James Herriott, Delta Tau Delta.

BIRTH

To Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Phyfe (Mary Wing, '28), a son.

DEATH

Mary Clark Brittingham.

DELTA—BOSTON UNIVERSITY

"Just around the corner from college."

Delta girls are gradually becoming accustomed to their lastest change—namely that of moving from the apartment on Baystate Road to non-resident rooms on Newberry Street. They are just around the corner from college and we find it most convenient to "run around" and have a chat. It takes time to get settled in new quarters, but the house committee has shown such real taste in interior decorating that we already feel quite cozy and at home. So high are our ambitions, in fact, to make them as attractive as possible, that one aspiring member endeavored to wire an electric lamp and succeeded in blowing out a fuse and plunging most of the apartment into utter darkness until daylight!

But, of course, our main efforts at present are involved in "rushing." We have still two more weeks so that we cannot say yet how many freshmen will go Gamma Phi. We know of a few "for sure," and our hopes are

high for many more.

Our rushing party, the one time we are allowed to entertain the freshmen except for luncheon dates, was held on October 14, at the lovely Wellesley Farms home of one of our "alums," Mrs. Guild. Her kind hospitality made it possible for us to establish a modernistic and Bohemian atmosphere by means of lanterns, incense, and candlelight. The supper committee produced the most glorious repast, but I cannot tell of what it consisted, for I do not know—only that it was distinctly Bohemian. The entertainment committee put on many gay and fascinating numbers in cabaret style which, together with dancing and brilliant costumes, made the evening a most successful and happy one for all.

So good-by for now, until the year has progressed further and we have more news to relate.

ETHEL DE MILLE

ENGAGEMENT

Dorothy F. Gibb, '27, to Mr. John Barry.

MARRIAGE

Margaret Johnstone, '29, to Mr. Clifford Haworth, on June 15, 1929.

EPSILON-NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

"Everything in the house clean and shining."

An Impressionist views Epsilon of Gamma Phi Beta.

Impression I. Rushing. Everything in the house clean and shining. Doors wide open out onto the quadrangle, for tonight it is as warm as summer, though tomorrow may be cold. (Chicago weather is like that.) Chairs in the living room arranged in friendly little groups. Soft strains of an orchestra. Gamma Phis in gorgeous array. Dresses are so long and sophisticated this year. Rushees, little and big, shy and bold, silent and talkative. So many of them are darling. I wish that we could pledge about fifty, but I suppose that we shall have to let the other sororities have some. Dancing. May I cut in, please. Entertainment, exhibiting bits of chapter talent effectively but not too ostentatiously. Chocolate éclairs. orange ice, coffee. Conversation upon a thousand topics, vacation passed and college to come, new books and plays, mutual friends. A piano ripples in the distance. Circle of Gamma Phi. Good-byes. Hash meetings. Bidding. Silence. And at last, pledging! Nineteen prizes. And a rising vote of thanks to Dorothy Somers, our rushing chairman, and Dorothy Cain, her

Our new pledges: Ruth Allen, Lakewood, Ohio; Winifred Andrew, Flushing, New Jersey; Ruth Bailey, San Diego, California; Catherine Best, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Marjorie Bielski, Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Margaret Black, Chicago, Illinois; Margaret Bordine, Evanston, Illinois; Marion Brokaw, St. Louis, Missouri; Corolyn and Isabel Clark, Evanston, Illinois; Catherine Dickson, Galen, Illinois; Maurine Jones, Wilmette, Illinois; Sylvia Larson, Evanston, Illinois; Frances Livermore, Garner, Iowa; Ellen Peterson, Omaha, Nebraska; Dorothea Ryan, Chicago, Illinois; Eugenia Scott, Grand Haven, Michigan; Margaret Shoemaker, Evanston, Illinois; Virginia Stone, Oak Park, Illinois.

Impression II. Wedding Bells. They rang out during the summer for Patricia Hellweg, '30, and Mr. Abel McAllister, Phi Kappa Psi, University of Chicago. Likewise for Mary Magoon, '30, and Mr. Thomas Sternberg, Phi Delta Theta, Northwestern University. And for Marguerite Luecke, '31, and Mr. Richard Sterling Day, Alpha Sigma Phi and Theta Nu, Penn State.

More wedding bells. On October 12, Fern Older, '27, was married to Mr. Harold H. Lundberg, Sigma Nu. And on October 17, Flo Kinnebrew was married to Mr. Reginald B. Chapman, a faraway wedding down in Shreveport, Louisiana.

Impression III. Quadrangle and campus. Bright cool days, when stiff breezes blow off old Lake Michigan, and red and brown oak leaves flurry across campus walks. Classes. Not all boring, either. Going down to Fish Hall? Don't tell me I must walk alone! No pledge to carry my books? Hockey practices. Tennis. The well dressed Gamma Phi wears a gym outfit this fall. Meetings and meetings. Nights are clear and cold (or occasionally foggy and warm), but Chicago's loop is interesting in any weather, and Sheridan Road at night is busy and bright. The famous elm trees are

leafless now, but a big orange moon is rising behind the tower of University Hall.

Football. Out-of-town games. Thank you, Gamma Chapter. You were very good to us the week-end of October 12. Open houses after home games. Crowds of hungry men. Question: why do men always prefer chicken and mushrooms to tea and cake?

Impression IV. Everybody happy. Initiation of Virginia Dibble, Akron, Ohio, and Barbara Schmidt, Appleton, Wisconsin.

"There's nothing so dear as this little pin here,

The crescent of dear Gamma Phi."

HELEN LENEHEN

ZETA-GOUCHER COLLEGE

"The rooms are being rejuvenated."

Rushing—and all that it means! Zeta is right in the midst of it now and of course one has scarcely a thought for anything else. We have the good fortune to have several acceptable legacies this year and with such a grand start, Zeta should and will make as fine a showing as in previous years.

The rooms are being rejuvenated apropos of the grand climax; and the addition of a porch from which to teach all prospects the beauty of the stars and incidentally a "crescent" moon is another feature of this year's program. Each night has been planned and what with a Spanish balcony scene, a Bowery party, a revue and other attractive stunts, things really should sizzle.

The Goucher Gamma Phis kept up the reputation for office holding this year. Sarah Chapman is vice-president of Student Organization; Virginia Barrows is president of Goucher Athletic League, and vice-president of Athletic Association; Carolyn Denmead is senior class representative to Athletic Association; Nancy Conklyn is vice-president of the sophomore class; Virginia Potter is editor-in-chief of *Donny Brook;* Doris King is vice-president of Senior class; Nell Jones is social chairman of G.C.C.A.

Virginia Potter and Sal Chapman came back with glowing reports of convention which made us all long to be the lucky person to be sent as

delegate next year.

Zeta house party last June was all that anyone could have wished for. We had it at a beautiful place on the eastern shore of Maryland and the latent possibilities of hitch hikers, and swimmers, were brought out, not to mention contests in the consumption of hot rolls and other appetizing morsels.

And now to rushing again. Zeta wishes all the chapters a profitable season and here's the best of luck for the outcome.

NELL JONES

THETA-UNIVERSITY OF DENVER

"A very special luncheon at the Lodge with all of our alumnæ present."

Heavens! Christmas is almost here and I haven't recovered from rush week yet! I'm afraid Father Time is trying to slip one over on me but I

shall fool him, yet, and ride in on his cycle at the last moment.

Today as I write you I am just beaming all over I am so proud of all my sisters! They seem to have been several jumps ahead of Father Time and have accomplished no end of wonderful things. I don't believe there is an organization of any consequence on the campus in which dear old Gamma Phi is not well represented. In a literary way, Margaret Lalor, Gladys Henshall, Mary Lou Bartlett, and Barbara Bayliss carried off the honors by being pledged to Quill Club—a national writers' club that one must be

very clever to enter. (I tried!) Josephine Robinson, too, figures in a literary way for she now wears the colors of a Press Club pledge. Jo is really "quite a remarkable fellow" for she was also pledged to the Rilling Athletic Club this year and holds the office of secretary in the junior class. Our pledges, too, took honors in the freshman class elections. Louise Jolitz, the president of the pledges, was elected vice-presidnt of her class and Katherine Fouse was elected secretary—the only two offices for women in the class.

Chemically we have been "doing big things," too. Mary Lou Bartlett of Theta, and Alma Greist, a very dear "loan" from Pi Chapter, made Alpha Sigma Chi, the woman's honorary chemical fraternity. In a romantic way, or rather a romance language way, we have Liberty Ewing and Margaret Murphy who were pledged to Alpha Sigma Pi, an honorary language organization. Liberty has been accomplishing things in a dramatic way, too, as she has the lead in the Drama Club play for this semester.

Athletics haven't been overlooked, either. Mary Lou Bartlett and your struggling correspondent, Peggy Moseley, were pledged to the Woman's Athletic Association, and the whole chapter is at present absorbed in the time taking sport of basketball. The college is sponsoring an intersorority basketball tournament that Theta fully expects to win with one of her three teams that are entered. In tennis, Theta was very proud to have two out of the three college champions—Mary Eleanore Park from the sophomore class,

and Marjory Moore from the freshman class.

A new pep organization, exclusively for freshmen, was formed on our campus this fall, with a membership totaling about one hundred. Among those "pep-enthusiasts" were eleven of Theta's up-and-coming freshmen: Margaret Runstettler, Katherine Fouse, Lisa Van Wagenen, Helen Becker, Ruth Nathan, Edith Kennedy, Joan Howard, Ann Morrison, Louise Jolitz, Reata McDonough, and Marjory Moore. When the need arose for a motherly soul to sponsor this group, the same struggling correspondent, Peggy Moseley, was asked to fill the office from Parakeet, the senior pep organization. While we are speaking of Parakeet, let me say that Genevieve Park and Lucille Albright were taken into that organization this year, making its success assured.

At the beginning of the year an extensive campaign was launched by the college officials for the sale of football tickets. Out of the thirty-five organizations competing, Theta came in third in sales (when two fraternities

tied for first place), and was first among the sororities.

Just a word now about the present hubbub of anticipation and excitement. This week-end is our homecoming, and such a jolly one as it will be! Of course we always have lunch together before the games, but this time it is going to be a very special luncheon at the Lodge with all our alumnæ present after the parade. Then we shall go over to cheer for a winning team—for it must be a winning team or the girls can't resume cosmetics, and the boys can't shave. This ultimatum has existed for several weeks now and the whiskers are getting very shaggy to say nothing of the ladies' appearances. Theta is out to win the prizes for the best float in the parade and the biggest sale of tickets. There is another very exciting rumor in the air to the effect that the pledges are to give their dance on Novembr 29, and that it will be the cleverest and best of its kind in the history of the chapter—I'm all a-flutter. Now if I can just get ahold of a man!

Theta is co-operating with the other organizations this year in promoting a better Panhellenic feeling between the sororities by entertaining some one sorority once a month so that everybody can get better acquainted. Another Monday night in the month has been designated as "open house" night, and only on that Monday are the men allowed to stay around the house, and to

come in and dance.

Now, I come to the best piece of news in my letter—news that I have purposely saved until almost the last because we all like something nice as a climax. Theta has a new pledge, Margaret Murphy. Margaret was a bit tardy in deciding where she was going to college, but once she was registered Theta must have her. Margaret is a graduate of Mount Vernon Seminary in Washington, D.C., where she was not only prominent scholastically, but also in activities. She held class offices several times and was very prominent in a literary way. She wrote the senior class play that was presented, and was commended for it by a New York critic. Yes, Theta is very proud of her newest pledge.

Last night Theta helped to celebrate one of the greatest events in college history—the founding of Gamma Phi Beta. Not a one of the fifty-three members at the banquet but was bursting with pride to think that she is a member of this great organization. With our Lindsey Barbee as mistress of ceremonies we looked back over the events of the past fifty-five years to those four great women who founded Gamma Phi Beta, and we thanked our lucky stars (or should I say crescents?) that we are privileged to be links in

the chain of this great sisterhood!

With Christmas almost here, Theta wants to wish every girl in every chapter the very best kind of a holiday season. And if Santa Claus doesn't forget me this year I'll write you again in the spring and tell you some more about my dear, peppy chapter!

Peggy Moseley

MARRIAGES

Joy Kinkle, ex-'30, to Mr. Amer Leman, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, class '30.

KAPPA—UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

"We point with pride to our pastel enamels and gay draperies."

This year Kappa Chapter is unable to announce a new freshman class because by local Panhellenic ruling, rushing has been deferred until after the holidays. However, we take pleasure in writing of Johanna Cook, a transfer from Holyoke, who was pledged in the autumn.

There are four new actives in the chapter—Dorothy Robinson, Marjorie Lofstrum, Mary Monley, and Beverley Kenovan who was initiated at convention. That four is really five because Gertrude Patterson who has been

at Holyoke is back again at Minnesota.

In the fall we entertained at tea for one of our Kappa alumnæ, Maude Hart Lovelace, who has recently published a book Early Candlelight which many of you, I know, have enjoyed reading. Since that tea we have given an informal party, celebrated Founders' Day and entertained at open house after the Michigan and Wisconsin games.

The second and third floors of the house have been redecorated, and now that the odor of paint has entirely disappeared, and it is once more safe to touch a gleaming surface, we point with pride to our pastel enamels and

gay draperies.

This quarter has not been as easy-going as it may sound for we have been working on a chapter project—a large bridge party on the afternoon of the day before Thanksgiving, and a night club in the evening. To our Mothers' Club and our very loyal alumnæ we feel that we owe much for the success of the undertaking . . . to them and to the lissome members who did so well that they have been asked to repeat their acts for other organizations. If versatility is proof of intelligence we are sure that our co-ed chorus girls will swell the number of 1931's Phi Betas!

In November we had the pleasure of a visit from Mrs. Sullivan, our Province Inspector, and we are unanimous in the wish that she enjoyed

visiting here as much as we enjoyed being her hostess.

In spite of rehearsing and tea-ing—not to mention doing a bit for the chapter scholastic average—we have mantained a high activities standing. Elinor Thompson is president of Cap and Gown, member of the Y.W.C.A. cabinet, interclass council, Y.W.C.A. personnel committee and a leader of freshman discussion groups. Milla Kara Jacobson is a member of the W.A.A. board, and as member of the Gopher staff chose Gweneth Hedlund and Dorothy Volkmer as her assistants. Esther Martin who for the past three years has been associated with the Minnesota Daily has been elected secretary of the Board of Publications. Mary Lou Hohn, our chapter president, is corresponding secretary for the all-university council, and Dorothy Fournet our delegate to convention, is a member of the W.A.A. board and was chairman for university decorations during homecoming. Lucille Miller is president of Orchesis an organization of girls interested in interpretive dancing, and also a member of the W.A.A. board Kathryn Graham is secretary of the Aquatic League. Margaret Spence has become a member of Triad, a new Greek organization, and Panhellenic has appointed Marion Jones to be advisor to all freshman girls who are going through the season of rushing.

At present we are looking forward to this adventure in second quarter pledging and, be it said, with not a little strain and apprehension.

In closing, we of Kappa Chapter wish all the Gamma Phis from Winter Park to far Vancouver a merry, merry Christmas.

CATHERINE GAINES

LAMBDA-UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

"This summer the house was done over from top to bottom."

After a very successful rushing season, Lambda is pleased to announce the pledging of Virginia Lambert, Spokane; Ruth Fulton, Walla Walla, Washington; Mary Elizabeth Weisman, Spokane, Washington; Myrtle Christenson, Spokane, Washington; Marcella Crabtree, Mt. Vernon; Jane Kelly, Spokane, Washington; Gladys Schub, Tacoma, Washington; Emily Hall Vancouver, Washington; Marjorie Speidel, Seattle; Betty Mook, Seattle; and Jean Foster, Seattle.

Already one of the pledges has brought an unusually high honor to Gamma Phi, as Virginia Lambert was chosen as a member of the Women's Federation Players. Katherine Callow made the Washington Players, the highest dramatic achievement at the University of Washington. Harriet Frost was elected the new secretary of the senior class.

Our first entertaining of the season was a buffet supper following formal pledging, for our "alums" to meet the new freshmen. Another impetus for the supper was to exhibit out new furnishings, for this summer the house was done over from top to bottom. A gorgeous new oriental rug, new draperies, a new davenport, new dining room furniture and new upstairs furniture (and the old furniture scraped and repainted), gave the house the most prosperous air it has had in years.

Lambda extends greetings to all the new pledges in Gamma Phi Beta.

Edna Eikenbary

ENGAGEMENT

Virginia Webster to Mr. Drayton Howe.

DEATH

Ruth Nettleton class of 1929, on August 31, 1929.

MU-STANFORD UNIVERSITY

"The first activity of the girls was painting furniture and making over their rooms."

Mu Chapter of Gamma Phi Beta began its fall quarter officially on October 1.

The first interest among the sisters was the exchange of summer experiences, and in this it was discovered that Stanford Gamma Phis had a richly varied, exciting summer. Three of the members were so fortunate as to attend the Kansas City convention, and have brought back ideas and inspiration in quantity. Perhaps this is mainly responsible for the wonderful atmosphere of purposeful achievement and enthusiasm over the prospects of the coming year that is felt all through the house. Everyone seems to have fallen under that stimulation of its influence, and the girls are counting on one of the best years of the chapter's history.

Hawaii was also almost a Gamma Phi rendezvous this summer. Marion White, '27, Babette Bailey, '28, Margaret Kalenborn, '28, and Katherine Deahl, '30, all insist that Honolulu is the most glorious vacation ground in the world. Now the rest of the house is beseeching these lucky girls to do some coaching and pass on their rare ability at the famous native hula-hula performance. The house, always an ardent supporter of versatility, is

proud of its accomplished sisters.

