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It is a great disappointment to me to be unable to meet with you and I am most happy to have this opportunity to send you my greetings and good wishes for an enjoyable and helpful convention. I shall be with you in spirit and follow your deliberations and actions as reported in the *Crescent Moon*.

Gamma Phi Beta has been very dear to me through all these many years and I have been very jealous of her good name and standing, and nothing pleases me more than to hear of achievements or honors that have been won by wearers of the Crescent pin.

American women are the most fortunately circumstanced of all women in the world. Nowhere else are they held in such esteem or allowed so much liberty. Most fortunate of them all are the college women. They are a picked class and have far greater opportunities for fitting themselves for leadership than the great majority of women. It behooves them to cherish those privileges most carefully and to avoid everything that will lower them in the eyes of the world. If they make themselves common they will forfeit the high esteem their wonderful mothers and grandmothers have won.



HELEN M. DODGE



FRANCES E. HAVEN



E. ADELINE CURTIS



MARY A. BINGHAM

I trust you will ever strive for high scholarship, true womanly courtesy, greater service to humanity and reverence for good government. May you ever be leaders or supporters of every good cause and thus carry out the ardent desires of your founders and better still prove yourselves of value to your times and country.

May the older members be cheered and encouraged by the successes of our active girls and the younger members be thrilled at meeting those who have so ably directed the affairs of our organization in the past, and may the inspiration gained be carried back to stimulate the chapters in their various activities in the fall. In fact, that the convention at Kansas City be voted the very best convention ever held by the Sorority of Gamma Phi Beta is the earnest wish of one of your founders.

FRANCES E. HAVEN MOSS

DEAR SISTERS:

Debarred the pleasure of personally greeting the members of the Gamma Phi Beta Sorority on the occasion of its Thirty-sixth Biennial Convention, I have recourse to my ever-faithful pen to bear to you my sincere but very inadequate expression of felicitation and love. Living in the memories of those rare and never-to-be-forgotten days spent at Lake Placid, I shall, in imagination, be with you from day to day in the beautiful Ambassador Hotel up in cloud-land. The next convention perchance may be held in some up-to-date "Spirit of St. Louis," appropriately commanded.

May this, and each similar occasion, inspire to grander achievement, and, animated by the sentiment of the Greek motto of my own college class—"No Steps Backward"—may we attain to heights hitherto unrealized.

This will mean in the future, even as in the past, determined effort, but it will bring its reward. The pace of the world's progress is being so quickened that no one can foretell what the next two years, even, will unfold. All worthy attainment represents hard, unremitting effort, and a spirit undaunted by difficulties. May we ever be active and aggressive in that which is noble and lofty.

Sincerely thanking you for your very cordial invitation to be the guest of the convention, with most generous provision for every comfort and convenience, and deeply regretting that circumstances imperatively forbid my acceptance, I am

Most cordially yours,

HELEN DODGE FERGUSON

CONVENTION REGISTRATION BY CHAPTERS

ALPHA

Grace Klock Schaufler
Louise Klock French
Blanche Shove Palmer
Cora Willard Frederick
Jeannette Walters Wannemaker
Barbara Hoyt
Virginia Barnes
Dorothy Brown

BETA

Jennie Emerson Miller
Edith Benson
Pansy Blake
Margaret Seybold
Fannie Goodman Simonds
Marie Goodman
Lillian Thompson
Marian Seitz
Lenore Yeager Gordon
Lois De Vries Guay
Geraldine Vandenberg

GAMMA

Florence Stott Sullivan
Grace Burgard Holcomb
Carrie E. Morgan
Marian Briggs

DELTA

Edith Everett
Mrs. James Hervins
Florence Courtright Grabow
Emma F. Lowd
Helen Glover

UPSILON

Elizabeth Davidson Barbour
Gladys O'Connor Boulard
Ruth Bartels Fox
Louise Bradbury
Beatrice Lumley
Gwen Heilman
Helen McClarnan
Katherine Heberling
Lillian Woodworth
Dorothy Will
Florence Mitchell Smith
Magdalena Carpenter Birch
Idah Bierer Neal
Helen Bergquist

Alice Dibble
Floy Kinnebrew
Eleanor Gearhart

ZETA

Hester Corner Wagner
Lorena Leach Hickerson
Mary Thomas McCurley
Virginia Potter
Anna Dimmick
Sarah Chapman
Wilhelmina Markentin

ETA

Marion Kennedy
June Fisk Searcy
Marjory Bridge

THETA

Louise Robinson Wyatt
Kittie Lee Clarke
Kathryn Allen Woodward
Margaret Patton Hart
Lindsey Barbee
Gwendolyn Olinger
Wilmette Jones
Norma Van Orman
Mildred Robinson
Mary Peterson
Viola Clymer Smedley
Marion Thomas
Elizabeth Smedley
Barbara Bayliss
Mary Elizabeth Fouse
Beth McKeown
Lucille Albright
Dorothy Albright
Mary Alice Elliott
Marion Lee Dryer
Hypatia Slusser
Margaret Cullen
Gertrude Winne

KAPPA

Millicent Lees Hoffman
Anna Eisels Nachtrieb
Margaret Nachtrieb
Clara Tancy Will
Marie Moreland
Beverley Kenevan
Ruth Evans

Sara Preston Finley
Dorothy Fournet
Virginia Little
Dorothy Volkmer

LAMBDA

Margaret Meany Younger
Gladys Ehrenberg
Kathryn Callow
Jane Brehm
Mrs. Charles Seeholzer
Elfreda Smith