We are also proud of the heroine that we harbor in our midst. Constance McCleave, a new sophomore, this summer rescued a small child from the

jaws of a mad dog, and was herself bitten.

The outstanding event so far has been the pledging of Mary Lou James, one of the most charming and lovable sophomore. Her blonde hair and marvelous blue eyes actually belie her ability, for she is both a genuine scholar and a clever journalist.

The first serious activity of the girls was painting furniture and making over their rooms. The house finally emerged from the unbelievable chaos of the early weeks, and several of the rooms are really works of art. With cozy, delightful rooms upstairs, and a handsome new Sonora radio-victrola downstairs, the girls are finding sorority life enormously attractive.

Except that we miss our graduates most frightfully. Without Grace Humphreys, who made Phi Beta Kappa last year, and Thelma Patton, with her block "S" and a long string of championships and all-star records, and Blanche Barnette, of Cap and Gown, and all the others who set such high goals last year, the house seems to have a big hole in it. However, these examples are pointing the way for the rest of us, and with sixteen ambitious girls in the house, the year looks good to everyone.

MARY LEE RICHMOND

NU-UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

"A house smoothly and beautifully managed."

Nu has her head up! At the beginning of rush week there were twenty girls here to see the thing through. Twenty girls whose only thought was to get the best on the campus for Nu. Through the perfect co-operation and unselfish efforts of the girls and the excellent advice of our alums, we got what we wanted, nineteen truly wonderful and outstanding girls. Much of our success is due to Betty Patterson, one of our alums, who through her efforts and interests, has endeared herself to us. Just to have her around is an inspiration.

Although it is still early in the term, several of our pledges are making places and friends for themselves on the campus.

Elizabeth Gilstrap, Ruth Lawrence, and Katherine Loughridge made the university glee club. Harriet Hofman is a Thespian; and in addition she and Katherine Loughridge have appointments on the *Emerald*, our University paper. Miriam Stafford, a true Gamma Phi daughter, plays the cello in the university orchestra and has just been pledged to Tau Delta, local music honorary. Lucille Kraus and Dorothy Clifford are both active in Y.W.C.A. and Sally Howlloway is on the Y.W.C.A. membership drive committee.

But our pledges are not the only ones active on the campus. Edwina Grebel, besides being secretary of the senior class, has just received the appointment of chairman of the campus luncheon for the 1929 homecoming, November 15. The appointments on the directorate are made according to the individual's ability and willingness to work. We are proud of

Edwina and know she will make good.

Three of our pledges, Ruth, Sally, and Kit Sobey, a transfer from Stanford, will be made upperclassmen on their initiation next term. One of our pledges, charming Marjorie Douglass came to us as a pledge from Alpha Gamma, University of Nevada, Marjorie soon sang her way into our hearts, and stayed there! Tonight, just before dinner, we added to our list of pledges, Margaret Crane a girl whom we were very proud to pledge to Gamma Phi.

Our Mothers' Club has been very unselfish in its efforts to do things for us. It recently sent us a fifty-dollar gift to dispose of as we wished. We had not decided yet just what we will get, but it will be something permanent

for the house.

In the house there is a spirit of good-will and of co-operation among the girls which is, in no small way, due to the excellent qualities of leadership and understanding of our president, Louise Wilhelm. And to Frieda Pahl, our housemanager, who is a delightful combination of artistic ability and common sense, we owe a vote of thanks for a house smoothly and beautifully managed.

Our pledges distinguished themselves by being the first to give a tea for all freshmen girls on the campus. They proved to be both good managers and excellent hostesses. Saturday night they experienced their first open house, and having survived that without serious mishap, they are looking

forward eagerly to the Pledge Dance, November 2.

But by no means are their thoughts centered on social activities. They are studying hard, as we all are, so that when the grade sheet comes out, Gamma Phi will be ahead of the other nationals, and even nearer the top than she was spring term.

All in all, we are proud of us!

MARIANNE SPEER

XI-UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO

"The house lately has been remodeled."

Relief and satisfaction plus a great deal of pride were the three outstanding emotions felt by all the members of Xi as we watched the girls file down our walk on pledge Saturday. Our pledges! The reward of a long hard week of concentrated rushing. Our first party, which came after open house, was a Hawaiian fireside. As we aren't allowed to have decorations or favors we were forced to carry out the idea in our place-cards, entertainments, and refreshments. The night before our last party, which was a formal dinner, we serenaded both girls' halls and the town girls.

The girls came to the house to be pledged shortly after lunch, just in time for us to take them to the football game. Of course it rained, but

nothing could dim our radiance as we proudly displayed our eighteen bright and new, but dripping pledges.

Our lately acquired roommates are Beryl Davis, Marjorie Weber, Susuan Malcolm, Spokane; Isabel Lange, Chicago; Marguerite Morrow, Anaconda, Montana; Willie May Roberts, Lois Rawls, Boise; Dorothy Lindsey Regna Campbell, Gladys Miller, Nampa; Ralphine Ronald, Coeur D'Alene; Mary Lou Cox, Kendrick; Katherine Hart, Rigby; Helen Lucas, Irene Vang, Wallace; and Katherine Edyvean, Irma Collins, Moscow.

After all the excitement it is rather hard to calm down and realize our responsibilities of training and helping the pledges to become Gamma Phis. Since there are only seven upperclassmen living in the house we feel much as the old woman who lived in a shoe must have felt when she was confronted by her amazing number of children. We are, however, earnestly hoping that we won't have to resort to bread and milk and bed room slippers.

MARY MURPHY

OMICRON-UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

"A large and beautiful chapter house."

"My mind's in a whirl, my Gamma Phi Girl." that's how we all feel, now that activities are in full swing and six weeks grades are about to be announced. First it was rushing, and then it was registration, and then it was pledging, and now it's nothing but going to college and studying, sandwiched in between excitement over football games. Here at Illinois we have three big week-ends looming ahead—homecoming, the Illinois-Army game, and Dads' Day, and all of them will keep everyone of us busy every minute.

Our new pledges are our pride now—seventeen of them, too. They are: Elizabeth Allen, Kansas City, Missouri; Jean Clements, Ruth Curtis, Mary Gray, Margaret Heppes, Alice Ireland, Marian Irrman, Evelyn Johnson, Mary Moore, Chicago; Eleanor Cook, Champaign, Illinois; Tirzah Kane, Pickneyville, Illinois; Dorothea Gilbert, and Mildred Smith, Princeton, Indiana; Catherine Grometer, Aurora, Illinois; Rachel Holman, Delmar, New York; Helen Sheppley, Springfield, Illinois; Gretchen Wagner, Joliet, Illinois. We entertained at a dance for them on October 5 in the chapter house. If they enjoyed it as much as the actives did, they must have had a good time.

We had initiation the latter part of September for Maxine Dry and Audley Nichols and another of our girls, Marian Gibson, was initiated at

convention.

We love to boast of our honors. One of our new pledges, Evelyn Johnson, was elected program chairman of Orange and Blue Feathers, freshman organization for women. And did we tell you that Helen Duncan is chairman of Orange and Blue Feathers for Woman's League? It's really quite a feather in our cap to have her in charge of such a large organization. And imagine bossing something like eight or nine hundred freshmen!

Helen Duncan and Sarah Simons have been chosen as the two Shi-Ai representatives for our house. Shi-Ai is the intersorority organization for sophomore women. As "scums of the earth," Helen and Sally have been entertaining during meals at the various houses as part of the pledge re-

quirements.

If you read the Ladies' Home Journal, you know that Lita Bane, '12, of Omicron has recently joined the staff as Associate Editor in charge of Homemaking. Miss Bane knew the chapter here in the days when it was still a local and petitioning for entrance into the national organization.

BERTHA ENGER

MARRIAGES

Elizabeth Cook, '28, to Mr. Robert Kuhne, Kappa Sigma, on October 4, at Urbana, Illinois.

Helen Holmes, '27, to Mr. Kenneth Carpenter, Kappa Delta Rho.

PI-UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

"Crescents in the house shutters."

What a wealth of work and play the new college year has brought us! Pi girls find themselves ocupied with studies and many outside activities of interest. One of the most popular social events was the first house dance on 0ctober 12. It was the customary party in honor of the pledges, given by the initiated of last year's vintage. The girls, being a very progressive lot, decided to carry out Halloween decorations, even though the date was a bit previous. After many cries of "Who has the scissors?" and "Where are the pins?" the decorating was finally completed and the former wails of woe changed to shouts of pleasure. The party was acclaimed a huge success and we felt that our social season had started in high spirit.

Football season brings much excitement and has attracted many alums who couldn't resist getting into the spirit of the thing along with the actives. Games also provide an excellent excuse for homesick Pi grads to return for

a while and refresh their memories of happy college days.

One shouldn't forget the all-important fall pajama-parties with a rosy fire crackling in the grate and lots of good things to eat. What could be more fun when the evenings are crisp and a huge lemon pie moon peeps in at the window?

Pi is most pleased to announce the affiliation of Mary Ault of Fort Collins, formerly of Tau. We of Pi are very proud to claim her as one of us and hope she will be happy on our campus.

CATHERINE YEOMANS

RHO-UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

"The pledges are in charge of the house decorations."

If Crescent letters could but describe photographically the campus and chapter life at Iowa, I could show you a wonderful picture, crammed full of all sorts of honors and activities for Rho. First of all, the excitement of rushing and pledging! Of course the first hilarious feeling has worn off, but in its place has come a deep sincere satisfaction in our new members, who are doing much to make the chapter proud of them. We have an unusuall fine group of girls from Waterloo, including Alice and Esther Lovejoy, Eneatha Kenyon, Frances Stotts, Virginia Fish, and Catherine Thompson. Alice Lovejoy entered the university this year as an upper classman from Grinnell, where she was chosen one of the beauties of last year. Virginia Fish, who won the 1928 district Atwater-Kent audition and has broadcast from stations in Cincinnati, Dallas, and Waterloo, has already distinguished herself as a singer in the university.

But Waterloo is not the only town from which we have drawn our pledges. Polly Thompson and Mildred Kennedy have come to the tall corn state from Oklahoma. Polly is the sister of Dorothy Ann Thompson of Miami, and Mildred is from Lawton, Oklahoma. Dorothy Clark of Independence, Kansas, has started her activities by organizing a rifle team for women of the university, in which seventy have already enrolled. Mary David of Oscaloosa, Mary Wheat of Shellrock, Katherine Day of Clinton, Missouri, Mary Louise Moore of Walnut, Leone McNally of Hawarden, Lucille Wingert of Tipton, Beatrice Vetter of Muscatine and Mary Jo Collins of Independence, have all come to us this year as upperclassmen, entering the university for the

first time.

Frances Stearns of Corydon, Genevieve Smith of Dubuque, Helen Jean Brandt of Davenport, Mary Elizabeth Kehoe of Cedar Rapids, Florence Deaton of Iowa City, Margaret Siebert of Des Moines, Honora Carroll of St. Louis, Carma Wagner of Rhinebeck, Louise Heyerdale of Rochester and Rhody Fisher of Peoria, Illinois, complete our pledge list. Genevieve Phillips of Muscatine, returned to Iowa this year and was repledged. Doris Jane Kuhlemeir of Burlington has come to us as a transfer from Washington University, and Ruth Aplan has transferred to the university from Omega.

And so with this splendid group of pledges, we have started another busy year for Rho. Virginia Fish, Mary Lou Moore and Leone McNally are among the new members of the university women's glee club. Ann Bradfield, president of our chapter, has added a few more activities to her own list and several new honors for Gamma Phi. Last week Ann was elected president of the junior class of the university. She is also vice-president of the Student Council and a member of the board of governors of the university theater. Helen Streib has been elected president of the Classical Club of the university.

The girls who were fortunate enough to attend Gamma Phi Beta national convention last summer are still telling us about their thrilling time and of many benefits derived from the convention, itself. We are all looking forward to the next convention, which is to be held in our province. Clara Louise Wallace, Mariam Dane, Elarka Towne, and Gilberta Scott, were initiated at convention, and Dorothy Cooper was initiated by Rho this fall.

Everyone is busy planning for homecoming, which is to be the greatest ever. We are expecting a number of visiting alums, and are planning a tea and dinner for our guests. The pledges are in charge of the house decorations, which we hope will win the campus prize. Our first party is to be November 2, when the actives will entertain the pledges at an informal dance.

But in spite of so much of our time being spent in outside activities, we are resolving to crack the books and bring up the scholastic average of the sorority.

GRETCHEN CARLSON

MARRIAGES

Miriam Dane, Rho, '28, to Mr. Robert Frush, Phi Gamma Delta, University of Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Frush are living in Adel, Iowa.

Helen Higbee Rho, '26, to Mr. Gordon Saucer. Their home is in Newton, Iowa.

ENGAGEMENTS

Ardath Shaw, Rho, to Mr. Harry Nelson, Delta Tau Delta, University of Iowa.

Maxine Wahram, Rho, to Mr. Phillip Wills, Delta Upsilon, University of Iowa.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. John E. Tedford (Frances Hale), on June 2, a girl, Anne.

To Sr. and Mrs. Sim E. Wherry (Frances Nelson, '23), twin daughters Georganne and Joanne.

SIGMA-UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

"The beautiful colonial chapter house is one of the pleasant memories of convention."

Rush week for Sigma was a festive period. It included a formal tea on Friday; an Apache dinner, Friday evening; the Muffin Worry, Follies Tea, and Futuristic Dinner on Saturday; and a tea and the Crescent Dinner on Sunday. These parties were all great successes, and now we have twenty-three new pledges: Ann Arnett, Helen Heaston, Helen Kinney, Lawrence; Marjorie Osborne, Humbolt; Lucille Landis, Kansas City, Kansas; Emma Jeane Cole, Beloit; Marguerite Bowers, Wellington; Dorothy Henderson, Margaret Patt, Virginia Bright, Kansas City, Missouri; Carol Cost, Esther Graber, Hutchinson, Therine Kilgore, Herrington; Margaret Schmitt Paola; Lois Moon, Pratt; Jeanne Reese, Newton; Sara Anderson, Betty Anderson, Garden City; Anna Marie Sellars, Independence; Elizabeth Peach, Emporia; Mary Dannemiller, Ft. Leavenworth; Mildred Saunders, Pleasenton; Ruth Cushing, Concordia.

Sigma held initiation services for Hazel Hoffman, and Mary Jane Bunner

on September 12.

On Friday evening, September 27, we held open house, a party for freshmen. We had a fine orchestra from Kansas and everyone had a lovely time. The city of Lawrence celebrated the seventy-fifth anniversary of its founding on October 9, 10, and 11. In recognition of this celebration, Sigma held an informal party on October 9 for the members of Gamma Phi Beta.

Helen Rhoda Hoopes, a founder of Sigma and a member of the English faculty of the university, told us some interesting events in the early history

of Lawrence and of Kansas.

We are all especially elated this fall because Sigma Chapter ranked second in scholarship among the sororities of the university. In addition to this, Sigma has started off the year with an excellent list of activities. Virginia Derge, a senior in the school of Fine Arts has been elected to Mortar Board. We have three girls, Amanda Wulf, Elise Arbuthnot, and Dorothy Markly in the Girls' Glee Club. Amanda is president of the glee club, and Dorothy is business manager. Amanda also won second place in the Atwater-Kent radio contest for singers that was held there recently. Ruth Limbird is chairman of the Freshman Commission of the Y.W.C.A. Two of our pledges, Elizabeth Peach and Carol Cost have shown themselves master swimmers by making Quack Club. Hazel Hoffman and Elizabeth Peach have been placed on the 1930 Jayhawker staff. Elizabeth Peach has also made the staff of the Sour Owl, our humor magazine. It looks as if it were going to be a great year for Gamma Phi Beta at Kansas University.

ENGAGEMENTS

Lois Linscott, Sigma, '29, to Mr. David Scribner, Sigma Xi, University of Kansas.

Ruth Linscott, Sigma, '30, to Mr. Charles Smoot Beta Theta Pi, University of Kansas.

MARRIAGES

Elizabeth Sickels, Sigma, '27, to Mr. Leon S. Salathiel. Maple Dunbar, Sigma, '27, to Mr. Halbert Earp. Ellamay Garvin Sigma, '29, to Mr. Albert Kay.

TAU-COLORADO AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

"Second year in the new house."

Tau has started well on another successful college year.

The rush party this year was a trip to Greece in search of the Golden Fleece. Each rushee received a passport containing her picture, description, etc. The house was decorated to appear as a Grecian Garden at evening. Pale stars shown on a veritable flower garden. The nut baskets were Grecian dragon ships—the sails being the menu and the program. Grecian centaurs entertained between courses. Peanut and olive girls, dressed as such, presented each guest with the gift of the evening, a Grecian vase

of iridescent gold. Tables were whisked away, and all seated round, they listended to the tale of the Golden Fleece, saw the Fleece, a mass of gold satin pillows, saw them stolen away, each to find one again when she returned to her home. A Delphic oracle told the bright future to each girl and warned her of important mail to be received. The important mail was

a series of steamer letters giving good advice in the way of Greeks.

Rushing season has given us fifteen delightful pledges, Kathryn Blaine, Glenwood Springs, Colorado; Mary Bliss, Greeley, Colorado; Doris Burnett, Fort Collins, Colorado; Joyce Dooley, Akron, Colorado; Ruth Fenn, Pueblo, Colorado; Evelyn Herman, Denver, Colorado; Virginia Kinger Wray, Colorado; Barbara McBroom, Colorado Springs, Colorado; Ruth McCracken, Fort Collins, Colorado; Ruth McNatt, Canon City, Colorado; Marjory Mechling, Fort Collins, Colorado; Helen Miles, Denver, Colorado; Charlotte Pauls, Long Beach, California; Roberta Pressey, Wheatridge, Colorado;

Lucile Tarleumke, Oberlin, Kansas.

And just see what our actives are doing-Naomi Van Horn, Omicron Nu, Alpha Chi Alpha, is president of W.A.A., sports editor of Collegian, a member of A.W.S., Student Council, and Panhellenic; Alice Harrison, is vice-president of A.W.S., finance chairman of Y.W.C.A. Cabinet, class officer, and active in W.A.A.; Avery Starbird, housemanager, is social chairman of the Home Economics Club; Elizabeth Hinds, Snappy Thirty, is head of Life Saving; Virginia Brown, is secretary of A.W.S., on Silver Spruce staff and Collegian staff, and is head of swimming; Louise Bartels is head of hockey; Hazel Cash is a member of Dramatic Club and has the lead in the first play of the season. And that isn't all, for there are just more and more of our girls doing bigger and better things every day.

On October 6, initiation was held for Louise Bartels of Fort Collins; Hazel

Cash of Fort Lupton and Mary Wilson of Eaton.

EMMA WILLIS

MARRIAGES

On September 12, Janet Glendenning, '29, to Mr. Frank Fink, Colorado University, Sigma Phi Epsilon.

On September 6, 1929, Rowena Burton, '29, to Mr. John Jones.

ENGAGEMENT

Frances James, '31, to Mr. Herbert Fenn, Phi Kappa Tau.

DEATH

In July, 1929, Dorothy Churchill, '30.

PHI—WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

The chapter had first choice of chapter rooms in the Woman's Euilding.

As we begin a new year our hopes are high for we have completed a successful rushing season and, because of our last year's record for activities we can look forward to an equally good record this year. We have pledged thirteen girls who have co-operated with the chapter and who seem to have the true Gamma Phi spirit. Our pledges are Marie Ellis of Little Rock, Arkansas; Lucretia Green and Miriam Gruner of University City, Missouri; Hazel Hausner, Harriet Schulz, Kathryn Jones, and Martha Stone from Webster Groves, Missouri; Dorothy Oswald, Verna Weis, Margaret Kamp, Maxine Sodemann and Betty Reel from St. Louise; and Dolores Villareal from Monterey, Mexico. The pledges have tried out for various activities during the last two weeks and several have become members of Glee Club and Chapel Choir, our musical clubs; members of the staffs of Student Life, our tri-weekly paper, of Hatchet, our annual, of Dirge, our humorous magazine; and members of Thyrsus and Little Theater, the dramatic clubs. Several are quite active in athletics and many have become members of Y.W.C.A.

The active members of the chapter have also taken an increased interest in college activities and are endeavoring to make Gamma Phi even more influential at Washington University than it is at present. From last year's elections we have one officer in Little Theater, two officers in Glee Club, one associate editor of the *Hatchet*, two members of Ternion, the Junior Women's Honorary, and three members, including two officers, in Freshman Commission.

Two events of interest socially were the "cozy" which we gave in our sorority room soon after college had began for the purpose of becoming better acquainted with the pledges; and the dance which we gave to introduce our pledges. The dance was given in the Castilla, a tea room of Spanish style, very picturesque and charming. We had as chaperons two alumnæ, Virginia Black Livingston and Vera Conrad Smith. The dance seemed to be a success in every way, and the pledges especially enjoyed it.

So, although it is but the first of the college year, we have already accomplished a great deal and everything seems to bear promise of success.

MARIAN DAVIS

CHI-OREGON STATE COLLEGE

"Our new house which is to be colonial with colonial furniture."

Fall Quarter again, and it seems so good to be back, in Corvallis.

We are enthusiastic about three things in particular:

First, our pledges, thirteen in all; La Raine Blakeslee, Catherine Downing, Sigrid Hystad, Frances Huntington, Beatrice Moeller Caroline de la Saux, of Portland; Mary Louise Dunn, of Oakland, California; Doris Gardinier of Baker, Oregon; Betty Hendershotte, of Los Angeles; Marion Parrish, of Claremont, California; Lois Veghte and Grace Sweatt, of Pasadena, California; and Eloise Winkley of Corvallis. Beatrice Moeller is vice-president of the freshmen class.

Second, our new house, which is to be colonial with colonial furniture. The alumnæ are working diligently with the plans and we hope to have the house completed by next fall.

Third, our radiola, which we surely enjoy.

The week-end of homecoming, Betty Hendershotte, Lucille Van Loan, and Lilias Peltier are to sing Gamma Phi songs over the radio. We are all glad we can listen in on our own radio and hope that some of the other chapters will be listening too.

MIRIAM M. MORRIS

PSI—UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

The mural decoration of the Psi house is most unique.

Heigho, everybody! Station PSI broadcasting from Norman, Oklahoma, wishes to say that it is very proud of the twenty-two new pledges and that it is looking forward to a very good year. Already the freshmen are attending the various social affairs, but not to the exclusion of an intense interest in campus activities. We feel that "rush" was a very successful one for us and not a discordant note has yet sounded.

Just recently the chapter lost one of our most outstanding members when Vera Shidler was married. This was Vera's fourth year in college, and during the time spent in the University she had made quite a name for herself as woman's editor of the Oklahoma Daily and a member of the Woman's Self-Governing Association. It is a great loss to us but we know Vera

is happy, so we wished her all the joy in the world and settle down to encourage someone to follow in her footsteps as an outstanding journalist.

Another recent event in which the girls were very much interested, was the installation of the new chapter in Dallas, Texas. Three of the active members and several alumnæ drove down to offer their assistance, and returned in a very enthusiastic mood concerning the new addition to the circle.

Some changes have been made in the officers of the chapter and in the final decision we have Carrie Johnson as our president; Flossie Welch as vice-president; Maxine Williams as secretary and Mary Buford Van Wagner as rush captain.

PSI sends her regards to all, and is now signing off—for the present.

Katherine Klein

OMEGA-IOWA STATE COLLEGE

"With our house still new."

Rushing, of course, is of greatest interest at the beginning of each new year. Omega has pledged seventeen charming girls who are all just "absolutely wonderful." They are: Alice Avery, Knoxville, Iowa; Donna Burtis, Fort Dodge, Iowa; Jeanette Cooper, Le Mars, Iowa; Alice Foltz, Omaha, Nebraska; Helen Hill, Dundee, Illinois; Caroline Hock, Sibley, Iowa; Elizabeth Van Meter, Adel, Iowa; Margaret Moore, Waterloo, Iowa; Martha Merle Morgan, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Virginia Sherwood, Ames, Iowa; Kathryn Soth, Holstein, Iowa; Edalene Stohr, Elgin, Illinois; Mary Swolley, Des Moines, Iowa; Marlys Whaylen, Sibley, Iowa; Caroline Woodruff, Des Moines, Iowa; Margaret Elliott, Bronson, Iowa; Mary Round, St. Paul, Minnesota. They are all talented girls, and we know that they will do great things on the campus.

Classes started three weeks ago, and activities are now in full swing. Sara Jane Hess and Helen Ann Thomas are new members of Delta Phi Delta, national art honor society. Sara Jane is president, and Helen Ann is treasurer. Doris Erwin was one of the two girls who were chosen to attend Merrill Palmer in Detroit, Michigan, this quarter. This is indeed a great honor. Gertrude Shell is president of Home Economics club and Mary Hill is vice-president. Anne Abell has been chosen for a part in the Cat and the Canary. Every junior and senior helped with the Big Sister Movement during the

first week of college.

Beatrice Moeller will be initiated October 19.

Plans are now progressing for homecoming decorations and open house October 26. We are also planning our fall dance for November 16.

Everything promises a year full of happiness, with our house still new, twenty-seven girls living in it, and best of all our seventeen new pledges.

Omega wishes all other chapters of Gamma Phi Beta much success in whatever line of endeavor they pursue during the new year.

LOMILA HOPPER

ENGAGEMENTS

Delma Clark, Omega, '31, to Mr. Robert Fickes, Delta Tau Delta, Iowa State College, '30.

Gladys Albertus, Omega, '32, to Mr. Herbert McKahin, Jr., Beta Theta Pi, Iowa State College, '31.

ALPHA ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

"Some day will have a chapter house."

There is a tang of autumn in the air and little cars the colors of the leaves in Queen's Park are dashing madly hither and thither to lectures, rugby games, dances, and all the varied activities which make up college life.

Almost before we have become used to college again, rushing is upon us, and we expect to give up eating and sleeping for the cause of Gamma Phi. The rushing captains, Peg Willoughby, and Marj McKechnie have arranged all sorts of exciting things—an Italian bridge party, a Ship Luncheon, a Bubble Breakfast, a Chinese Dinner, a Futuristic Tea, and countless other affairs. Now, what rushee could withstand all these? There are many worth while girls this year, and we are hoping that they will wear the crescent of Gamma Phi Beta.

On executives, Gamma Phi is well represented, with Marj McKechnie, president of the Household Science Club; Jean McKechnie, the president of second year; Peg Willoughby, the treasurer of third year; and Connie Shiell, president of the Classical Society. While every one else seems to be greatly

interested in general activities.

We are very pleased that three girls from the Vancouver chapter are here this year, doing postgraduate work, and we are looking forward to

seeing a lot of them.

There does not seem to be a great deal of news in this letter, but just wait until the next one, when there will be so much to talk about—the results of rushing, and all the social festivities, the first of which is going to be our subscription dance, at the Royal York Hotel, on November 9.

SHEILA THOMSON

ALPHA BETA-UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA

"French chateau style of architecture."

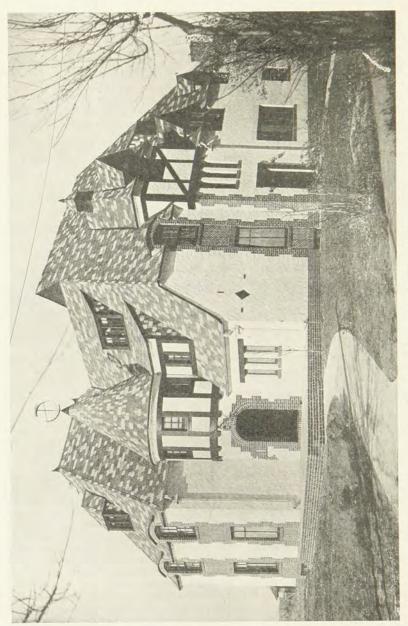
Did you ever feel so overwhelmingly stuffed with good news that you didn't know where to begin? That's exactly our predicament. If this were a newspaper we'd need a full page of headlines—twelve for our scrumptious dozen pledges, two huge banner heads for our charming housemother and beautiful new home, and the rest for all the grand things we are doing and plan to do.

This house we've dreamed about is a reality. It's a French chateau style of architecture in brick—pink stucco, with blending brick foundation and trimming. The main entrance is a cunning tower toppled by our Crescent Moon. Last night the tower moon shone for the first time, and caused much excitement and happy comment.

But no house is completely grand unless it has worthy occupants. Alpha Beta was luckier than could have been imagined when Mrs. Sarles, a Gamma Phi mother, and wife of former Governor Sarles, accepted the invitation to become housemother. Besides being a charming hostess, Mrs. Sarles is a

wonderful mother to every girl.

Now we shall expostulate a while about the dozen beautiful new additions. Our two sisters Genevieve Thoreson and Ethel Johnson, Larimore, are successfully taking the place of their Alpha Beta predecessors. "Jo" Brown and Jean Thompson of Fargo, have already distinguished themselves in campus activities, Jean, coming to us with a chemistry scholarship, accompanies the Glee Club, and has been elected to Reserve Playmakers. "Jo" has been nominated for Women's Senate. She placed in the state high school music contest last year, and is continuing her musical work in Glee Club here. Four fine Grand Forks' girls who were rushed by all the "best" joined our ranks this fall. Frances Forbes, the most representative and popular student at Central High School; Grace Colborn, a charming girl from a prominent Grand Fork's family; Gertrude Knutson, attractive and peppy; and Evelyn Morquay, of scientific turn of mind though this she hides effectively. Our other out-of-town girls are: Lillian Lundquist, New Rockford, famous for high grades and a wonderful personality; Vivian Luther, Mandan, of dramatic fame; Alvira Anderson, also of Mandan, interesting and ambitious,



ALPHA BETA CHAPTER HOUSE

and Marjorie Watkins, Dunseith, talented in dramatics and declamation. Do you wonder that we're bursting with enthusiasm? Our successful rushing season was parlty due to the efforts of our alums and of representatives from Kappa, Gamma, and Epsilon who made every effort to help us come

out on top.

A letter to The Crescent would be incomplete without some word concerning our older members, and those, soon to be of our active chapter. Activities among these worthies consist of presidency of the Glee Club; membership in Quo Vadis (a position to which four members of the junior class are elected annually); juvenile lead in the first Playmaker production; office and membership in Phi Chi Theta; membership in honorary Sketcher's Club; Glee Club memberships, and numerous other campus activities.

At present we're planning a crescent float made entirely of pink carnations and green turf for the annual homecoming parade.

We're very busy settling in our new home, and working on the homecoming plans, but we're happy at the thought of the successes this year is bringing Alpha Beta.

CONSTANCE E. BAUGERT

ALPHA GAMMA—UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA

"What a dignified benign hostess our newly dressed-up, old fashioned house made!"

Page Noah Webster! For I "needs must have" an adjective—a glowing, superlative adjective with which to describe for you Alpha Gamma's yearfor that it will be Alpha Gamma's year—some twenty odd, happy-hearted, enthusiastic girls are willing to testifiy. Not only that, thees same girls are working hard to back up that testimony.

On September 20 we held "open house" for the campus. What a dignified, benign hostess our newly dressed-up, old-fashioned house made! Had Al Jolson been there with his famous question, "Is everybody happy?", the an-

swer certainly would have been a rousing affirmative.

On the campus, Gamma Phis are doing "big things." Barbara Horton is distinguishing herself as vice-president of the associated students. Under her able leadership, the Associated Women Students is becoming what it should be-the "mother" women's organization on the campus. by the way, besides guiding the steps of the wayward frosh women along tradition worn paths, specializes in selling things: if she isn't selling icecream cones to swell the funds for the Student Union Building which Nevada hopes to have in the not too distant future, she is selling season tickets to the football games. Besides, we sure can vouch for her "pep talks."

Sylvia Crowell, president of the chapter, is president of Panhellenic Council and shows remarkable talent as a diplomat; while Maryemma Taylor is managing the "high finances" of the Artemesia, Nevada's year book. Peggy Smith, Barbara Horton and Helen Mahoney Prenderville are representing Alpha Gamma in the dramatic circle. Peggy and Barbara played the feminine leads in The Haunted House recently presented by Campus Players. Helen-should I say Mrs. Prenderville?-has the leading rôle in Anna Christie, which will be presented by Mask and Dagger, dramatic honor society, in the near future.

Then there are Elizabeth Johnstone, Louise Rawson, Lois Carmen, and Virginia Garside, whose list of activities looks like the list of Smiths in a

telephone directory.

In addition to being president of the women's glee club, treasurer of Y.W.C.A., etc., ad infinitum, Elizabeth has just added a new title, that of State Chairman of Junior Federation of Women's Clubs.

Louise Rawson and Lois Carmen are hard working young junior editors for Sagebrush, the college weekly, and Virginia Garside is Y.W.C.A. secre-

tary-but my ink grows light and my pen fails me!

Due to the new Panhellenic ruling, which provides for second semester rushing, Alpha Gamma did not rush this semester, but we anticipate a busy season when the new semester opens in January, and we hope to get the "cream" of the campus. If spirit and effort go for anything, we will!

At present, superfluous energy and spare moments are being devoted to the making of paper flowers for the float to be entered in the Homecoming Day parade, October 25, when the grads come back! For the last three years, Alpha Gamma has won the silver loving cup for the best float entered, and this year we are out to add to our collection of trophies. It is a wonder the roof stays on the house when the girls get together and sing—"I'll do any ol' thing, Gamma Phi, for you!"—while nimble fingers make the flowers!

We are not deceived, we are well aware that we have our work cut out for us as competition will be keen because other Greek-letter groups are determined to prevent our taking the laurels again "Greek against Greek"—

we are determined we will!

We have chosen for our float a large Zeppelin as most symbolical of the spirit of homecoming—and the spirit of Alpha Gamma, too! The whole thing is to be made of blue and silver—the college colors—crêpe paper flowers, and as "Ta" says, "We must make twice as many as we think we need, and then we will probably have only half enough!"—Hence the afore-mentioned superfluous energy and spare moments! Won't you wish us luck?

Cecella Hawkins

ALPHA DELTA-UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI

"Soon it will be reposing beneath our silver mirror and sconces."

To write of rush week is quite a problem; in fact the very though of it is almost paralyzing to one's library efforts. And yet after that hectic week of frantic rushing to and fro with four parties a day, we look about us, and heave a great sigh of relief, since we have twenty of the best looking and cleverest girls that entered the University of Missouri this year. They are: Laura Ball, Betty Mary Beckler, Marjorie Books, Katherine Brokaw, Louise Calloway, Brooks Ann Cole, Martha Clay, Margret Crane, Catherine Eisenhawer, Virginia Holland, Dorothy Klein, Almond Lindley, Leola Miller, Frances Rush, Evelyn Russell, Virginia Stillman, Edith Lucille Wells, Mary Wolf, Mary Frances Welsh, and Charlene Holloway. Needless to say that although our rush parties were strenuous for the poor actives, they were huge successes due greatly to Peggy Lewis our competent rush captain.