MU

Jeanne Kurtz
Elizabeth Barbee
Elizabeth Pillsbury
Peggy Farmer

NU

Beatrice Locke
Jane Cookman
Eileen Tompkins Hall
Louise Wilhelm

XI

Ora Budge
Mary Murphy
Marjorie Bloom

OMICRON

Dixie Mason
Jeannette Smallfeldt
Frances Payne
Allis Warren
Sarah Simonds
Nancy Vance
Bertha Schneider
Mildred Dimmick
Marian Gibson
Dorothy Osterman
Nina Gresham
Jennie Barry
Frances Knight
Margaret Leach
Beatrice Sloan
Helen Campbell
Lucy Baker
Lucy C. Hilton
Marion Bebb

PI

Dorothy Kind
Jean Felton
Virginia Todd
Lucille Ackerman

Gertrude Welch
Mardelle Rucker
Katherine Gallagher
Eleanor Felton
Mary Ann Beard
Janet Winter
Ethel De Young Watkins
Louise Weaver.
Constance Syford
Gladys Wilkinson Lawrence

RHO

Alice Camerer
Fayne Smithberger Merritt
Sadie Whitney Mishler
Benice Purcell
Elarka Towne
Dorothy Ann Thompson
Florence Bell
Jane Bell
Ann Bradfield
Marjorie Washburn Green
Clara Louise Wallace
Miriam Daine
Gilberta Scott

SIGMA

Helen Rhoda Hoopes
Amanda Wulf
Elsie Arbuthnot
Dorothy Barta Devin
Grace Wyatt
Katherine Glendenning
Miriam Lamar Mott
Louise Saltmarsh Baltis
Marcia Jane White
Louise Corn
Luverne Bronaugh Stover
Ruth Hall
Marjorie Garlinghouse Gard
Mrs. Don Barnes
Lucille Henderson
Florence Tugham
Doris Bradbury
Dorothy Stone
Louise Withers
Caroline Harkrader Paxton
Imogen Simonds
Dorothy Washburn Dana
Elsie Friesbie Norman
Sue Mason Linscott
Lila Martin Quinn
Jeanne Blanchard
Josephine Hunt
Barbara Edwards
Eleanor Hunt
Margaret Lodge Hovey

Helen Aiken
 Louise Ridgway
 Ellamay Garvin
 Ruth Van Riper
 Florence Harkrader Hastings
 Doris Moon
 Laura Harkrader Campbell
 Katherine Brueck
 Mildred Gilmore
 Marion Le Suer Fincham
 Mary Henna
 Harriet Gilbert Hutton
 Kathryn Moore
 Verla Patton Rutherford
 Mildred Rule Olson
 Mildred Odell Blum
 Lucille Ellsworth
 Norma Sabin
 Florence Spencer Wolf
 Doris Roebke
 Susan Robertson
 Elizabeth Limbird
 Lucille Prather
 Paula Cost
 Mary Eleanor Haskins
 Alice Brunner
 Mary Tudor
 Virginia Crawford
 Constance Ross
 Marian Ross
 Mary Teresa Donovan

TAU

Mary Ault
 Marion Dooley
 Gertrude Hardy
 Naomi Van Horn
 Vera Herbert
 Margaret McGregor Prickett

UPSILON

Beulah Bennett
 Dorothy Shaw Cochrane

PHI

Mrs. John J. Gallahan
 Mary Louise Tayman
 Marion Judell
 Nedra Culler
 Elizabeth Burdeau
 Charlotte Robertson
 Elizabeth Henby
 Christine Chapin
 Hortense Stone
 Lois Keim
 Josephine Michael

CHI

Irma Hooch
 Melba Hanks

PSI

Puilla Hill
 Opal Wilson
 Mary Collier
 Bernice Gordon
 Alice Browne
 Mary Frances Hawk
 Rose Marie Grimmett
 Katherine Fullerton
 Flossie Welsh
 Vera Shidler
 Lillian White
 Charlotte Hill
 Katheyn Younger
 Frances Massey
 Pauline McKinney Moore
 Lucille Farmer
 Margaret Brazil
 Myrtle Fisher
 Helen Berg Klein
 Martha Herrington
 Jean Brown

OMEGA

Miriam Griffith
 Sara Jane Hess
 Doris Erwin
 Gladys Albertus

ALPHA ALPHA

Margaret Charlton
 Marjorie MacKecknie
 Elsie McElroy
 May Wallace
 Iva Wright
 Dorothy Moir
 Helen Henry
 Nora Henry

ALPHA BETA

Dorothy Eiken

ALPHA GAMMA

LaVerne Blundell
 Lucy Crescenzo
 Sylvia Crowell
 Barbara Horton
 Eleanor Dickson

ALPHA DELTA

Gladys Siemon
 Claire Jones

Grace Saltmarsh
 Adelaide Weeks
 Sarah Weeks
 Helen Fling
 Mary Ruth Welsh
 Cordelia Jennett
 Peggy Lewis
 Lillian White
 Mary Louise Crogdsale
 Julia McKencknie
 Margaret Atteberry
 Louise Heinlein
 Winifred Beatty
 Hazel McClure
 Elizabeth McDaniel
 Winifred Douglass
 Margaret Holman
 Mildred Wood
 Catherine Day
 Mildred Thurman
 Laura Frances Cottingham
 Vada Morris
 Elsa Peabody
 Mary Ellen Hubbard
 Rowena Planck
 Annie Lee Daniel
 Esther Platt
 Blanche Baker
 Wilma Hall
 Minerva McEwan
 Elizabeth Ahrens
 Betty Gunn Prettyman
 Helen Gauldin
 Jean Sturke
 Dorothy Lee Salle
 Louise Ogilvie
 Margaret Eshelman
 Mary Agee
 Mary Jean Saxe
 Catherine Neal