It really seems incredible that after our success the pledges should prove to be so utterly worth while in the line of scholarship and activities. In addition to our hundred per cent support of Y.W.C.A., we are well represented in Junior League of Women Voters; Workshop, the dramatic organization; and Glee Club. Betty Mary Beckler has been given the sec-

ond lead in Is Zat So?, a play produced by Workshop.

On October 5, the actives gave a dance at which they formally introduced the pledges to campus society. Our house was decorated quite cleverly in brown and mode and tiny Gamma Phi Beta pins of cardboard and tissue paper were fastened over the wall brackets with a huge one over the mantel. Along the wall at definite intervals were huge cardboard pledge pins, each representing a fraternity on the campus.

To hearken back to last semester, spring brought us numerous honors and thrills. Helen Hawkins was elected to Cwens, sophomore honorary society;

Mildred Wood made Phi Beta Kappa and Elizabeth Ahrens was selected to represent the School of Journalism of Missouri University on a world tour as a journalistic project. This year we have Peggy Lewis holding the office of secretary and treasurer of the junior class of the School of Arts and Science; Mary K. Kinsey, vice-president of Y.W.C.A. and a member of the Student Council; and Jean Stuerke, president of junior women.

We really have some very happy prospects for this year, what with our activities, our charming freshmen and a brilliant social program consisting of a bridge for our chaperon, Mrs. Ryan, Miss Pearl Mitchell, a Gamma Phi Beta patroness and a former chaperon, and Mrs. Walter Miller, founder of Beta and Alpha Delta Chapters; a homecoming celebration and a November

and a Christmas dance.

To make our cup of happiness overflowing, or, if a pun might be permitted, to hold that happiness we have now in our possession the Savitar cup, a huge silver affair awarded for selling the most Savitars, the University of Missouri yearbook. Soon it will be reposing beneath our silver mirror and sconces with the same feeling of joy and contentment that well experience in being here.

GLOVER RUTH HILL

MARRIAGES

Corrine Heim to Mr. Fielding Sizer, Jr., Kappa Sigma. Gladys Siemon to Mr. John Hinkle Crouch, Phi Delta Theta.

ALPHA EPSILON-UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

"A Spanish hacienda, with all the dignity and simplicity and gracious hospitality of old Spain."

"Oh, but we're happy! I'll say we're happy—this is our lucky day!" This, and all the rest of them!

Twenty-three new pledges and a brand new chapter-house! Rush-week, dances, homecoming and now our big housewarming. Yes, it has been just

as gay and busy as it sounds, but let me go back to the beginning:

First of all, our house. It has been a dream so long that we can scarcely realize it to be a reality now. A spanish hacienda, with all the dignity and simplicity and gracious hospitality of old Spain, ideally located on a corner lot of Fraternity Row—it is everything we wanted our Gamma Phi dreamhouse to be. Through the little iron gate, up the flag-stone walk of the patio, and you are on the low L-shaped veranda which extends across the front of the house, opening on one side into our housemother's suite and on the other into the reception hall and living room, the outstanding feature of the latter being a most unique fireplace with our crest in copper-finish over it. I can but briefly enumerate the other rooms—lounge, dining room, guestroom and fourteen precious study rooms furnished in varying colors.

We were so proud of our house during rush week, and what a rush week! Our parties were lovely, each one different in motif, and inspiring the most festive of moods in rushees and hostesses alike. And then it was over and on a bright Sunday morning we pinned the ribbons on twenty-one new

girls, half in ecstasy and half in tears of joy.

I wish I had space to tell you about each one of the pledges individually, but you are sure to hear about them later in many ways, for Alpha Epsilon is bound to do "big things" now. We recently added Celia Anderson and Gladys Sorben to our list, which includes: Marian Thompson, Bertha Lavin, Elizabeth Donahue and Lilly McAllister of Phoenix; Marian Webb, Margery Bernheisel, Zana Lamb, Doris Duffield, and Elaine Houle of Globe; Josephine McDonald, Inspiration; Lucille Cashon, Long Beach; Mary Cloud, Los Angeles; Winona Rupkey, San Carlos; and from Tucson—Christine Walker, Betty and Virginia Ruthroff, Adona Smith, Ruth and Monica Rodee, La

Verne Sundin and Edna Boyd. In addition, we have three girls, Lora Smith, Ruth Steele and Mila Johnson whose pledgeship extends from last year. Twenty-six! Did someone say something about quality? Then I wish you

could know the quality!

The week-end of October 11 was homecoming. We had our first house dance on Friday night honoring the pledges and the alums at the same time. Saturday noon found the house filled to capacity, with twenty-five alumnæ present, many of them our beloved charter members. To add to the thrill and excitement, Arizona carried off the honors from California Tech at the big game that afternoon, and the dance in the gymnasium Saturday night was a gala affair, with grand decorations and everyone grinning from ear to ear out of pure joy. It was an exciting week-end!

Our alums and mothers and Mother Voorhies, our dear housemother, have been the most generous, hard-working souls imaginable, and they are the ones who made our new house possible. Our housewarming Sunday, October 20, is for everyone in general, but we are having a very special one the following Sunday for our parents and alumnæ. Margaret Nachtrieb will be with us soon, and in the midst of all our rushing about we are very much

in attendance at college, doing our utmost for scholarship.

Oh, yes! We initiated Alice Stillman of Tucson and Ernestine Kothe of Pasadena at the beginning of the semester. And this, I believe, is all I can tell you till next year!

MARJORIE HUGHES

ENGAGEMENTS

Veronica McDonald, Alpha Epsilon, '30, to Mr. William Conley, Kappa Sigma, '30.

Ione Sparks, Alpha Epsilon, '30, to Mr. Lloyd Knutson, Pi Kappa Alpha,

MARRIAGES

Minnie Mae Hudnall, Alpha Epsilon, '28, to Mr. Martin Baldwin, Pi Kappa Alpha, on September 7, 1929. Adelle Tifal, Alpha Epsilon, to Mr. George Puntenny, Delta Chi, on Octo-

ber 12, 1929. Ethel Baxter, Alpha Epsilon, '28, to Mr. Thomas Bates, Sigma Chi, '28, in

September, 1929.

Ethel Young, Alpha Epsilon, '26, to Mr. Doyle W. Harbison, Tempe State

Teachers College in August 24, 1929.
Fay Heron, Alpha Epsilon, '23, to Mr. A. B. Schewmaker, in September,

Kathleen Kite, Alpha Epsilon, '28, to Mr. Clarke Mueller in June, 1929. Betty Doyle, Alpha Epsilon, '28, to Mr. Hoyt Ash, Los Angeles, in February, 1929.

Agnes Carpenter, Alpha Epsilon, '25, to Mr. Edward Maule, Texas, in

September, 1929.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Tolson (Katie Carson, Alpha Epsilon, '25), a son, Bradley Andrew, on June 12, 1929.

To Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Falk (Wanda Browning, Alpha Epsilon, '23), a

daughter, Janice Alene, in April, 1929.

To Mr. and Mrs. Gil Elliot (Pearl Ripley, Alpha Gamma, '28), a daughter, in July.

DEATH

The chapter extends sincere sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Willis Barnum (Peggy Christy, Alpha Epsilon), on the death of their infant son.

ALPHA ETA-OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

"We have new rooms-almost half a house in fact!"

So many exciting things have happened to Alpha Eta that none of us has quieted down yet. In the first place, we have new rooms—almost half of a house in fact! There's even a chapter room, something which we have never had before.

had before. Now all we want to is entertain in our new rooms!

Then we went through rush week. The results were more than satisfactory since we pledged seventeen girls. There are six transfers: Margaret and Virginia Hanson, juniors, of Tiffin, formerly students at Heidelberg University; Mary Evelyn Hoffman, a junior, from Grove City College, Grove City, Pennsylvania; Jane Naylor, a junior, of Tiffin, also from Heidelberg University; Virginia Hildreth, a sophomore, of Ardmore, Pennsylvania, from Wilson College; Louise Hosack, a sophomore, of Grove City, Pennsylvania, who also attended Grove City College.

The freshmen are Jane Ames, sister of our Mary B., Columbus; Betty Anderson, Springfield; Martha Blair, Cleveland; Martha and Mary Grove (sisters of Milly Grove who is now Mrs. Homer Smart), Pataskala; Marjorie Herr, Cleveland Heights; Martha Humphreys, Bellefontaine; Gretchen Jo Hantgen, Bellefontaine; Frances Rickey, Portsmouth; Marienne Stin-

son, Lorain; Betty Williams, Cleveland Heights.

As you see, we pledged two sets of twins (all four very blonde) which act has called forth the remark that "when you look at the Gamma Phis you

think you're seeing double!"

We entertained these rushees at our rooms and the homes of our alumnæ. Our final party was given at the home of "Brownie" and Helen Blair, and Marie Felton won the rushees by singing "Lady of the Moon." We gave our banquet à la Apache, with checkered tablecloths, candles on bottles and spaghetti yards long!

Before rush week began, we were very happy to initiate Elizabeth Neer, Me-

chanicsburg.

Three of our actives did not return to college this year—Marie Gescheider, Steubenville, returned to Connecticut College for Women; Dorothy Chesley, Chicago, Illinois, is studying art.—("Ches" has expectations of coming back next year and we surely hope that she does.) Barbara Luse, Western Springs, Illinois, is attending Northwestern, Elizabeth Rice, one of our seniors, has not yet returned to college due to an operation. But Lib ex-

pects to be back after Thanksgiving.

Even though it is early in the college year, many of our girls have brought new activities to our group. Little Ginny Madden has been elected vice-president of the sophomore class; Helen Downing is fire marshal at Austin Hall; Marie Felton, Alice Daugherty, Big Ginny Madden and Mildred Shaw are all in the O.D.K. (men's senior honorary fraternity) show for Homecoming; Alice Daugherty has the leading rôle in the Dramatic Play, Cock Robin; Marie Felton has been chosen for the chapel choir which is a group of "picked" voices.

We are congratulating Marie Felton on her winning the Atwater-Kent national audition contest for this section. We're rooting for her to win

the state contest.

Many of our girls have gone out for the college paper and yearbook staffs. And right now we're having the balls in order to practice up for our

bowling tournaments which start soon.

Of our last year's graduates, we hear that Pauline Pfeiffer and Frances Ledman are married; Mabel and Katherine Lowry are working in Cleveland; Helen Robinson is doing dramatic work; Frances Boyd is teaching in Steubenville and Peg Marshman is in Delaware.

DOROTHY LACOUR

MARRIAGES

Frances Ledman, '29, to Mr. Lee Weingart, Kappa Sigma, '28.
Pauline Pfeiffer, '29, to Mr. Paul Ruopp, Alpha Sigma Phi, '27.
Florence Freeman, ex-'29, to Mr. Donald Winslow Horton, Cornell University.

ALPHA THETA-VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

"We have a new house this year."

Once again the clock on the tower of old College Hall on Vanderbilt Campus has sounded the hour for classes. The girls of Alpha Theta have gone eagerly back to work inspired by our recently established record for preëminence in scholarship. And then the delightful new girls! Alpha Theta's chief occupation since the opening of college has, of course, been rushing and

her efforts have certainly been well rewarded.

On the night of our first rush party an attractive electric sign indicated the New Moon Night Club where the Gamma Phi house had formerly stood. The Belle Meade Country Club was the scene of our festivities at the last party. Thelma Richmond graciously presided as toastmistress. Her tribute to Gamma Phi Beta was very touching. Eleanor Brown gave a beautiful toast to the prospective freshmen from the active chapter. Carremaye Evans spoke to them for the alumnæ. Then came the next afternoon when the pledges were announced; and Alpha Theta feels that she has the best girls on the campus. Rebecca Culbreth, one of our new pledges, is already engaged in several activities on the campus. She is president of Co-editors, the freshman-sophomore literary club, and is a member of the Y. W. C. A. cabinet. Jane Kroekel possesses outstanding poetic and musical ability. Martha Stanfill and Dorothy Sweeney are general favorites. Elizabeth Beasley has a surpassing talent for music. Marian Blackman, a transfer from Ward-Belmont, is a pledge which Gamma Phi is proud to possess. Gladys De Journette'is prominent on the campus in literary activities. Josephine Cooper has remarkable journalistic ability. In short, Alpha Theta is delighted with her freshmen. Everyone of them is a credit to Gamma Phi

We have a new house this year, with which we are very well satisfied and our outlook is encouraging. Unusual cooperation and good will have marked our sorority activities already and with such a spirit Gamma Phi Beta on Vanderbilt Campus will ever be "mounting up the ladder."

MARY ELIZABETH DALE

ALPHA IOTA—UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SOUTHERN BRANCH

"We have just moved into our chapter house."

Alpha Iota is an extremely happy and grateful chapter. We are happy because we leave just moved into our new chapter house. We are grateful to the national organization, to the Los Angeles and Alpha Iota Alumnæ, and to all other loyal Gamma Phis without whose assistance the new house could never have become a reality.

Number 616 Hilgard has already been the scene of many festivities. October 13 we held our first initiation in the new house, for Maxine Jones and Dorothy Vorhes. It was followed by a breakfast in their honor and also in honor of the three girls who were initiated at convention—Ruth Hornung,

Lucille Meyer, and Betty Purcell.

Many social events are scheduled for the future. The alumnæ are giving an open house for the chapter and their friends. Alpha Iota presents its

pledges to the campus the following week. This will be a proud occasion indeed, as we pledged seven outstanding and attractive girls: Betty Bertholon, Jeanne Brey, Betty Chatfield (a sister), Doris Dickinson, Elenor Knupp, Dorothy Setnan, and Gwyneth Stern (a niece).

Despite the distractions of rushing, rummage sales, theater benefits, and moving into the new house, Alpha Iota is holding her own on the campus.

We are very proud of Pat Chatfield's appointment to Welfare Board.

JANE MARTIN

ALPHA LAMBDA—UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

"All sororities are to be 'at home."

Already it is the middle of October and still bidding has not taken place. Due to Panhellenic's efforts to improve and systematize our rushing and

bidding everything has been late this year.

Since the close of last session we have two more international sororities on our campus, Alpha Phi and Kappa Kappa Gamma, and as our University is comparatively small these new chapters have made our period of rushing more anxious and strenuous than it has ever been before.

We are repeating our experiment of preferential bidding and are hoping

the system will run more smoothly than it did last Christmas.

Panhellenic has limited our rushing to one function for October, that to be a formal tea on the nineteenth, when all sororities are to be at home from four to six-thirty. We were disappointed to have to give up other parties we had planned but agreed that something must be done to promote the very best possible feeling between all sororities. And the tea idea seemed best. Bidding is in ten days and we are looking forward to it with great expectancy.

The week-end of October 15, several of our rushees and as many actives enjoyed a happy three days at Doss Hager's summer home at Crescent Beach. September 29, Jean Telford opened her home to us for another rushing party. The active chapter dressed as flashy modern youths called for

and escorted their rushees to the dance.

Dorothy Brown, one of our most valued alums, has left us and gone to

California.

Dorothy Hager, Lambda, ever willing counselor and advisor in our first year as a chapter in Gamma Phi, was married on October 5 to Dr. Rogers of San Francisco, and after a honeymoon in Ireland and London will reside for three years in Germany. We wish her every happiness.

We have a few anxious days of waiting before bidding and then how eager we shall be to write and tell you about our new pledges in Gamma Phi

Beta.

MARGARET FINLAY

ALPHA MU—ROLLINS COLLEGE

"We are the only sorority to possess an annex."

Good mawnin', sistahs! We are gradually brushing up on our southern accent now, after keeping it well in the background during our summer in the north. So we-all hopes you-all are as happy to be back at college as we are. It's happy-day-all-week-long now.

Alpha Mu continues trying to maintain her position at Rollins as official initiator. Last year we prided ourselves as being the Rollins' self-starter,

so this year we call ourselves her initiator-just for variety.

Again we welcomed President Holt by serenading the White House with strains of "He's a Jolly Good Fellow," "Here's To Papa Holt, Drink Her

Down, Drink Her Down," and other affectionate refrains. As last year, our president was "wreathed in smiles" at our welcome-back-demonstration.

The first Sunday after college opened, Alpha Mu held a reception in honor of the new dean of women, Mrs. Vivian Bingham. The sorority house was decorated with the plunder of our friends' gardens, but hereafter we don't believe we shall bother with decorations. There are always so many people present to pay homage to the dean, that one can scarcely find the house, itself. We were particularly pleased to meet the foreign students on this occasion. They hail from twelve different countries, but we shall not name their home towns as we are decidedly doubtful about their correct spelling. Taka, our little Japanese girl, appeared at the reception in full regalia—kimono, funny little sandals, and all. She was quite the hit of the party.

The fraternity and sorority open house season was also inaugurated when Alpha Mu opened her doors to the students, faculty, and friends of the college on the following Monday evening. A busy period of making curtains, sweeping under beds, and ransacking the homes of the town girls preceded the event. The guests were met at the door by our new chaperon, Mrs. Cheney—she is a dear and from New England, too—and they were then conducted on a tour of inspection. As we are the only sorority to possess an annex, the sightseeing trip through it was an added attraction of the evening. Our guests were particularly impressed by our collection of art objects. Mrs. Newby, the director of the Rollins Art Studio, and Estelle Pipkorn who teaches art in Orlando, are both inhabitants of the Annex. Consequently both it and the main house are profusely supplied with genuine oil paint-

ings, bright wall hangings, et cetera.

And here is a real news item. Rollins won the first football game of the season from South Georgia State by a score of 12-6. All the evening was spent in wild celebration. First a pajama parade was held and we certainly turned out with a vengeance. Two of the Alpha Mus appeared in gaudy checked ginghams and were escorted through the parade by one of the instructors on his motorcycle. When last seen they were riding tandem and were hanging on to their professor for dear life. After a huge bonfire had been built, Orlando properly startled, and assaults made on the homes of prexy, the deans, and the coach, the Rollins Rousers besieged the Baby Grand Theater and inveigled a free show from the management. So at eleven o'clock and until way past midnight, all Rollins held a conference session at the movie. Everyone turned out from President Holt down, and apparently a good time was had by all in spite of the fact that our enthusiasm rather drowned out the Vitaphone.

Of course rushing is the main subject of our meetings, our thoughts, and our prayers. The first big event of our rushing season was a repetition of the Oriental Dinner which we gave last year. We thereby have established a tradition. Guests arrived in gorgeous pajamas, coolie coats, and sundry other oriental costumes. Refreshments consisted of chop suey, rice, tea, Chinese rings—whatever they may be—and other familiar refreshments with unfamiliar names. Next Monday Alpha Mu is giving an open-air dance on Miss Moore's tennis court. The combination of a Florida moon, rows of soft lanterns, hanging moss and the Rollins Rogue Orchestra ought to produce an effective impression—don't you think? A buffet supper will be served before the dance; and President and Mrs. Holt, the deans and their families, and some of the instructors are also going to drop in during the dance and help make it a success. You see we carry the Rollins ideal of faculty-student contact even into our rushing parties. But then—you ought to see our dean dance the Charleston. No foolin'.

We can't give any definite news yet on elections or pledging for Rollins takes her time in doing those things. However, she believes that the results are worth the caution. Will tell you all about it in our next issue.

As usual, we save the best for the last. We are establishing a national Panhellenic at Rollins now—made possible by the installation of chapters here by Phi Mu and Pi Phi. It recalled to Alpha Mu her own installation not so long ago, and we believe that we got almost as great a thrill out of these new installations as the chapters concerned did. We welcome them to Rollins with genuine delight, and anticipate an even closer relationship with them through the advent of a national Panhellenic and a national sorority viewpoint.

STELLA WESTON

ALPHA NU-WITTENBERG COLLEGE

"The house has been painted."

Today is pledging for Alpha Nu Chapter; so naturally our pledges seem the most important news for this letter. From Springfield there are Norma Kaufman, Leah Kissel, Ruth Timmerman, a Gamma Phi sister, and Rachel Snyder who was at Gulf Park, Mississippi, last year. Virginia Leigh, Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania; Corrine Jeurs, Ridgeway, Pennsylvania; Ruth Spillman, Troy, Ohio; Margaret Clark, Sheldon, Illinois; Greta Berquist and Lois Barefoot, Pittsburgh; Mary E. Bucholtz, Roseville, Ohio; and Louise Roby, Lancaster, Ohio, are the new pledges from a distance. They are thirteen of the loveliest and most capable girls who entered Wittenberg this year and Alpha Nu is proud to announce their pledging.

A new system of rushing has been tried here this fall. Rush dates were sanctioned between three and six in the afternoon only. No money was to be spent either by actives or rushees at this time. Each sorority, however, on dates appointed by Panhellenic council, gave two parties to which they

invited the girls whom they were rushing.

Alpha Nu gave, as her afternoon party, a studio tea. The freshmen as they arrived were greeted by actives in smocks and pajamas. The walls of the rooms downstairs were covered with originals drawn and painted by friends in town, bright scarfs were flung over the piano and chairs, lighted candles in quite wicked-appearing whisky bottles lent atmosphere to the setting, while cushions of every description decorated the floors. During the afternoon a style show was presented by the studio models. And then for refreshment there was ice-cream in the form of palettes, crescent-shaped cakes, and punch.

Our evening party was the formal wedding of the ideal college girl to Gamma Phi Beta. We have used this service for a number of years, and it has never failed to thrill the rushees. A buffet wedding supper was served after the ceremony. Later the guests were entertained by a shadow show and several song and dance skits. Both affairs received a

great deal of commendation.

The rush system as a whole was very successful. It permitted both the freshmen and upperclasswomen to become acquainted without inter-

fering too much with the real business of acquiring an education.

And now for other news. In the recent class elections two Gamma Phis were named for office; Julia Ross was elected vice-president of the senior class; Elinore Poole, secretary of the sophomore class; while Margaret Malone and Dorothy Beelman made the senior play cast in tryout this week. Alpha Nu is proud of these girls who bring honor to the group.

Of course there have been social activities. Gamma Phi opened the dance season with an informal at the chapter house on September 28 after the Blufton game. Parties in honor of Alice Gard, '27, who was married last month to Al Brant, Phi Kappa Psi, '28, and Charlotte Bell, '27, who has announced her engagement and approaching marriage to Fred Swingle,

Phi Gamma Delta, '27, have also helped to make these first few weeks of

college pleasant.

And now rushing is over, first exams have been passed, the house has been painted, football season has begun, and life is very pleasant at the Gamma Phi house in Springfield.

VIRGINIA BROWN

ALPHA XI-SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY

"First formal function."

The entrance of Alpha Xi into Gamma Phi Beta has indeed been an exciting one. Hardly had we caught our breath from our own initiation un-

til the thrills and trials of rush week were upon us.

In the midst of these, a halt was called for wedding bells to chime. On Tuesday evening, September 24, at seven o'clock, Mary Jo Mouzon, former Crescent correspondent and corresponding secretary, became the bride of Garland Peurifoy, a young attorney in Dallas. Garland was formerlly a student in Texas State University and in S.M.U. With our Indian Powwow of rush week, we sent them on their honeymoon.

We emerged from rush week with five splendid pledges. They are Berna Louise Brightwell, Mattie B. Miller, Catherine Young, Muriel Grogan, and Dorothy Sinz. Our first pledge service was held at the home of Lois Mc-

Cullough on the afternoon of open house.

It is customary at Southern Methodist University for the sororities to hold open house after rush week to introduce their new pledges to the fraternity men. Of course we were enthusiastic over our first formal function, which would make us known on the university campus. At the same time, we were doubtful about the crowd, as we had no way of estimating the number of expected guests. We thought we were safe when we planned for 125, and ordered an Hawaiian stringed quartet to play for us. Promptly at eight, the guests began to arrive and we soon came to the conclusion that all the fraternities had decided to come in a body to inspect us. One father counted 319, during the hour he was with us. We ordered additional punch and cake from every available source, and lost entire track of the number—there were seven or eight hundred—from the greenest freshmen to the most dignified alums.

Mrs. Hay, the dean of women, did a most unusual thing, which we appreciated highly. She remained in the receiving line with us the entire

evening.

If success can be measured by numbers, we can speak of the occasion as a great success. All the men were complimentary in their comments about our girls and the work we had done; and the party marked a happy end-

ing for a most exciting and trying rush week.

The next thing on our slate was organization. With the ever willing assistance of our alumnæ, the following officers were elected: president, Mabel Fowler; vice-president, Margaret Cate; recording secretary, Elizabeth Wood; treasurer, Ruby Dudley; corresponding secretary, Kathryn Peurifoy; Crescent correspondent, Opal Wallace.

Just as things began to settle and the girls were entering upon various responsibilities and activities of campus life another halt was called. This time one of our pledges made good a former pledge when Berna Louise Brightwell became the bride of Marshall Newcome, also a young attor-

ney of Dallas.

On Sunday afternoon, October 13, a tea for our rushees was given by the alumnæ at the home of Dorothy Cochran. On Wednesday evening, October 23, the active girls gave a buffet supper at which ribbons were pinned on two more girls. On Saturday, October 26, our second pledge service

was held and pins were placed on Mary Elizabeth Simpson and Katheryn Martz. Our pledges now number seven, and with so many plans for more social events we hope to have more.

Watch us grow.

OPAL WALLACE

DELINQUENT ALUMNÆ CHAPTERS

St. Louis—Mrs. George Fetlage. Oklahoma City—Mrs. Weisiger. Spokane—Mary McKenna. Vancouver—Mrs. Ruth Ann Strong. Berkeley—Patricia Sizer.

BALTIMORE

"A winter of active work."

After a summer of comparative inactivity, the Baltimore Chapter has again resumed its meetings, and is looking forward to a winter of active work.

Our first meeting was held on October 19 at the Baltimore Country Club, and was followed by a tea. As our guests, we had the members of the present senior class from Goucher. A very interesting and inspiring report of the national convention was given by Hester Corner Wagner, who went as our delegate. Hearing her account of the gathering made each of us who was not there resolve invariably to do her best to be "among those present" at the next Convention.

We are planning on a benefit to be held later in the fall.

BERNIECE RYAN

MARRIAGES

Marion Wilson Day, Zeta, '24, to Mr. Ralph De Groff, Delta Upsilon. Hazel Harper, Zeta, '25, to Mr. C. Leonard Hachtel. Arline Seguine, Zeta, '28, to Mr. C. Hampson Jones, Jr. Dorothy Hall, Zeta, '24, to Mr. John Henry Wolfe, on September 21.

BOSTON

"Our meetings during the winter are to alternate."

Boston Alumnæ Chapter held its first fall meeting Thursday evening, October 10, at 214 Newbury Street, where Delta Chapter is now located. Plans were started for a tea at the chapter rooms on November 16 to celebrate the founding of Gamma Phi Beta. Saturday afternoon is so much easier for us in Boston to get together that we chose that day rather than the anniversary of the founding which comes during the week.

The rushing party of the active chapter was held Monday evening, October 14 at the house of Thelma Hollander Guild in Weston. The girls staged a Bohemian Party which will no doubt be described in Delta's letter.

Our meetings during the winter are to alternate; one month we meet Saturday afternoon, the other month, Friday evening. It seems impossible to find one time that is convenient for all members. Teacher alumnæ cannot come to week day luncheons. Business women hate to give up Saturday afternoons if they are free. Each year we have the same problem. Perhaps this plan may be the solution.

The officers for 1929-30 are: president, Doris Mildram; vice-president, Madeline Hamlin Porter; corresponding secretary, Virginia Smith; recording secretary, Marjorie White; treasurer, Atossa B. Thomas; assis-

tant treasurer, Gladys Kingman; alumnæ adviser to Delta, Active Chapter, Pauline Sawyer; Crescent correspondent, Virginia E. Turnbull; publicity and hospitality committee, Dorothy Gibb, Olive Prout Duigwall, Betty Mc-Counack Mansfield; ways and means committee, Thelma Hollander Guild, Elizabeth Macy Kauffman, Marion West Ballou; Panhellenic delegates, Mildred Hatch; alumnæ district secretary, Harriet Ross Willcutt; directors, Mary Shepard, Emma Loud, Mary Wellington, Florine Grabow, Carlotta Brandt.

Alumnæ of Epsilon Chapter, class of 1928 will be interested to know that Eleanor Lus, who is teaching at the Boston School of Physical Education, has made herself known to Boston Alumnæ Chapter and is hear-

tily welcomed.

VIRGINIA E. TURNBULL

ENGAGEMENT

Dorothy Gibb of Delta to Mr. John Barry.

DEATH

Many Gamma Phis will regret to hear of the death of Judge Robert F. Raymond in August at Newton Centre. Judge Raymond was the father of Anna Raymond, former inspector of the sorority. The Boston *Herald* comments as follows:

"Judge Robert F. Raymond, of the superior court, died suddenly yesterday at his home, 71 Montvale Road, Newton Centre.

"Surviving him are his widow, three daughters, Miss Anna A. Raymond, Miss Mary Lois Raymond and Mrs. Lyndon Oak of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and two sons, Allan S. Raymond of Bridgeport, Connecticut, and Major Robert F. Raymond of Boston, manager of the Airvia Transportation Company.

"Private funeral services will be tomorrow at 4:30 p.m. at his home with Bishop Edwin Holt Hughes of Chicago and the Reverend Dr. William E. Huntington, president emeritus of Boston University, officiating. Interment will be at New Bedford.

"He was born in Stamford, Connecticut, in 1858 and in 1874 went with his family to New Bedford, where he made his home for many years. In 1880, after attending Wesleyan University for a year and teaching school at Marion, he came to Boston, where he taught a private Latin school for a year while attending lectures at Harvard.

"In the following year he entered Harvard Law School, where he studied for two years and in 1883 he was admitted to the Bristol county bar. Shortly after he was admitted to the United States circuit court. In 1898 he formed a partnership with William C. Parker for the practice of law in New Bedford under the firm name of Parker and Raymond.

"As the choice of many lawyers in the southeastern part of the state, Mr. Raymond on August 21, 1907, was appointed by Governor Guild to be a judge of the superior court, succeeding the late Judge Lemual Le-Baron Holmes.

"He was a foundation member of the New Bedford Bar Association and a member of the Acushnet lodge, I.O.O.F., of the Harvard Law School Alumni Association and of the Boston Wesleyan Club. He was active in the affairs of the Methodist Episcopal Church and was a member of the various executive boards of the New England Southern Conference.

"Societies of which he was a member include the American Academy of Political and Social Science, the Old Colony Historical Society, the American Bar Association and the American Society of International Law."

CHAMPAIGN-URBANA

"Close contact with Omicron."

This fall has found the Champaign-Urbana Chapter taking up its duties with renewed eagerness after the summer vacation; and we are happy to have with us again Marie Hostetter of Theta Chapter, Mrs. P. V. B. Jones of Beta who has been in Europe for the past year; Marianna Saunders of Psi; Eleanor Kingsley of Theta; and a new comer in our midst, Ethel McGruer of Alpha Beta. We held our first meeting in September with Mrs. Moss, welcomed our bride of August 4, Mary Spencer Somers, and presented Elizabeth Cook with a gift from the chapter. Betty was married October 4, to Robert Kuhne an Illinois Kappa Sigma of Rantoul.

Our alumnæ chapter is always in close contact with Omicron and we are very proud of its scholarship standing of fourth on this campus and of its splendid results from rushing. Seventeen new pledges are wearing the double brown. Just now we are looking forward to our annual Homecoming when many of our alumnæ from all over the land gather for the banquet and meeting at the chapter house. Champaign-Urbana extends its sincere sympathy in the death of Mr. A. N. Abbott, father of Frances Abbott Culver.

NINA GRESHAM

CHICAGO

"Epsilon's lovely house on a pleasant Sunday in October."

Hello!—just arrived home from a tea, expecting to take one deep, easy breath—after having shaken hands with about three hundred people—only to find that our Crescent letter is due and that our Crescent correspondent is indisposed. So I find myself attempting, not the literary—for that is impossible—but just a friendly letter.

The tea—imagine if you can Epsilon's lovely house on a pleasant Sunday in October—beautifully furnished as it is—and affording just the right setting for a reception in honor of the national officers—Elizabeth Barbour, Lillian Thompson, Gladys Borland, and Charlotte Roberts.

Epsilon and Chicago Alumnæ are very proud to have the grand president "our very own" Elizabeth Davidson Barbour in our midst—and Lillian Thompson who has done so much for Gamma Phi in Panhellenic, as well as Gladys Borland the efficient and gracious chairman of inspection and Charlotte Robertson the new head of central office whom we are enjoying very much. Can you blame us for wanting to "show them off" to the University officials as well as to prominent people in Evanston and Chicago and other sorority and fraternity representatives. Our greatest expectations for the success of the affair were surpassed and folks came steadily from four until six o'clock.

Publicity—a big feature of Convention—played its part in the success and we secured articles and pictures not only in the Evanston papers but the Chicago Daily News and Chicago Daily Tribune as well.

Chicago Alumnæ Chapter is so large that it is divided into five groups that meet once a month for social time. But so many of us work and are unable to attend these get-togethers that an evening group has been organized to meet once a month for dinner and bridge. We held the first meeting October 12—at the Woman's University Club of Chicago and, thanks to Isabel Van Kirk, the chairman of the group—fifteen Gamma Phis were there.

At present we're anxiously awaiting Crescent Chatter—our semi-annual paper—to come off the press with news of the homecoming and Founders' Day celebration.

Besides-we're all agog for we're going to give another Vodvil Show in

February and are planning for it already.

We had quite a thrill this past week. Maud Hart Lovelace was in Chicago-autographing her new book. Those who met her though her most charming and all of us are eager to read her book.

So far our year has been most successful and we look forward to the

remainder with the spirit of Convention, as a fitting guide.

LILLIAN WOODWORTH

CLEVELAND

"Football games and Gamma Phi meetings."

Bitter-sweet, frost, yellow pumpkins, football games and Gamma Phi meetings! It all means that fall is here and also the time to renew our activities.

The first luncheon meeting, October 5, at the Chamber of Commerce was most enjoyable. It was good to see the summer travelers, Alice Kenyon Watkins who spent some months in Vienna where her husband was studying; Katherine Haggard after a summer in Denver and the mountains; Pauline Drabe, back from northern Michigan; and several guests, Mrs. Ramsey, Katherine Haggard's mother from Denver, Mrs. Dimmick and three Gamma Phis, Aleda Hier Martsolf, Zeta, from Pittsburgh, Mildred Dimmick from Greencastle and Mrs. Pontius, whom we hope will come often is a member of our very own chapter at Wittenberg. Incidentally, we are quite proud of our new president, Ruth Hier who is this year assistant principal of the lovely new Nathan Hale Junior High School; while Anna Dimmick has moved to a new building and enlarged her responsibilities at John Hay Commercial School.