ALPHA EPSILON

Genevieve Gardner
 Caroline Arrington

ALPHA ZETA

Vivian Campbell

Eloise Miller
 Elsa Erler

ALPHA ETA

Lois Shilling
 Mary Louise Silby
 Mary Virginia Madden

ALPHA THETA

Margaret Oman
 Doris Hawkins
 Eleanor Brown
 Thelma Richmann
 Margarite Glidden

ALPHA IOTA

Aileen Taylor
 Ruth Hornung
 Betty Purcell
 Lucille Meyer

ALPHA KAPPA

Marion Davidson
 Loraine Code

ALPHA LAMBDA

Betty Whiteside
 Freda Wilson Stewart

ALPHA MU

Estelle Pipkorn
 Alice Kretsinger
 Helen Morrow
 Harriet Pipkorn
 Virginia Hughes

ALPHA NU

Helen N. Moores
 Margaret Malone
 Maxine Rhoades
 Katherine Heume
 Jeanne Trout

ALPHA XI

Mabel Fowler
 Ruby Douglas
 Lula May Carter

First place in chapter representation—Sigma (61).

Second place in chapter representation—Alpha Delta (42).

Third place in chapter representation—Theta (23).

Largest chapter representation outside of Province III—Theta (23).

Largest province representation outside of Province III—Province V.

LIST OF OFFICIAL DELEGATES

Alpha—Barbara Hoyt
Beta—Dora van den Berg
Gamma—Marion Briggs
Delta—Helen Glover
Epsilon—Katherine Heberling
Zeta—Virginia Potter
Eta—Marian Kennedy
Theta—Lucille Albright
Kappa—Dorothy Fournet
Lambda—Jane Brehm
Mu—Elizabeth Pillsbury
Nu—Louise Wilhelm
Xi—Marjorie Bloom
Omicron—Margaret Leach
Pi—Janet Winter
Rho—Anne Bradfield
Sigma—Paula Cost
Tau—Naomi Van Horn
Upsilon—Ruth Stone
Phi—Elizabeth Henby
Chi—Melba Hanks
Psi—Frances Massey
Omega—Sara Jane Hess
Alpha Alpha—Dorothy Moir
Alpha Beta—Dorothy Elken
Alpha Gamma—Barbara Horton
Alpha Delta—Helen Gauldin
Alpha Epsilon—Genevieve Gardner
Alpha Zeta—Eloise Miller
Alpha Eta—Virginia Madden
Alpha Theta—Margaret Oman
Alpha Kappa—Lorraine Code
Alpha Iota—Aileene Taylor
Alpha Lambda—Betty Whiteside
Alpha Mu—Helen Morrow
Alpha Nu—Margaret Malone

ALUMNÆ

Ann Arbor—Mrs. John Wannamaker (Jeannette Walters)
Baltimore—Mrs. Robert Wagner (Hester Corner).
Berkeley—Marjorie Bridges
Boston—Mrs. E. R. Grabow (Florine Courtright)
Champaign-Urbana—Mrs. J. M. Mathews (Ruth Keefer)

Chicago—Lillian Woodworth
Cleveland—Anna Dimmick
Columbus—Bertha Schneider
Denver—Mrs. Walter Clark (Kiltee Lee Bishop)
Des Moines—Mrs. Glen Mishler (Sadie Whitney)
Detroit—Mrs. John Lynch (Edith Benson)
Fargo—Mrs. Albert Birch (Magdalena Carpenter)
Kansas City—Mrs. Marshall Dana (Dorothy Washburn)
Los Angeles—Eleanor Dickson
Madison—Mrs. Arthur G. Sullivan (Florence Scott)
Minneapolis—Mrs. A. C. Hoffman (Millicent Lees)
Nashville—Doris Hawkins
New York—Mrs. Allen Holcomb (Grace Burgard)
Oklahoma City—Mary Frances Hawk
Portland—Mrs. Kenneth Hall (Eileen Tomkins)
Reno—Ruth Curtis
St. Louis—Charlotte Robertson
St. Paul—Marie Moreland
San Francisco—Mrs. H. F. Nachtrieb (Anna Eisels)
Seattle—Mrs. C. W. Seeholzer
Springfield—Mrs. W. H. Moores
Syracuse—Dorothy Brown
Toronto—Mrs. W. L. Wallace
Vancouver—Mrs. Charles Stewart (Freda Wilson)

CONVENTION FROM BEGINNING TO END

THE FIRST DAY

THERE is nothing more exciting than the very beginning of a sorority convention; the meeting of hostesses, the greeting of old friends, the registration, and the speedy adjustment to the setting for the week's sojourn. Kansas City was no exception; and in retrospect we wonder at the efficiency and expediency with which we were pigeon-holed and ticketed and sent forth as definite personalities. All due to the carefully planned routine of our business-like committee. And after that first gay luncheon we settled down to our official program, and ushered in the great week with a meeting of province directors—only for the few—followed by an equally important alumnae meeting under the guidance of Mary Thomas McCurley. Then came the colorful, joyful dinner when Elsie Frisbie Norman, our chairman of music, gave us the first hint of what our singing convention would be. And, after the dinner, came

THE CRESCENT CEREMONY

From start to finish the 1929 convention was a splendid success. The first night was one of unusual interest. The routine of registration having been completed, this was our first opportunity to get acquainted with each other. So many lovely young girls mingling with the more sedate, but no less attractive, alumnae, inspired an earnest desire to know more about each and every one.

The formality of the dinner hour had been broken by an entertainment under the direction of Elsie Frisbie Norman, which gave us some inkling of the splendid music which we were to enjoy all through convention. Mrs. Norman is to be congratulated upon the work which she did with the Kansas and Missouri girls, and it serves to show what nearly every chapter could do under such fine leadership. Nor was the terpsichorean art neglected, for several budding artists from the entertaining chapters gave promise of a fine future. Rumor has it also that there are a number of embryo composers in this southern group.

A delightful innovation was the production of the Crescent Pageant, written by the capable secretary of Province III, Miss Nina Gresham. This beautiful service was staged by Miss Gresham,



CONVENTION STAFF

Left to right: Caroline Paxton, Marjorie Gard, Allis Haren, Elsie Norman, Dorothy Dana, LaVerne Stover, Mildred Blum, Kathryn Woodward, Louise Baltis, Fanny Simonds, Sue Linscott, Margaret Hovey.

assisted by Jennis Berry and Allis Haren. Four girls from Omicron Chapter, Allis Haren, Frances Payne, Helen Campbell, and Lucy Baker, represented our four founders, dressed in typical costumes of the seventies. In the center of the stage stood a large Crescent, containing sixty-eight electric lamps, representing thirty-five active chapters, thirty-two alumnae chapters and one light for all alumnae associations. As the service was read and the chapter roll called, a representative from each chapter, carrying a carnation and a light in her hand, stepped forward and lighted a bulb in the huge Crescent.

As a grand finale to this impressive service, when the lovely Crescent was all aglow, the members rose and more than three hundred strong joined in singing our own "Fidelity." Those of you who were unable to attend convention will readily understand the depth of feeling, which arose within us, as we bade good night to our many newly found sisters in Gamma Phi Beta.

CARRIE E. MORGAN
Gamma and Milwaukee

THE SECOND DAY

Reports. Reports. And more reports. All interesting, all vitally alive to the present opportunities and optimistically sure of future progress. An exciting luncheon made memorable by the first appearance to the *Crescent Moon*—convention daily—which was heralded and distributed by three charming newsboys. After luncheon, a detailed presentation of the sorority altruistic work, the Camp for Underprivileged Children in Colorado, along with moving pictures of the Camp.

The most interesting feature of Tuesday was the fact that for the first time at Gamma Phi Beta convention, the gathering was addressed by outside speakers—an innovation that will become a custom.

The first speaker was the Very Reverend Benjamin D. Dagwell, Dean of St. John's Cathedral, the largest Episcopal church in Denver. Dean Dagwell spoke upon the place and privilege of the college woman; her responsibility in community life; her greater obligations as a result of her greater privileges; and her fine and wholesome influence upon those with whom she comes in contact. Dean Dagwell's practical message was combined with his charming personality; and his generous offer to "act as chauffeur" should convention come to Denver, met with an instant and enthusiastic response.

Mrs. Hal Lebrecht, former grand president of Kappa Alpha Theta, spoke on "The Value of Freshman Training." Kappa Alpha Theta's fine program and splendid success in this line made the talk very acceptable; and the listeners took many notes to carry back to various chapters.

And then came Nellie Lee Holt—a diminutive member of Kappa Kappa Gamma, head of the department of psychology in Stephens College of Columbia, Missouri, and a professional speaker. Miss Holt chose as her subject, "A Young Woman Looks At Her World;" and, against a background of current thought as described by world leaders and a description of her visits to Soviet Russia, the Near East, India, and the Far East, she discussed most fascinatingly the activities and aims of new woman leaders. Miss Holt's exquisite accent, choice English, and delightful delivery made the hour with her long to be remembered. Just a word about Miss Holt—for she is an interesting personality. The youngest woman ever to receive a Master's degree from the University of Nebraska, she has devoted herself to research and study, has traveled extensively, has met the foremost thinkers of the day, and has familiarized herself with the problems and progress of the new order of womanhood. We approve of the sentiment expressed by the *St. Louis Globe-Democrat*; "Miss Holt has a rare gift of narration, and held her audience spellbound from start to finish."

And then came the Panhellenic tea in honor of members of all other sororities in Kansas City. The receiving line consisted of Mrs. Simonds, Mrs. Stover, Mrs. Woodward, Mrs. Barbour, Alice Camerer, Alice Dibble, and Lindsey Barbee with Mrs. Lebrecht and Miss Holt as guests of honor. A pleasant memory of new Panhellenic friends, delightful music, and sandwiches and cake in the form of our beloved crescent!

Everybody went to her own particular province for dinner. That is to say—each province was relegated to a certain part of the room marked by a placard. And, after dinner, all roads led to the picturesque All Saints Unitarian Church, the setting for the Memorial Service and the Initiation.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

The Memorial Service, written by Lindsey Barbee, was presented at convention for the first time in 1924, the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary, and the service was made particularly impressive because Frances Haven Moss and Helen Dodge Ferguson, our founders, officiated. Nashville alumnae and St. Joseph alumnae, with the assistance of Alpha Theta supervised this 1929 service with Elizabeth Hartwig as leaders and Jean Stingly, Doris Hawkins, and Beulah Bennett assisting. Frances Payne was in charge of the singing; and the quartet was composed of Laura Campbell (Sigma), Florence Hastings (Sigma), Cordelia Jennett (Alpha Delta) and Mary Alice Elliott (Theta).

These members have passed away since the last convention:

Alpha—Harriet Ayers Preston, Martha Goring, Millicent Hinckley, May J. Granger Chapman.

Beta—Ruth Ely Rodabough, Alice Thompson.

Gamma—Mary Clark Brittingham, Esther Browning Adams, Bertha Van Dusen Mathews.

Delta—Frances V. Ward.

Zeta—Elizabeth Peacock Sturdevant.

Theta—Mary Gallup Howe, Helen Hersey Tuthill, Chellie Stevens Wright.

Iota—Louise Kimball Ulrich.

Nu—Doris Bassett.

Xi—Edla Rice.

Omicron—Ruth Ann Perisho

Rho—Dorothy Gage, Shirley Kinney.

Sigma—Sarah Rowe Merrill.

Tau—Jessie Hutchinson Felix, Lois Hazel Long.

Phi—Georgeanne Tracy, Marion Griffith.