During the summer there was one meeting, a picnic at Mrs. Beckwith's cottage on the lake, where we heard the news of Convention and of the active chapters, while the girls in college had several parties to meet new

students.

Two of the younger alumnæ have been married, both lovely church weddings, to which we were all invited. Eleanor Quass was married May 18 at Parkwood Church, to Mr. Roland Steward, Phi Delta Theta. We are sorry to have Eleanor move to Toledo, Ohio. Florence Freeman was married September 10 at St. Pauls Church, to Mr. Donald Horton and, fortunately, is remaining in Cleveland.

We were very sorry to hear of the sudden death of Henry Beckwith, son

of Olive Moorhead Beckwith, on October 1.

MARIAN DEMING HORR

COLUMBUS

"Will observe Founders' Day at a dinner meeting."

The first meeting of the year of the Columbus Alumnæ Chapter was a dinner meeting at the Deshler-Wallick Hotel, October 16. Members exchanged summer experiences and welcomed new members. At the business meeting, the local constitution and plans for chapter activities for the year were discussed. Regular meetings of the chapter are to be held the

first Tuesday of every month.

The active chapters of Alpha Eta, and Alpha Nu, and the alumnæ chapters of Columbus, and Springfield will observe Founders' Day at a dinner meeting at one of the hotels of Columbus. This will be the first time that so many members of Gamma Phi Beta have ever assembled for a meeting in central Ohio. Including pledges, actives, and alumnæ, there are now some one hundred living within easy access to Columbus. Those of us who have been in the vicinity for a number of years are glad to have the opportunity of renewing our active interest in Gamma Phi Beta plans and projects.

Mrs. L. B. Slater (Helen Haskell, Beta), a new member of our chapter is living in Delaware. Dr. Slater is a member of the faculty of Ohio

Wesleyan University.

Mrs. Charles E. Morrow (Gertrude Sponsler, Sigma and Omicron), is another new member. Her husband is connected with an administrative division of the Ohio State University. Her address is 1664 Glenn Avenue, Columbus.

Alpha Eta alumnæ of Columbus were invited to attend open house at

the new chapter rooms of Alpha Eta, October 18.

Mrs. Earl D. Cranston (Mildred Welch, Omicron) is to give a talk, October 29, at a banquet of women students, one part of the program of the Sixtieth Anniversary of The Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Columbus, Ohio, October 15 to November 1. Mildred's friends from Omicron are anticipating seeing her again.

Sada Annis Harbarger, Omicron, has been reappointed chairman of the Committee on English, the Society for the Promotion of Engineering Education, an organization of engineering educators, practicing engineers, and others interested in engineering education, in whose membership are included representatives of technical colleges the world over. For the past seven years years she has also been secretary of the Ohio Section of the same society.

Geneva Bane, Omicron, was much in demand this summer as an institute speaker. In July, she spoke before the Standard of Living Section, Institute of Rural Affairs and Farm and Home Week, Blacksburg, Virginia; in August, before the State Meeting of Vocational Home Economics Teachers in Columbus, Ohio; in September, before the School of Farmers' Institute Speakers, Columbus.

SADA ANNIS HARBARGER

DENVER

"Theta girls have romped away with the Panhellenic Scholarship Cup for the second consecutive year."

Tempus fugit! Or whatever it is. Anyway, time certainly flies for here the date of another Crescent letter rolls around and as usual, the first glance indicates a dearth of news. We telephoned and telephoned. Then we thought we would have to fill up space by telling of people and their new pets—cats, dogs, parrots and the like. But those will be saved till a later date when news is really scarce because it seems we were only suffering from an attack of chronic Crescent correspondent disease.

There is some news!

Our Theta girls have romped away with the Panhellenic scholarship cup for the second consecutive year. One more year and they can display it proudly on the mantel of the lodge as their own possession. That is, of course, if they keep up the good old grind and make as fine an average next year. This year they topped the list with 87.08, defeating Pi Beta Phi, their nearest rivals by .28 points. Almost too close for comfort but close enough, in a case where an inch is as good as a mile. The cup was presented at a Panhellenic luncheon on October 26 and was received by Mary Elizabeth Fouse, president of the chapter.

Everyone who was lucky enough to be traveling abroad is home again but we told you who they were in the last CRESCENT so we won't go into

that again. Suffice it to say "a pleasant time was had by all."

Tau alumnæ were hostesses at a meeting during October at the home

of Marie Fabling where Tau reported a big success of the recent rummage sale. And speaking of earning money, Denver has been chasing the elusive dollar, also. Our latest wage-earning scheme, and a cleverly successful one it turned out to be, was the reading of this year's New York stage success Street Scene, Pulitzer prize play. Elsie Olsen Morrison headed the committee in charge, all of whom proved capable money raisers. What our next financial raid will be, remains to be determined.

We are planning a Christmas party for the actives which, everyone is agreed, they certainly deserve after the way they have shown themselves

to be a credit to us.

And now, speaking for our sisters in the chapter, we wish to welcome Alpha Xi of the Southern Methodist University as our youngest offspring and hope that Gamma Phi will prove all that it hopes her to be and that it will be welded as one of her strongest units.

EDNA TRAYLOR EISENHAND

MARRIAGES

On September 24, Maxine Hair, Theta, '28, to Mr. Nicholas Joseph O'Hanlon, Kappa Sigma, University of Denver. Mr. and Mrs. O'Hanlon will make their home in Denver.

On October 23, Katherine Vickery, Theta, to Mr. Horace Hawkins, Jr. Mr.

Mrs. Hawkins will make their home in Denver.

BIRTH

To Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cooper (Marie Coleman), a son.

DES MOINES

"Benefit bridge party."

Since our last letter we have had but one meeting. This was held the first Saturday in November at the home of Mildred Nutting Leibold and

the hostess served a delicious luncheon to twelve guests.

After luncheon the regular business came before the group. The chairman of social activities reported on our rush party; plans were formulated for a benefit bridge party, which is to be held early in November, and we hope with what we realize from this to have a nucleus around which we may add a little from time to time so that when Convention needs our small donation it will be ready.

Mrs. Mishler, Convention delegate gave a detailed and complete report

of Convention.

SADIE WHITNEY MISHLER

DETROIT

"Housewarming in the chapter house at Ann Arbor."

All the members of the Detroit Alumnæ Chapter seem to have returned from their vacation just in time for our first fall meeting as it was so well attended. We were entertained at the home of Charlotte Bush where a most delicious dinner was served. Charlotte, herself and Mrs. Lynch our new chapter president, were hostesses of the affair. The success of the meeting was due in part to the graciousness of our hostesses who carefully introduced to each other (and it was a large assemblage with several new members present). The newest members and older members all over again after the summer lull.

At the business meeting, following dinner, Mrs. Lynch our president related the events of the Gamma Phi Beta Convention in Kansas City with such enthusiasm that we were all sorry not to have been there ourselves. Alice Camerer and Pansy Beake also supplemented her report. We then

discussed the manner in which our endowment fund and chapter expenses should be met this year. There were many suggestions; and we acted upon three. The first was, instead of a rummage sale, to pool any old clothes that we could spare or that we could beg off our friends and relations and sell them to our second hand dealer. We are waiting to hear the results at our next meeting. A musical tea was planned for some time this fall of which affair Mrs. Bigelow is chairman. Further plans will be disclosed at our October meeting. A third suggestion is to procure a possible discount on goods purchased at one of the local department stores; and a committee

was appointed to investigate the matter.

The meeting on September 20 was held especially on that date to urge everyone to attend the housewarming at the chapter house in Ann Arbor on Sunday, September 22. The Detroit chapter responded admirably and there were many present in Ann Arbor for the buffet dinner given by the board of directors of Beta of Gamma Phi Beta, Incorporated, and the active chapter. We had a beautiful time; the day was perfect; the house looked utterly transformed in appearance with new cream-colored walls reflecting the sunlight; the downstairs was so changed that the Beta alumnæ, especially, simply gasped at the delightful surprise. The decorating has been beautifully carried out in the furnishings. The house is tremendously improved and everyone loved it. The active girls were charming and were pleased to be able to begin "rushing" in such a fine fashion. The board of directors and the active chapter are especially to be congratulated upon their achievement; and great credit should be given to Mrs. Henry Douglas who supervised the affair during the entire summer.

Our next meeting will be held on October 25, a subscription dinner at

the college. I shall tell you all about it in my next letter.

We are very sorry to report the death of Ruth Ely Radabough, a member of Beta and the Detroit Alumnæ Chapter. Her death was as tragic as it was sudden, and we sympathize deeply with her husband, Floyd E. Radabough, who is left with a daughter and infant son, and with her sister Mrs. Charlton, a member of our alumnæ chapter.

VIRGINIA TANNER SPURRIER

PERSONALS

Mrs. Norman Reynolds (Dorothy Bishop, Beta) has just returned from

a trip to Europe with her husband.

Lucile Lewis, Beta, and Detroit president of last year, has been appointed a member of the University of Syracuse faculty where she is doing nursery school work.

Paula Henze, Beta, and Charlotte Bush, Zeta, each spent her summers

traveling in Europe.

Our sincerest sympathy goes out to Frances Hibbard, Beta, upon the death of her father in June.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Alexander Frazer (Doris Sprague, Beta), a son, McNeil Sprague, on March 12, 1929.

To Mr. and Mrs. John T. Neudorfer (Laura Gridley, Beta), a daughter,

Jeanne on June 13, 1929.

To Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hart (Dorothy Hartshorn, Beta), a daughter, Barbara Jean on June 13, 1929.

FARGO

"Enjoyed seeing the lovely new home."

The Fargo Alumnæ Chapter of Gamma Phi Beta has had a very happy late summer and early fall. We have had company and "have gone places and done things!"

In August Mrs. Birch had a house party, at which Marie Moreland, Polly Gosin and Eleanor Goodman were guests. The Fargo girls motored to the lake for one get-together. Then a tea was held in Fargo in their honor and also for the N.D.A.C. rushees.

Seven of our alumnæ motored to Grand Forks during Alpha Beta's "rush" week. We had a fine time, enjoyed seeing the lovely new home and

were happy over the twelve new pledges.

Four of the Winnipeg Chapter came to Fargo and a tea was given in their honor in the afternoon, while in the evening came a buffet supper. At the

latter the members of Sigma Theta, were also guests.

So far we have had two regular meetings—a dinner meeting at the home of Mrs. Hagan where two new members joined our chapter (Margaret Smoot from Iowa and Edith Quinn from Minneapolis), and an evening meeting at the home of Mrs. Lindall.

Our president, Alice Bowen, has just returned from a visit to Gamma and

we are looking forward to hearing her report.

FLORENCE S. POLLOCK

KANSAS CITY

"Program for the year sounds most alluring."

The year books were recently sent to us and I can assure you they are not only most attractive but make most interesting reading. I am sure that all of them will be practically worn out by the end of the year for they contain all the information one might want—a list of the officers and committee chairman, the program for the year with the hostesses for each meeting, the annual report of the treasurer, the budget for 1929-1930, the roster of members, and the by-laws. The program for the year sounds most alluring—the Gamma Phi Cozy, Founders' Day banquet, Style Show, Christmas Luncheon, Panhellenic Tea, Muffin Worry—and these are only a few of the interesting events planned.

Kansas City feels very proud of the two nearest active chapters, Sigma and Alpha Delta for the splendid results of their rushing this fall. The alumnæ gave their last formal rushing party on August 24. This was a luncheon at the Kansas City Club, most ably managed by Louise Saltmarsh

Baltis, chairman of rushing.

On September 28 the executive board entertained at Elsie Frisbie Norman's home with a bridge tea in honor of the new members. This party surely proved to be a "Gamma Phi Cozy" as announced in the yearbook. We all wish we could have more of them. We had our first regular meeting of the year on October 12 at the home of Fanny Goodman Simonds. The membership committee, under the chairmanship of Elsie Frisbie Norman, has been working very hard this summer and fall, calling on prospective new members and felt quite rewarded at this meeting because nine of the fourteen new members were present. The other five were either out of town or found it impossible to be present; so the committee feels that we are off to a flying start with our membership.

La Verne Bronaugh Stover assisted at the installation of Alpha Xi Chapter at Southern Methodist University at Dallas, Texas, during the last week of September, and also stayed for rushing. She tells us that the alumnæ

are lovely and the actives most attractive.

FLORENCE MAE INGHAM

PERSONALS

Laura Harkrader Campbell, Sigma, of Pratt, Kansas, is visiting her sister, Caroline Harkrader Paxton, Sigma.

Josephine McMurray Hunt, Sigma, of Bay City, Texas, has been viciting her family.

Alfrieda Oakes, Sigma, was a member of the cast of The Red Robe, an

operetta which recently played in Kansas City.

Marjorie Garlinghouse Gard, Sigma, toured Europe this summer while her husband was in England at the World Jamboree of the Boy Scouts. Mr. Gard was in charge of the Kansas City division.

ENGAGEMENT

Grace Lorell Saltmarsh, Sigma, '24, and Alpha Delta, to Mr. George William Noel, Phi Gamma Delta, University of Oklahoma.

MARRIAGE

On October 14, 1929, at Kansas City, Missouri, Anna Jane Shelton, Sigma, '24, to Mr. Taylor Lee Douthit, Pi Kappa Alpha, University of California. Mr. and Mrs. Douthit will live in Oakland, California.

LOS ANGELES

"New Alpha Iota house at Westwood to have a housewarming."

Our first meeting of the fall was held in September at the Jonathan Club. After the meeting Istalia Rhine Davidson of Mu gave us spirited and inspiring book reviews, those delightful glimpses that whetted our literary appetites as caviar. We hope to have her often. She is literary chairman of the Friday Morning Club and we certainly are proud to have her wear the crescent. Sadie Greening's hospitable home was the setting ten days ago for the second of our Sunday night supper parties. The first one was held last spring. It is going to be hard for the next hostess to live up to the fine programs and menus maintained so far. About sixty were present. The husbands vote them as successful as the girls themselves. Edith King of Epsilon assisted Sadie as hostess. Edith Kibby made twenty-three dollars last month selling our old papers and tin foil.

Next week Margaret Nachtrieb will be with us and our monthly luncheon will give way to a supper meeting at the home of Marie Kuhl. Mrs. George Hunt of Eta will review Scouting on Two Continents by Major Burnham, grandfather of our own Martha Burnham. And that reminds me that if you like thrilling adventures, you will lose yourself in this one. Read about his first lesson in "silent obedience," how at two years of age he was hidden in a stack of green corn while his mother in a frontier settlement ran for aid after seeing the approach of Indians. On her return the next day the home was in ashes but the baby was safe. Harriet Haraszthy Hunt will also give us some intimate glimpses of Charlotte Hoffman Kellogg, the two of

them having been initiated into Eta at the same time.

Next Sunday the new Alpha Iota house at Westwood is to have a house warming, and I wish you might all be there. It is all that one could wish for. There is an air of home and hospitality about the place that just fits the fine chapter. We were fortunate in having Leila Knapp Cannell of Lambda as a member, for Cannell and Chaffin furnished the house in exquisite taste. The latest wrinkle is for every alumna to give a dining room chair, not actually of course, but a check to cover cost. Just think what fun it will be at banquets to wonder if you're sitting in your own chair! And the chapter room we hope to have furnished some day, perhaps as Alpha's is. If the dining room chairs are all bought before your check gets in, you can help with the chapter room. We shall try to send pictures for the next Crescent.

GRACE PARTRIDGE UNDERHILL

MARRIAGES

On October 19 at Los Angeles, Frances Berenice Smith, Alpha Iota, Ex-'26, to Mr. Harold Weems Galbraith. Eileen Patricia Mead, Alpha Iota, '26, to Mr. Herbert Allen Price, Sep-

tember 21, 1929, in Brooklyn, New York.

Phyllis Catherine Posgate, Alpha Iota, ex-'29, to Mr. Judson Brewster Stevens on October 6, 1929, in Los Angeles, California.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Meyer Francis Nimkoff (Frances Lucas, Phi), are living

at 136 St. George Street, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania.

Barbara Bridge of Berkeley and Margret Boveroux Sanders of Kenil-

worth, Illinois, both of Eta, recently spent a few days in Los Angeles. Captain and Mrs. Charles H. Owens (Constance Gyde, Xi) are stationed at Camp Benning, Georgia.

Marian King who attended Pomona last year, will graduate this year from

U.C.L.A.

Edna Gearhart of Eta has had a number of poems printed in various

magazines of the southland, recently.

Thelma Gibson of Alpha Iota is studying law at the University of Southern California. Louise Gibson is with the Pasadena Y.W.C.A.

BIRTH

To Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Stone (Mabel Sperry, Omicron, '16), on October 16, a son, Luther Edward.

MADISON

"The proceeds of the sale are to go toward the reference library at the house."

We hope that you all had as busy and happy a summer as we did although we started the season in a very saddened mood due to the death of our universally beloved friend and counselor, Mrs. Brittingham. Her passing leaves a vacancy which can never be entirely filed but we are very thankful to have Daisy Stoll Sullivan, who came to the front and assembled the forcespicked up the reins and spurred us on to a victorious fall season. She made Dorothy Barnes McGuire her chief aid and due to their united effort and splendid management the opening of college found the Gamma Phi house in its usual splendid condition.

Our active chapter is to be congratulated upon the results of its rushing as twenty-three fine girls have been pledged; and we Madison alumnæ who tried to assist the girls during the strenuous rushing week feel that they

may be justly proud of their showing on the campus.

We had many pleasant and interesting meetings during the summer-Dorothy Barnes McGuire and Rena Heddles Techemeyer had the June meeting. Our July meeting is usually a picnic for the Gamma Phis attending summer school. We had a delightful time at "Rochy Roost" a picturesque point on Lake Mendota belonging to Arthur and Daisy Sullivan. Our last meeting was a luncheon at Evansville at Hermione Haller Smith's new home. We elected officers and laid plans for our fall work. Our new officers are president, Grace Maxcey Montague; vice-president, Dorothy Barnes Mc-Guire; recording secretary, Jennie Lucas; treasurer, Rena Heddles Techemeyer; Crescent correspondent Beatrice Barnes Tormey.

We planned our annual supper and bridge party for the active chapter for Tuesday, October 22 and a rummage sale for early November. The proceeds of the sale are to go toward the reference library at the house. are very anxious to have a good library available to the girls as soon as

possible.

Alice Gall Bown has been visiting in Madison during the past week. We have all enjoyed her so much. If only a few more of us had her enthusiasm for Gamma Phi—her good judgment—and unbiased viewpoint—what a marvelous sorority we would be.

BEATRICE BARNES TORMEY

MILWAUKEE

"Annual rummage sale."

The Milwaukee Alumnæ Chapter had a pleasant surprise at its October meeting when Sarah Preston Finley came from Minneapolis to tell us of the recent activities of the expansion committee. After a delightful luncheon at the home of Lina Duffy Story, Mrs. Finley gave a very full and interesting account of the petitioning group at Fargo. It is always inspiring to hear what other groups are accomplishing.

As usual, we have a Gamma Phi Beta team working on the Community Fund campaign. Margaret Ryan McDonald again is captain and is efficient

and untiring in this work.

We all are looking forward to the football games; and a large number

of Gamma Phis and their husbands are attending homecoming game.

The first week in November we expect to have our annual rummage sale and are looking for even better luck than we had last year, as our attics are full of treasures. Alice Fitzgerald has just returned from a trip to Washington and New York; Bernice Hoffman visited northern Minnesota several times last summer, where she had a small daughter in camp; Alice Coerper spent the summer at Devil's Lake, Wisconsin, riding and swimming with her four children; Mary Burlingame went to the Black Hills, South Dakota, for two weeks.

ELINOR M. BLOODGOOD

MINNEAPOLIS

"Tribute to Maud Hart Lovelace."

When the Fort Snelling soldiers passed in review to pay tribute to Maud Hart Lovelace, the Gamma Phis felt honored too in realizing that she is a member of Kappa Chapter. Her book, Early Candlelight has as its setting the romantic beginnings of life at the fort. The clipping from the Minneapolis Tribune will interest her friends:

"For the first time in the history of Fort Snelling, soldiers passed in review Friday afternoon to honor a woman in civilian life. In marshaled array they paid the tribute of the Army to Mrs. Maud Hart Lovelace, author of Early Candlelight.

"More than that, the review Friday is said to mark the first time in the history of the United States that a woman in private life has been honored in that fashion. The significance is found in the fact that Mrs. Lovelace's novel has in its background the early life of Fort Snelling—the days when the northwest was still being pioneered, still being pushed forward to its present development.

"Mrs. Lovelace wrote of times when Fort Snelling was comparatively young, when muskets were used instead of the modern rifle, with modern artillery undreamed of. Friday afternoon she watched, as the honored guest,

the parade of a modern peace time army unit.

"Years back, the time which Mrs. Lovelace took for her novel, small groups of soldiers paraded over the very spot where she stood Friday preparing themselves for a defense against the Indians. As she wrote Mrs. Lovelace may have made a mental note of the difference between those days and the present. Friday afternoon she was impressed with that difference.

"She said as much when the review was over and she was a bit breathless, a bit excited as she watched the last straight moving group of soldiers pass

the reviewing stand.

"'It's thrilling beyond words,' she exclaimed. 'I can't tell you how much I enjoyed it. I've lived for months in the past of Fort Snelling in writing my book and now I've seen what all the past of Fort Snelling has led up to.'

"It is the very fact that Mrs. Lovelace has lived in the past of Fort Snelling—lived in the past almost as thoroughly as if she really has been a part of that past—that prompted Colonel W. C. Sweeney, commanding officer of the

post, to invite her to the fort to witness a review in her honor.

"She was in New York when she received that invitation and she left everything to come to the Twin Cities. Delightfully frank about it all, she admits that she has been honored as she never expected she would. Friday afternoon she felt more than compensated for writing her book, she said.

"'We wanted to honor Mrs. Lovelace,' said Colonel Sweeney, 'because of her interest in Fort Snelling, an interest manifested in her novel. We feel that she must have acquired a real understanding of Fort Snelling, its aims and ideals, to write such a book, and we are glad to honor her in the accepted fashion of the post.'

"And so it happened that Mrs. Lovelace, who was born in Mankato, and who has found the history of her own state interesting, stood Friday on the leaf-strewn parade grounds of Fort Snelling to watch the soldiers of

the present march in front of her.

"When the review was over she was entertained at a reception by the officers of Fort Snelling, the guests including Mayor W. F. Kunze and other public officials, while to the history of the post, which Mrs. Lovelace has recreated, was added another important item—the honoring for the first time of a woman whose right to be so honored is the fact that she understands Fort Snelling."

RUTH M. LECK

PERSONALS

Rewey Belle Inglis will give the president's address at the National Council of English Teachers which meets in Kansas City in November. Ada Grandy, Gamma, who belongs to the Minneapolis Alumnæ Chapter, will talk to the college section. Rewey Belle Inglis will also attend the North Dakota Educational Association meeting, on November 8, as a speaker on the program. While in Minot she will stay with Mrs. Theron Gerow, a Gamma Phi from Kappa Chapter. On the way home she will visit the Fargo alumnæ and the group of girls applying for a charter from Gamma Phi Beta.

Among the alumnæ attending the Minnesota-Northwestern game at North-

western were Eunice McGilvra Erdahl and Ruby Laird Baston.

Molly Halloren Rainey (Mrs. Morton Rainey) from New Bedford, Massachusetts, was a welcome guest at alumnæ meeting this month. She is visiting her friends and family here while her husband is in Europe.

Mrs. E. W. Backus has recovered from her injuries in an auto accident

which occurred early this fall.

NASHVILLE

"Our house dream may some day come true."

A long hot summer has done nothing in the line of scorching the Gamma Phi hopes. We felt that the local active girls could handle the rushees as successfully as they truly did and we take a just pride in the eight wonderful new pledges. The chapter and the pledges both deserve congratulations.

The local alumnæ association contributed its mite of Commencement pleasure and activity in the form of a luncheon to the Alpha Theta seniors which was held at the Andrew Jackson Hotel during the latter part of May. About forty guests including the alumnæ and seniors were served in a private dining room and the decorations were those conforming to early spring. Talks and songs were part of the program and the graduates were generous enough in pledging money to the house fund. We are grateful to each and every one and hope that our house dream may some day come true.

The summer was a long busy one with our group. Our president, Beulah Leech left about May 1 for Europe and she and her family have been touring the continent ever since. We are expecting her to join us again soon. During

her absence, Irene Langford Young has ably directed our efforts.

Mary Cecil Morrison was elected president of the Vanderbilt Alumnæ Council at the meeting in May. This organization of women assists in many

movements large and small that benefit the university.

Spring may turn the young man's fancy but fancies of many have been turned this fall from the number of rumors that have reached our ears. Mary Nell Harper married in the spring. Polly Hardy is soon to have a "Mrs." degree bestowed upon her. Others are coming but we can not speak of them definitely as yet.

Martha Ragsdale's master's thesis was published and since then she had an offer from Yale University to assist in some research work. After accepting the position she was given an assistant and the right to select her, which choice she conferred upon our able Thelma Riggs. Both of these girls are

living in New York and investigating facts for Yale.

We are very happy to have Mary Bates here this winter and are equally sorry to lose Doris Hawkins who resigned her position in the science department at Ward-Belmont. The ever intellectual Elsie Waller Sharpe is doing some university coaching when she can spare a few minutes from her little family. Robbie Neville is teaching in Houston; Loucile Neville was awarded an M.A. degree from George Peabody College for Teachers this summer and later accepted a teaching position in Port Arthur, Texas. Dorothy Waters is a supervisor at Vanderbilt Hospital.

The alumnæ meetings have started and we are looking forward to an in-

teresting and successful year.

MARY CECIL MORRISON

BIRTHS

To Dr. and Mrs. John E. Powers, a daughter, Lillian Waller on February 21.

To Mr. and Mrs. James Morrison Leland, a son, James Morrison Leland, Jr., April 15.

NEW YORK

"Interesting and varied program."

As the first meeting of the New York Alumnæ Chapter is to be held October 21, and this letter must be in Denver by October 20, I'll have only

our expectations for the winter about which to write.

Under the able leadership of our president, Lousene Rousseau, and our vice-president, Eleanor Culton Hines, we have an interesting and varied program arranged for the year. This includes the evening meeting at the home of Helen Codlin Halstead for October, our Founders' Day banquet at the Panhellenic House for November II, a tea at the Panhellenic House on December 1, supper meetings for December and January at the homes of Eleanor Culton Hines and Grace Burgard Holcomb, our annual bridge party on February I, a supper meeting for March, a business meeting at the home of Kathryn Herbert for April, and an "Out-of-Door" meeting for May.

With these, we also have our regular monthly luncheons to which all Gamma Phis are invited, and for which reservation need not be made in advance, on the third Thursday of each month at one o'clock. An innovation is to be tried this year, every alternate luncheon being held at the Mc-

Alpin Hotel, and the others in various clubs. The chairman, from whom information can be obtained regarding any of the luncheons, is Mrs. Allan T. Holcomb, Susquehanna 0823. The November 21 luncheon will be at the Pen and Brush Club, 16 East Tenth Street; that on December 19 at the Hotel McAlpin; January 16, Town Hall Club, 123 West 43rd Street; February 20, Hotel McAlpin; March 20, National Arts Club, 15 Gramercy Park; April 17, Hotel McAlpin; May 15, Women's City Club, 22 Park Avenue; June 19,

Hotel McAlpin.

For a few of us who have had the pleasure of meeting her intimately, Zoe Kincaid Penlington has opened a new field of interest. Before I met her last spring, I had heard much about her enthusiasm for the Japanese drama and when I saw a few of the unusual pictures of the theater which she had collected and the noted Japanese artists—"in and out" of character—I, too, was interested. Mrs. Penlington has lived for several years in the Orient, and is in New York now as the representative of one of the famous theatrical companies in Tokio, planning a tour of the world for them. These actors are the players for the No theater in Japan—an aesthetic dance drama perfected five hundred years before Columbus discovered America. Yet their performance is extremely modern, because modern dancers are anxious for extraction—not reality; they wear masks, use a chorus, and have the imagery, simplicity, and artistry that predominates in the modern trends of the new art movement. So the old of the East is the new of the West.

In 1925 Mrs. Penlington published in London and America Kabuki, The Popular Stage of Japan, which was recognized as an authority. Mrs. Penlington expects to publish two other books on the Japanese Drama this winter, in preparation of the world tour; for she is to travel with the No players, giving lectures before the performances, in Berlin, Rome, Paris,

London, and America, interpreting the significance of the actions.

Another New York Gamma Phi who has produced interesting literary material from the Orient is Ruth Duniway Kerby, who aided her husband, Philip Kerby, in his production of Beyond the Bund, a collection of Chinese stories or sketches.

Still another literary Gamma Phi in New York is Margaret Fishback, who

weekly has her poems published in the New Yorker Magazine.

Last but not least is our president, Lousene Rousseau, who is the co-author with Professor Gough, De Pauw University; Professor Reeves, Peddie School; Miss Cramer, Hunter College High School—all heads of the Department of Speech in their respective schools—in the publication of Effective Speech which will come from the Harper press in January. One needs only to hear Miss Rousseau to know how effective speech can be.

RUTH BURGARD

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Halstead have returned from a summer's tour of

Europe. Much of their time was spent in Paris.

Dr. and Mrs. Sherman have returned from an extended motor trip through Germany. During their absence they had a villa at Nice for a month, and also motored through Italy.

Dr. and Mrs. Graham have returned from a summer's vacation spent

in Toronto, Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. Richardson have returned from their summer home at

Thousand Islands.

The death of Austiana Taylor Goreth, October 12, leaves a deep sorrow in the heart of each New York alumna. She has given much to her sorority since the beginning of Syracuse chapter, and New York Alumnæ Chapter was most fortunate to have this charming woman as one of her active members. Two years ago at the annual Founders' Day banquet Mrs. Goreth as toast-

mistress renewed our pride and joy in Gamma Phi Beta. We shall grieve

with her daughters and husband in their great sorrow.

Mrs. Mamie Gallup Howe passed away in May, after an operation, and we have lost one of our most loyal members. Mrs. Howe was a beautiful woman whose home and life reflected her artistic, gracious personality. She came to New York from Theta Chapter, where she became an enthusiastic Gamma Phi. It is difficult to be reconciled to the death of such a lovely character who had so much to give to the happiness of others. She is survived by her husband, Dr. Hubert S. Howe, and by two sons, to whom we extend sincere sympathy.

Two members of our chapter have had sorrow in their families. The mother of Laura Latimer Graham died the last of June. The husband of Minnie Curtis Dinsmore, Mr. Thomas H. Dinsmore, died this August. The

chapter sympathizes with them in their loss.

PORTLAND

"Homecoming dates"

Homecoming dates are not far distant and plans are already being made for the annual pilgrimage to various alma maters. Alumnæ are all looking forward to meeting the new pledges, to visits with former classmates and always to a thrilling football game. Mr. and Mrs. Steven Wilcox (Helen Woodcock, Nu) have left on a six weeks' trip through Canada and Eastern cities. Cards from Vienna have been received by friends of Mrs. Delvin Peterson (Helen Houghton, Nu) reporting a most interesting trip and a thrilling time. Three members of the Portland Alumnæ Chapter were numbered among the newly elected members of the Portland Junior League: Lillian Luders, Nu, Mrs. John Marshall (Harriet Dezendorf, Nu) and Leonie Vial, Nu. Agnes Hesseldenz, Chi, was married on October 10, to Mr. Hobart Theiring, Delta Kappa Epsilon, at Pasco, Washington.

MARGARET KERN

RENO

"Last summer our house was indeed remodeled."

The coming of the autumn days seems to have given the alums an unusual amount of "pep" which you may see from the following program of our strenuous activities.

In the first place, last summer our house was indeed remodeled. A large sleeping porch was build on and new bathrooms were installed. This, the alums took upon themselves to have done and we are all greatly pleased with the results from both the inside and the outside of the house. The active girls have been diligently improving the grounds and we are all of the opinion that they would make themselves famous as landscape gardeners.

Next, we have planned a rummage sale to raise money. The determination with which the alums have gone about collecting old clothes and, in fact, anything that they can lay their hands on, puts both the Salvation Army and the Red Cross in danger of losing what possessions they have if, by chance, a Gamma Phi should pass their way. This sale is going to be held next Saturday and if we should happen to collect as many shoes as we did last year we will have enough for a well stocked army for Uncle Sam.

Aside from a few vague ideas for raising more money by giving card parties, Christmas parties, and bazaars, we plan to give Sunday night suppers at the chapter house. These will not be elaborate affairs but just informal suppers and a small amount will be charged of each one. Just when these will begin is indefinite, but it will probably be in the very near future.

Homecoming is next week-end and with it hours of reminiscing and of sentences beginning, "I remember when—." There is to be a luncheon at

the house for the alums before the football game and various reunions of the classes following the game.

A busy program is in store for us during the winter and we shall report

the outcome of our activities in our next letter.

RUTH CURTIS

MARRIAGES

Florence Benoit, '26, to Mr. John R C. Mann. Georgia Money, '23, to Mr. Burle Murphy. Alice Bowman, '25, to Don McCrea.

SAN FRANCISCO

"Card party at the Forest Hill Club."

During the summer we had a glorious vacation meeting at Violet Keith's ranch near San Jose. The swimming pool and bridge tables shared the

honors that warm July day.

Our new year began with a meeting at Leslie Lockwood's. We had election of officers with the following installed: president, Leslie Lockwood; vice-president, Margaret Jackson Supple; corresponding secretary, Josephine Cheney; recording secretary, Genevieve Prince; CRESCENT correspondent, Helen Hoffmann; treasurer, Ruth Ord.

The new officers are undertaking their new duties really inspired by the example set them by the retiring members. We are going to make Mu our "theme" this year, and are determined to bend our energies to some con-

structive purpose.

The first remunerative effort will be a card party October 24, at the Forest Hills Club. We are working to fill the place and assure the financial success

of the affair.

On Tuesday, October 8, there will be a meeting at the Redwood City home of Luella Allen, at which time we shall hear the final details of the plans for the bridge party. So with high hopes and enthusiasm we surely must have results.

HELEN BRANT HOFFMANN

SEATTLE

"Chapter house was extensively refurnished this fall."

Of course, rushing is our most recent big thrill and the chapter has eleven peerless pledges. There is the usual last minute scramble and excitement and we always lend a helping hand. Our part consisted chiefly in entertaining with a progressive bridge-dinner at the beautiful homes of three of our alumnæ. Jessie Weiner, Lucy Davidson and Orpha McAusland.