Alpha Beta—Dorothy Gray Adams.

Alpha Delta—Jane Welles.

Alpha Eta—Mary Elizabeth Edwards, Ruth Gregg.

Alpha Theta—Margaret Malone Blair.

INITIATION SERVICE

Following the Memorial Service came the initiation of twenty-five pledges, with Omicron Chapter officiating. On Monday, the midnight preliminary had been held for the neophytes.

Beta: Geraldine Hogan, Randolph, New York.

Epsilon: Gwen Heilman, Evanston.

Theta: Marion Dryer, Denver.

Kappa: Beverly Kenevan, Lakefield, Minnesota.

Omicron: Marion Gibson, Tulsa.

Pi: Virginia Todd, Lincoln.

Rho: Miriam Daine; Clear Lake, South Dakota; Gilberta Scott, Rochester, Minnesota; Clara Louise Wallace, Council Bluffs, Iowa; Elarka Towne, Fredonia, New York.

Alpha Delta: Helen Gualdin, Slater, Missouri; Marguerite Atterberry, Kansas City; Claire Jones, Chanute, Kansas; Julia McKecknie, Kansas City; Rowena Planck, Kansas City.

Alpha Iota: Betty Purcell, Hampton, Iowa; Ruth Hoiening; Lucille Meyer, Newport Beach, California.

Alpha Mu: Virginia Hughes, Los Angeles, California.

Alpha Xi: Mabel Fowler, Dallas; Ruby Dudley, Comanche, Texas; Lula Mae Carter, Childers, Texas.

THE THIRD DAY

Lillian Thompson arrived on Wednesday, and the chief event of the morning was her wonderful report, parts of which made us experience a decided thrill; while other parts made us ponder. At luncheon we had as an enjoyable byplay the song contest.

Another business session was followed by a delightful ride along the beautiful boulevards of Kansas City, chaperoned by the most fascinating of ballyhooers. (Our own particular bus boasted a ballyhoo whose blue eyes, pink cheeks, and golden hair upon which the most provocative of caps was perched were so alluring that we gazed at her when we should have been regarding the scenery. On reflection, we wonder how the serious motorman ever kept his eyes upon the path of duty. Maybe he didn't!) Gorgeous homes; equally gorgeous foliage; a dreamland of a golf course; beautiful Swope Park; the exquisite Swope Memorial. All of these flashed by us far too quickly; while the importance of us and of the occasion was made manifest by the gallant cops that accompanied our pilgrimage, cleared the way, and impressed upon the public the fact that we were Personages.

All journeys must have an end; and this was a delightful end. Mission Hills Country Club—a charming place with countless wide-flung doors and windows. Before we were allowed to enter, a revolutionary camera swept us into view—and the convention picture was accomplished! Inside, an informal reception was held with Mrs. Simonds, Mrs. Barbour, Alice Dibble, Emma Lowd, and Lindsey Barbee in line, each one distinguished by the most exquisite of shoulder bouquets. The long low tables in the dining room were adorned with yellow roses and blue delphinium, and at each place was a blue and yellow “noise maker” fan made by Alpha Delta; also, a luscious Martha Washington praline—the gift of Kansas City alumnae. During the dinner, an informal program was given, consisting of delightful songs from a trio composed of Russell Rizer, Phi Delta Theta, John Musselman, Phi Kappa Psi, and Mrs. Rizer at the piano; while Merle Smith, Beta Theta Pi, gave a very witty talk in which (and of course we all agreed with this!) he declared that “women are the mint of the edge of an ice tea glass or the maraschino cherry on an ice cream sundæ.”

Back to the Hotel again, this time to become interested spectators of

THE CRESCENT NIGHT CLUB

Louise Saltmarsh Baltis was in charge of the program; and from the rise of the curtain until the final act, the audience shouted and screamed and applauded. The Gamma Phi Beta Calendar presented various stages in sorority history and development; and Helen Rhoda



THE BALLYHOOSERS

Hoopes, the erudite, gained many curtain calls in her old fashioned dancing act. The four founders looked down upon us from the ovals in the background; and Elise Arbuthnot contributed the beauty of her voice. Alpha Delta's very artistic stunt showed a huge bouquet with lacy flounce and a tiny electric light in each blossom; while from behind the bouquet slipped an old-fashioned girl who joined her old-fashioned boy in a charming musical number. Crescent Pledging was also presented by Alpha Delta.

Margaret Nachtrieb in the swaying little Hawaiian dance was the surprise of the evening. Our dignified Director of Province Seven!

A rushing stunt, written and directed by Louise Baltis, was cleverly presented by Missouri girls, and again Elise Arbuthnot sang; this time, "Sweethearts on Parade." The picturesque Duncan sisters Kathryn Moore and Mary Teresa Donovan, contributed "Do Re Mi" and "My Man." Pi presented Kathryn Gallagher in an intricate clog dance, and sang a chorus "Gamma Phi Blues"—a tragic story of how money goes and whose it is. Theta did a song and dance, with Barbara Bayliss at the piano, and looked exceedingly pretty; and Elsie Norman, with an illuminated background, sang several fetching numbers. Helen Bergquist beautifully rendered "Among My Souvenirs"—changed to suit Gamma Phi Beta! The last number on the program was "Gamma Phi and the New, New House," a poem game written and read by Helen Rhoda Hoopes and illustrated by some of the Missouri girls. For the benefit of those who could not hear it and for those who wish to repeat it in their local chapters, the poem is appended.

GAMMA PHI BETA AND THE NEW, NEW HOUSE

A POEM GAME

By

HELEN RHODA HOOPES

Expression of Gratitude to a Modern Poet

Did Vachel know how much I lacked
A medium through which to burst,
He'd view this plagiaristic act,
And say, "Go on, gal, do your worst.
In direst need, it seems to happen
That thoughts are blurred and dim and scattery,
And each one of the Nine is nappin'—
And, after all, I'm fond of flattery!"