The chapter house was extensively refurnished this fall—the process lasting well up to about five minutes before tea dates. The prize possession is a gorgeous room-sized Oriental rug for the living room. Other new acquisitions are—a dining room table, drapes, uniform study desks and chairs for every room—with a new coat of Duco—and re-upholstered davenports. The cost for this outlay was saved last year by the girls themselves and was wisely and painstakingly spent by an alumnæ house-furnishing committee. Margaret Younger and Margaret Walske headed the committee and labored long and hard and deserve much applause.

Our October alumnæ meeting took the form of a no-host luncheon at the Wilsonian Hotel, with business meeting following at the Gamma Phi house.

The fourth Tuesday of every month is our bridge club day.

October 16 is pledge service at the chapter house. The alums are urged to attend and invited to stay for a buffet supper following.

And this, I think, covers our activities of the past month or so.

M. T. S.

Dorothy Haggett Lister and family have moved to Denver.

Dorothy Sager of Vancouver was married to a doctor and will live in Germany for a few years.

Adele Thompson Maxwell has a baby girl.

Audrie Kincaid Pinkerton of Ventura, California, was a visitor in Seattle last month.

Isabel McCormick Preston just returned home from a jaunt of several weeks in New York.

Elizabeth McElray Rogers, once of Olympia, has moved to Seattle. Virginia and Ray Ryan and young son have moved to Portland.

Carrie Atkinson Shorts is just home from a summer journey about Europe. Vernita Sweyea Seeley has left with her husband for a tour of the southern states, then Europe and later South Africa, where he will give lectures.

Lotji Woodruff is convalescing from a serious illness and seige in the hospital.

SPRINGFIELD

"First year as an alumnæ chapter"

Here we are launched upon our first year as an alumnæ chapter of Gamma Phi Beta. And we hope we have received a good start, because we wish

to accomplish so many things during the first year.

At our first meeting, we elected our officers, with the following results: president, Helen Nell Moores; vice-president, Jeannette Alexander; secretary, Louise Ramsey Rockel; treasurer, Virginia Brain Sellers; corresponding secretary, Margaret Miller, and chairman of the expansion and publicity committees, Miriam Hadley Becker. With such experienced officers at our head, we are bound to make much progress, since they have always shown themselves to be extremely competent in previous ventures of the same character.

During the first month, we have had various functions of a social characters, and have been interested participants in the rushing sponsored by the active chapter. Considering the results therefrom, we are all more than thrilled that we have been able to help them, for our pledge class certainly is aptly put as the "cream of the campus."

We had a rummage sale which netted a very nice sum to the further enlargement of our treasury, and at present we are planning to give a large

subscription bridge in conjunction with the active chapter.

It may be of interest to Crescent readers to know that our monthly meetings are the dinner meetings—and such enthusiasm as it displayed! We can hardly eat for our excitement because we all try to suggest and listen, so that even our dinners are sometimes sadly delayed. Then at the meeting proper, we discuss all matters, with equal enthusiasm with the results that we all anticipate every meeting to the nth degree. We even have quite a few members who make long trips from surrounding cities to attend—and we assure you that they are as faithful as those of us who live in town (which, we figure, is a pretty good proof of true enthusiasm).

On November 8, the day before our college homecoming, we are planning to initiate a new class of alumnæ. The pledging will take place about five o'clock in the afternoon, followed by a dinner at the Marigold Tea Room. Then will come the great event of initiation at the chapter house, and judging from letters received, one and all are as thrilled as they can be at the prospect. Many of these alumnæ are from far-distant states and cities.

I think this must be the conclusion of my letter, although I could write indefinitely on our future plans and prospects. However, since time presses,

I must stop, content with the thought that soon we will have presented Gamma Phi with new alumnæ members whom we know she will love as we do. MARTHA E. K. TIMMERMAN

SYRACUSE

"We shall celebrate Founders' Day, with an informal buffet supper at the house."

Syracuse started its fall activities with a meeting at the chapter house on Monday, October 14. A corporation meeting, with Alpha, brought forth interesting and optimistic reports from the trustees. Edith Thompson Robinson was elected as trustee to succeed Mrs. Dibble who is planning an extended trip and so did not wish to be re-elected.

This was followed by separate meetings of Alpha and the alumnæ chapter. Our social committee, headed by Margaret Snow Brewster, promises to be very active this year. The proposal to have monthly bridge parties at the chapter house, in charge of the different groups, for alumnæ and active members, was met with enthusiasm. The prime object of these parties will not be to make money, although if there are profits we shall be doubly gratified, but to enable us to get better acquainted with each other and with the girls in the active chapter. They will be held in the evening, of course, and men may be invited.

On November 12 we are to have a large subscription bridge party at the home of Mrs. Huntington Crouse for the benefit of the Denver Camp. It will be held both in the afternoon and evening and with Margaret Brewster as chairman, we are remembering our spring dance and looking forward to a very pleasant and successful affair.

We shall celebrate Founders' Day with an informal buffet supper at the house. We have found this a better method of gathering a large number of us together than a fall banquet. And for the benefit of anyone who has ever been associated with Syracuse alumnæ, Mrs. Baker's group has charge of the supper-"nuf sed!"

The final feature of the October meeting was the report of convention. The convention delegate and Crescent correspondent being one and the same, modesty should forbid the statement that all members wished they had been there, but just from the bare facts, regardless of presentation, how could they help it?

DOROTHY COLLINS BROWN

PERSONALS

Mary Jane Munro, '28, is teaching home economics in the Fayetteville High School.

Kathleen Halsted Small, ex-'16, has returned to Syracuse and is with the Bachrach Photographic Studio.

Katheryn Stephen, '21, came here to live last year after spending a year

abroad, including two terms at Oxford.

We are glad to welcome Lucile Lewis, Beta, '25, who has come to teach in the University Hill Nursery School which is now connected with Syracuse University.

Eleanor Lay, '29, has received her pilot's license at the Syracuse Airport.

ENGAGEMENTS

Rosamond Tucker, '27, to Mr. William Walton Woolsey of Englewood, New Jersey.

Helen Crouch, '21, to Mr. Eliot G. Fay of Boston.

MARRIAGES

Lois Cobb, '21, to Mr. Carroll Smith, brother of Ursula Smith, '21, March 8. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are living in Camillus.

Edwina Munro, ex-'25, to Mr. George Inness Ellsworth, June 12. Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth are living in South Orange, New Jersey.

Helen Wheatley, 25, to Mr. James William Johnson. They are living in Syracuse.

Fanny Helner, '16, to Captain James Tillinghast Moore, U. S. Marine Corps, July 27. They are living in Quantico, Virginia.

Margaret Goreth, '24, to Mr. Cornelius Hunt, August 24. They are living

in White Plains.

Helen Porter, '26, to Mr. Hamilton Clark King, September 21. They are living in Rochester.

Justine Culver, '21, to Mr. Donald Coffin Norris, October 15. They will live in Nutley, New Jersey.

BIRTH

To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Howe (Priscilla Marvel, ex-'24), a son, Richard Bradford, September 9.

TORONTO

"Lending their houses for teas and bridge parties."

In Toronto it is the time of long walks and delightfully swishing fallen leaves and fields of purple asters. It is the time of rugby, when every Saturday afternoon the varsity stadium flutters with blue and white ribbons and echoes to one great cheer. And it is the time of rushing when every Gamma Phi-active or grad-is thinking almost exclusively of the Gamma Phi-to-be. Toronto grads are lending their houses for teas and bridge parties. Their cars are conveying rushees to the Italian bridge and the Chinese dinner. But above all, they are planning their own particular rushing party—a dance to be held at Scarboro Golf Club on October 26. The committee in charge-Marxine Wrigley, Emma Weir, Peg Young—speaks well for its success. In other words, it is autumn and it seems a long time since June—since graduation and summer vacation and convention. It seems a long time since we held our luncheon for the graduates at the Alexander Hotel and welcomed into the alumnæ chapter Ruth Orr, Kay Keeler, Peggy Scott, Enid Walker, and Alice Young. It even seems a long time since our summer gettogether meetings, one a merry picnic at Leone Harris' Port Credit home, another a cozy tea at the Old Mill Tea Rooms.

But perhaps this grad is growing old and developing a tendency to reminisce. Certainly it is only a week ago since Toronto Chapter held its opening meeting and picked up the threads of sorority life again in earnest. There we planned a new evening bridge club for grads whose homes and husbands keep them from attending regular alumnæ meetings. And there was Mae Wallace with pages and pages of her impressions of convention which she read to us and so transported us for a time to the Ambassador Hotel, Kansas City, where we watched dignified ceremonies, attended fascinating luncheons and dinners and listened to all the interesting suggestions and plans of business meetings. Surely a year following such a convention—when our heads are filled with new plans and our hearts with new enthusiasms

-ought to be the "best-ever."

BEATRICE MENZIES

PERSONALS

Marion Stirrett is dietitian at the Psychiatric Hospital and chaperon of our new apartment.

Charlotte Valentine, back from a year's study in London, England, is again lecturing at Lillian Massey, the household science department of the University of Toronto.

MARRIAGES

Jessie Mooney to Mr. John Dorrian. Elsie McBride to Mr. Clifford Austin Curtis. Mary Clark to Mr. Ralph Edwin McClinton. Isobel Peaker to Mr. William Taylor. Muriel Moran to Mr. Roland Carson. Lois Poyntz to Mr. John Wilson.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Harry Horning (Emma Clark), a daughter. To Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Vernon (Helen Burford), a son.

DALLAS

"Our alumnæ group seems to grow each week."

How happy we Gamma Phi Betes in Dallas are, to have a chapter in Southern Methodist University, to see the crescent on some of the attractive girls who are students there. Already there are three shining pins on Mabel Fowler, Betty Tudley and Lulu Mae Carter; and by rush week September 23 to 28 we shall take our place on the campus of a college that is fast becoming the best and most popular university of the Southwest.

It is hard to decide who is more excited over installation, the alumnæ group or the local group. Initiation will be a thrill to the new girls and to us, who have not been a part of it so long. We feel fortunate that we have met and learned to love Alice Camerer and Mrs. Smith and we all look for-

ward to meeting Mrs. Barbour and Mrs. Stover.

Our summer rushing consists of parties and teas, thanks to the generosity of Ethel Everts, Dorothy Cochrane and our sponsors, who have graciously opened their homes. And our tentative rush week plans sound very interesting with Katherine Peurifoy as rush captain. To our sisters at the University of Texas we are gratified for their help and kindness.

Our alumnæ group seems to grow each week and by fall, we expect to

have quite a chapter roll in Texas.

ELIZABETH ELLIS

PERSONALS

Dorothy Shaw Cochrane chaperoned the Gamma Beta pledges, who were initiated at convention and represented the Dallas alumnæ.

Anna Moore and her daughters, Emily Ann and Lucille are spending the

summer in Roanoke, Virginia.

Ethel Signaigo Everts and her husband are leaving September 1 for a tour of the East.

Allys Field Boyle is recovering nicely from a serious operation.

BIRTHS

Dr. and Mrs. Percival Rice (Alice Signaigo, Upsilon), a son, March 23. Mr. and Mrs. J. Ralph Ellis (Elizabeth Noyes, Sigma), a daughter, Betty, Jane, on July 1.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

"Comings and goings."

We had our first get-together of the fall on September 24 when we met for luncheon at the A.A.U.W. club house. At that time Josephine Ryan visited

us and as she had moved to New York last spring we were mighty glad to see her again.

Virginia Stanley from Wisconsin and Mrs. S. W. Blore (Virginia Angell,

Xi, '29) joined our ranks and we welcome them most heartily.

There is very little to report for our group, other than the comings and goings of our most transient membership. We have just lost two members to other cities. Lyle Maynard Larkin has moved to Richmond, Virginia, and Hortense Hood Russell has gone to New York. Marion Hinton Mc-Kenzie is back from a four months' wedding trip in Europe and reports a wonderful time.

We are planning another meeting very soon, and hope someone will be able to contribute a brilliant inspiration for raising our fifty dollars for the Endowment Fund. All inspirations from outside chapters also gratefully received!

ERNESTINE H. ROLLS

FORT COLLINS

"Occasional cheery evenings of bridge."

Fort Collins alumnæ haven't been doing anything really worth writing to The Crescent. But we might mention that we enjoy occasional cheery evenings of bridge together, when we chat more than we play cards.

We welcome again to Fort Collins two who were former members of our group, and who now make their homes here: Mrs. Henry H. Kob (Katherine Somerville), wife of an assistant professor in the mechanical engineering department of the Colorado Agricultural College; and Mrs. Walter R. Freeman (Frances Foster), wife of the state dairy commissioner.

Miriam Johnson is alumna representative again this season, and is a good

friend to the active chapter.

Mrs. Perl E. Holman (Maryette Wilson) was here from Heyward, California, in the late summer, en route to What Cheer, Iowa, on a visit with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Ormand P. Hill are parents of a daughter, Muriel Jane, born Wednesday, October 16.

CAROL LAUCHE

ST. JOSEPH

"Membership slightly smaller than last year's."

In our part of the country the leaves are beginning to turn red and to fall, the days are perceptibly shorter, and a thin blue haze enveloping all announces Indian Summer.

Basking in the quiet glory of these few days which are so full of memories of more romantic college days, the correspondent awakens from her lethargy

only to discover that her letter is probably already delinquent.

Our first meeting this fall found our membership slightly smaller than last year, due to the fact that several of our girls who have been with us have married and moved away. Corrine Heim, Alpha Delta, '24, who was married to Fielding Sizer, Kappa Sigma from Missouri, at the time of convention last summer is now living in Monette, Missouri. Jean Stingley, our former treasurer has resumed her work at Illinois after a year at home. Ruth Hine Maughmer, Epsilon, has been elected to take her place. Beulah Bennett, after six months' leave of absence is again instructing in the music department at Central High School.

Tribute is due Mrs. Louise Hartwig, mother of Elizabeth Hartwig, president of our association, who passed away this summer after a short illness. Mrs. Hartwig was a true Gamma Phi mother as was evidenced by her willingness to substitute as housemother for Alpha Delta two years ago when the

chapter was left suddenly without a chaperon. Her kind unselfish spirit won for her a permanent place in the hearts of the chapter. To our friend we pay our tribute and to Elizabeth we extend the love and sympathy of our sisterhood.

MINERVA McEWEN

WICHITA

"Many thrills coming our way lately."

We have had ever so many thrills coming our way lately. The first one arrived as we opened the latest volume of the high school annual. Opposite the picture of a very lovely lady we read this dedication, "In grateful appreciation of her sympathetic, unselfish guidance of the Messenger and Wichitan staffs, her forbearance with all our shortcomings and her cheerful and ever smiling example, we dedicate this 1929 Wichitan to Miss Lucille Hildinger." Yes, our own Lucille who is you know one of the founders

of Sigma. Do you blame us for being proud?

September 24 brought our second big thrill. On that day Merle Fair of Sigma was married to her handsome Bill Kahrs. It was surely a Gamma Phi wedding, although we must admit that the Delta Taus rendered rather important assistance. Margaret Saunders of Pleasanton was maid of honor, while Katherine Houston and Doris Moon of Prat were the bridesmaids. The girls looked adorable, and, after the beautiful bride, it would be difficult to say who was the fairest lady of all. There were fourteen Gamma Phis present. Lois Linscott of Topeka was one of the out-of-town guests. We might whisper that "Sauny" caught the bride's bouquet.

Thrill number three came last Sunday when the new members of Junior League were announced. One of the girls so honored was our Betty Campbell. Betty and Katherine Huston are very busy this year. Katherine is Registrar at Allison School while Betty holds a similar position at Central

Intermediate.

Now I ask you all if our October meeting wasn't worthy of a thrill. Elizabeth Apel made a gala occasion of it by inviting us all to dinner at Innes' Tea Room. As a result of the excellent food, and the happy companionship our mood was indeed mellow; and our problems were as nothing. You who have weighty questions to solve or difficulties to overcome try Elizabeth's method—food first. It works!

In September Gamma Phi Beta and Alpha Delta Pi were hostesses to the city Panhellenic in the home of Mrs. H. H. Patton, Verla Rutherford's mother. We are extremely fortunate in having such kind Gamma Phi mothers and mothers-in-law who so generously allow us to entertain in their homes.

Our group of seventeen members boasts seven who are very active in A.A.U.W. Mildred Rule Olson and Verla Patton Rutherford are on the Board; Elizabeth Apel is on the program committee, Ruth Rhoades Hay and Margaret Patton Hart are on the hostess committee. Margaret is the chairman so we know A.A.U.W. will have some happy social times this year.

There are plans right now for Panhellenic dances, a luncheon for Helen Rhoda Hoopes, Founders' Day banquet and another Guest Day Bridge. So

we shall be busy.

ELIZABETH WAGENBRETH OWENS

SAN DIEGO

"Dishes for the new Arizona chapter house."

We San Diego Gamma Phis were most fortunate in having Margaret Nachtrieb and her mother visit us during the week ending Saturday, October 19. We listened eagerly to her inspiring reports of convention business and we enjoyed with her the recounting of the good times which we were not fortunate enough to have been able to share. It was especially thrilling to us to hear that our tallies and score pads created such favorable comment and that they had helped to make the bridge party sponsored by Phi Chapter the success that it was.

During their visit here, Margaret and her mother were fête with several pretty courtesies. Doris Howell entertained with a pretty luncheon; Aileen Jackson with an informal tea; and Edith Avery gave a dinner party at her lovely home at Grossmouth. The last and most important function given in honor of our visitors was a banquet at the University Club on Saturday

night.

We are still filling orders for bridge tallies and score pads which we are selling to raise funds to buy dishes for the new Arizona chapter house. If you haven't seen them we shall be glad to send samples upon request.

ELEANOR BERRY EDMISTON