H. R. H.

GAMMA PHI BETA AND THE NEW, NEW HOUSE

(A Poem Game)

Social and Architectural Note: "The Gamma Phi Beta sorority has moved into its new chapter house on Umpty-Ump Street. The house is

built on colonial lines, and is one of the finest of the new houses erected by Greek-letter societies of the university."

Gamma Phi:

Gamma Phi Beta has builded her a beautiful new house.

I am Gamma Phi Beta.

I am Gamma Phi Beta.

I am Gamma Phi Beta.

(bows three times.)

New House:

I was the New House.

I was the New House.

I was the New House.

(bows three times.)

Gamma Phi:

It was a gorgeous house—

Everybody said so—

And if you didn't believe it,

You looked in the paper and read so,

And it was to stay beautiful,

Oh, forever'n'ever.

New House:

I really *was* beautiful.

Gamma Phi:

The New House had about five hundred windows.

Girls:

We were the windows. (Touch finger tips on heads.)

Gamma Phi:

But everybody knew

The freshmen would wash them,

Soap them and splosh them,

Until they shone like diamonds

Forever'n'ever.

New House:

Everybody knows that a house depends

On having clean windows, if you want to see your friends.

Gamma Phi:

And the New House was painted a perfectly dazzling white by about five hundred painters.

Girls:

We were the painters.

Gamma Phi:

And they painted the front porch,

And the back porch,

And they painted the pillars.

And they painted the outside of the house,

And they painted the inside of the house.

And the paint was to last

Forever'n'ever.

New House:

And then they painted all my woodwork, and every single one of my bathrooms, and all my doors, and all my stairways, a perfectly beautiful color, sort of half way between an ivory or a cream and a white, you

know; not just exactly white, but a sort of compromise between white and not white. Blended, you know, just for me, personally. It wasn't really what you might call an off-white. It was a sort of white just darkened by the faintest little bit of chiaroscuro, if you get what I mean.

(The girls have been nodding and yawning, but at the next speech they spring into action, suiting it to the word.)

Gamma Phi:

And the New House had five hundred paint scrubbers.

Girls:

We were the paint scrubbers.

Gamma Phi:

And they scrubbed in the morning
And they scrubbed at night
And they scrubbed till their hands
Were a most pathetic sight,
And they scrubbed and they scrubbed
Till that fair white paint
Could best be described
By a word like "ain't."

New House:

And right out in front of my lovely porch was the *sweetest* green lawn. It looked just like green velvet, if you get what I mean. Or perhaps more like very, very soft green plush, or that simply exquisite stuff they make evening cloaks out of now, only of course it wasn't transparent, for the grass grew awfully thick and fast.

Gamma Phi:

And the New House had five hundred lawn-mowers.

Girls:

We were the lawn mowers.

New House:

And every spring, right up in the midst of that green, green grass grew the sweetest little yellow flowers. Oh, there were simply thousands (girls groan) of these dear little golden blossoms, like little fairy faces.

Gamma Phi (grimly):

The New House had five hundred dandelion diggers.

Girls (even more grimly):

We were the diggers.

Gamma Phi:

And they dug in the morning
And they dug at noon.
They dug with a butcher-knife,
They dug with a spoon.
But though they dug so fast
You could scarcely see the motion,
They never made a ripple
In that deep, yellow ocean.
And the diggers often threatened,
When another bloom was seen,
To move to a yard that was
Concrete painted green.

New House:

Oh, I shouldn't have liked that, at all, I'm simply certain.

Gamma Phi:

The New House had five hundred floor polishers.

Girls:

We were the floor polishers.

Gamma Phi:

And they rubbed and they rubbed
Till the great floors shone,
And they polished and they polished,
And they never made a moan,
And no other house had a nicer place for feet
Than Gamma Phi Beta on Umpty Ump Street.

New House:

The way my floors looked before a party was certainly a credit to me,
if I do say it myself, my dears.

Gamma Phi:

But the house grew older (here the House begins to feel a chill. With little Lord Fauntleroy, she says to herself, Shiver my timbers, but it's a cold day; and from now on, she grows more and more rackety-packety, until at last we go past her and say with surprise, Can you imagine us ever living, actually living in that shack? And finally some one comes home and shouts, "Say! You know where we used to live? Away down there on Umpty-Ump Street? Well, they're putting a filling station right there where our living-room was. Doesn't it make you feel sorry for the girls that used to live there first?"

But we interrupted *Gamma Phi*).

But the house grew older

And sad days came.

And all the handsome furniture

No longer seemed the same

Grand, gorgeous stuff we thought it

When we went to the city

And picked it out and sent it home,

And really thought we bought it.

For the love-seat sagged

And the sofa had a hump

And the left leg of the table

Had sustained an awful bump.

And the best lamp tipped over

And the mirror got a crack,

And the man said he'd gladly

Take our new victrola back.

For we had to have a radio,

And had to have it soon.

And that horrid old piano

Just wouldn't stay in tune.

And the house needed shingles

And the door made a din;

And the down-spout leaked

And the water came in;

And there weren't enough bed-rooms

Nor half enough space

In the dining-room to give each girl

A comfortable place.

And pillars weren't stylish

And we didn't need a lawn,

And we hadn't any neighbors,

For the others all had gone

To build new houses near the
 Don't-Give-Me-The-'Umps.
 So we gave the precious *old* house
 A dozen good bumps
 That sent her to oblivion
 Almost at once.
 And anyone can see,
 Who isn't a dunce—

Alumnæ:

Hush! Hush!

Gamma Phi (aside):

(No, I won't stand hushing!)
 We have to have a new house
 Before beginning rushing.
 And we'll never need another house—

All:

Never—no, never!

Gamma Phi:

For the next house will last us
 Forever and—

All:

Forever!

THE FOURTH DAY

Alpha Delta conducted a model pledge meeting—and very model it was! After luncheon, Lindsey Barbee, chairman of the Song Contest, awarded the beautiful silver vase to Sigma Alumnæ, with Alpha Delta second, Omicron, third, and Sigma, Fourth. Emma Lowd announced that Lambda had won the publicity contest for its unusual display. And, scattered throughout the day were the thrilling bits that referred to the ever exciting subject of expansion. While in the afternoon came the election of officers with La Verne Stover as the new vice-president. All members of Mortar Board met on Thursday night for dinner—and there were twenty-three of them! Then after dinner came the Theta Play, *Then Greek Met Greek*, written by Lindsey Barbee and presented by members of Theta Chapter. Here is the program: (And before the program Mary Alice Elliott of Theta sang two very attractive numbers.)

THETA OF GAMMA PHI BETA THEATRE GUILD

Presents

Then Greek Met Greek
A Comedy of Mt. Olympus

Written by

EUGENE O'NEIL BARBEE

Under the Direction of

DAVID BELASCO H. BAYLISS

CHARACTERS

(In order of appearance)

<i>Hera</i> (with a shield)	ETHEL BARRYMORE OLINGER
<i>Hestia</i> (of conservative tendencies)	JANE COWL D. ALBRIGHT
<i>Demeter</i> (adorned with poppies)	INA CLAIRE THOMAS
<i>Poseidon</i> (wielding a trident)	DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS CULLEN
<i>Athene</i> (holding key)	JULIA MARLOWE L. ALBRIGHT
<i>Hermes</i> (a messenger boy)	CHARLIE CHAPLIN B. BAYLISS
<i>Barbara</i> (a mortal)	MAUDE ADAMS JONES
<i>Artemis</i> (wearer of the Crescent)	MARGARET ANGLIN MCKEOWN
<i>Apollo</i> (a ladies' man)	JOHN BARRYMORE VAN ORMAN
<i>Aphrodite</i> (sporting an anchor)	NAZIMOVA WINNE
<i>Eros</i> (armed with an arrow)	JACKIE COOGAN FOUSE
<i>Hebe</i> (last admitted to Pan-Hell)	MARY PICKFORD SMEDLEY

As a fitting close to the day came the very elaborate card party sponsored by Phi and St. Louis. Dozens and dozens of tables; Gamma Phi cards on every table (and the highest score at the table won the pack!); and charming Gamma Phi tallies and score pads. And such prizes as fell to the lot of the brilliant players—a French clock, a leather bag, crystal beads, crested stationery, and others equally desirable. It was great fun and a splendid way for everybody to meet everybody else. Doubtless you'd like to know how the monogrammed invitation sent to every member read:

Oh come, dear sisters true,
Come for a game of bridge, pray do,
With Gamma Phi Beta
From Alpha to Eta
From Theta to Alpha Mu.

Saint Louis and Phi of the crescent moon,
Thursday, seven and twenty of June,
A bridge will hold
For all the fold
In the light of the crescent moon.

Then come to the Ambassador,
A welcome awaits you at the door,
For Gamma Phi Beta
At half past eight o'
Will play there more and more.

THE FIFTH DAY

Old business. Unfinished business. New business. The award of the scholarship trophy to Theta with special mention of Alpha Theta. Recommendations. Closing exercises. And the gavel falls. The thirty-sixth convention of Gamma Phi Beta is over!

And at seven o'clock came the processional led by the president and the toastmistress, and followed by the chapters in order of their founding. The speakers' table was on a raised platform in the center

of the room; and long tables radiated from either side all decked in pastel colors; while at each place was the pretty pendant of white gold presented by the official jeweler, Mr. Balfour. Each speaker found a charming bouquet awaiting her. And then came

THE BANQUET

AN INITIATE'S IMPRESSION OF THE BANQUET

I wonder if an initiate's impression of convention is a wise one to portray? For, if I am truly honest, I must admit that I was so thrilled and awed throughout the entire week, each event seemingly more wonderful than those preceding, that the culmination in the convention banquet can be expressed in only one word—perfection.

We filed in as chapter roll was called, and beautifully decorated tables first claimed our attention. Soon colorful evening gowns of the latest modes, and happy beaming faces filled the room. By now probably those of you who are less fortunate and could not attend convention have seen and envied us the modern silver pendants with Gamma Phi Beta crest, which Mr. Balfour, our official jeweler, presented to each of us. Most of us doffed our seed-pearls and diamond chokers as soon as we were seated!

During dinner, which, by the way was delicious, we waxed musical. Gamma Phi songs, international and local, were sung. I suppose I should have expected it, but I was truly surprised how familiar the songs were to all of us; how voices from north, south, east, and west joined to prove again that this year's was indeed a "Singing Convention." Soon college and university songs were presented and while the larger delegations had the advantage, still the smaller groups compensated in enthusiasm for what they lacked in number.

And then came the toasts! Frankly, I am usually bored to death at banquet finales, and had certainly not anticipated much more this time—but again I was happily surprised. All of the speakers were delightful, brief yet contributing stimulating "pearls of wisdom," beautiful in expression and thought.

Our own Lindsey Barbee acted as toastmistress, and even surpassed our high expectations of her ability. Introducing and unifying various speakers is no slight task, and the ease and charm with which she accomplished this gives us further reason to be proud that she wears the crescent.

The program included the following:

TRADITION	
<i>Proposals</i>	<i>Responses</i>
Marion Briggs (Gamma)	Elizabeth Davidson Barbour (Epsilon and Chicago)
GROWTH	
Elizabeth Henby (Phi)	Eileen Tomkins Hall (Nu and Portland)

FRIENDSHIP

Genevieve Gardner
(Alpha Epsilon)

Elsie McIlroy
(Alpha Alpha and Toronto)

IDEALISM

Helen Morrow
(Alpha Mu)

Helen Rhoda Hoopes
(Sigma and Kansas City)

I wish time allowed me the privilege of congratulating and commenting on each speaker. I seemed to be the only one who suffered "stage fright," for though I had not a word to say, I felt sympathetically toward each "sister" in turn as her name was called. This fear on my part I soon learned was quite unnecessary, for, with sure and sincere voice, each speaker proved worthy of the honor bestowed on her.

I must add one more word of congratulation. How I wish every Gamma Phi could have heard our president—and could have realized anew how fortunate we are to have her services assured us for another term of office. Her personality, which has made her so endeared to us all, was well expressed in her message that night.

In addition to the planned program we enjoyed seeing and hearing from many of our best grand Presidents and others upon whom Lindsay Barbee called.

The banquet closed with the Mystic Circle and to those of us who experienced it for the first time it was indeed too impressive to express. Lighted only by the large electric crescent above the speakers table, two hundred and forty-eight Gamma Phis clasped hands in an unbroken circle to pledge anew the bonds of sisterhood. Surely just such an event must have given birth to our song "I'm Satisfied."

VIRGINIA R. HUGHES, *Alpha Mu*

THE DANCE

followed the banquet, and here the "Gamma Phi Man" was given his opportunity. And hundreds of him appeared. A festive close to a red letter day. Incidentally, Blanche Shove Palmer was among the last to leave the ballroom; and one young fellow was heard to say to his partner, "I'd like to dance with *her*." And "her" happened to be Cora Willard Frederick in her white and crystal gown. No wonder that he wanted her.

THE SIXTH DAY

All aboard for Lawrence! And one bus after another started merrily away from the Hotel. For the first time during the week, the heat became oppressive—at least to those who were accustomed to western breezes; but nothing could lessen the enthusiasm and the gay spirits of the crowd. The beautiful campus of the University of Kansas came into view; and the Sigma house on its picturesque hilltop threw open its hospitable doors to Gamma Phis from north

and south and east and west. And what a house! Spacious rooms aglow with flowers; delicious punch in the attractive dining room; a wonderful chapter room; an equally alluring upstairs. And without, the loveliest and glossiest of vines against the colonial simplicity.

Regretfully we left the house and made our way to the marvelous Spooner-Thayer Art Museum where we spent all too short a time in the contemplation of the Thayer collection of art. Indian baskets, blankets, pottery in the basement; early furniture and priceless Oriental rugs, carved jade, amber, ivory and lacquer, Korean pottery, European and Oriental embroideries and brocades, enamel, bronzes, silver and pewter, an interesting collection of Presepe dolls from Italy, glass, porcelain, lustre—all on the first floor; rare paintings and etchings on the second floor—also, wonderful old furniture, coverlets, hooked rugs, and samplers.

Then on to Memorial Union Building where a very delicious luncheon was served—the courtesy of Lawrence alumnae—whose pièce de resistance was an ice in the form of a jayhawk! Another of these Kansas birds perched by each plate. We had a fine talk from Chancellor Lindley; one from Miss Agnes Husband, dean of women; Elise Arbuthnot sang the college song, "I'm a Jay Hawk"; while our loyal Kansas girls demonstrated the Rock Chalk yell. Helen Rhoda Hoopes read some of her clever little poems (from the *Kansas City Star*).

It was a great day; and it was with sincere regret that we said our good-bys—some in front of the hotel, some at the station, and some, the next day.



IN FRONT OF SIGMA HOUSE, LAWRENCE, KANSAS

Boston delegates, Florine Grabow and Edith Hewins in the foreground. Emma Lowd, province director, on top step.

CONVENTION PAGES

THE four convention pages, Barbara Hoyt, Alpha; Gwen Heilman, Epsilon; Sara Simonds, Omicron; and Mary Ault, Tau, are all daughters of members of Gamma Phi Beta. Barbara's mother is Mable Van Winkle Hoyt of Alpha and Syracuse. Gwen's mother is Elsie May Weary Heilman of Delta and Chicago. Sara's mother is Fanny Goodman Simonds of Beta and Kansas City. Mary's mother is Nellie Woodward Ault of Theta and Fort Collins.

CONVENTION AWARDS

1. PUBLICITY

AT THE Lake Placid Convention, the sorority held the first display of chapter scrapbooks, posters, etc.; and the prize, a dozen silver spoons, was awarded to Alpha Delta Chapter. Again, in Kansas City, sponsored by Clara Taney Will, Chairman of Publicity, a contest was held for which there were many entries. The room filled with the various chapter displays, was one of the most interesting "side issues" of convention; and a survey proved both educational and enjoyable. The committee of award, consisting of Emma Lowd, Marie Moreland, and Freda Wilson Stewart, after much discussion decided upon Lambda chapter as the fortunate winner of the prize—stationery; and the Lambda book of soft leather bearing the seal of Gamma Phi Beta and beautifully and artistically compiled, deserved the honor. Chicago Alumnae Chapter won second place in the contest.

2. SONG

This contest held during the Wednesday noon hour was delightful; and the following program was presented:

1. *Sigma alumnae*. "Gamma Phi, Are You Nigh?" Words and music by Miriam LaMar Mott. Sung by Florence Harkrader Hastings, Louise Holdman Withers, Lila Martin Quinn, Marjorie Gard, Anna Lois Voights Barnes, Eleanor Hunt, and Laura Harkrader Campbell.

2. *Alpha Delta*. "Hail to Gamma Phi." Words by Margaret Lewis and Ruth Hill. Music by Chapter. Sung by Lillian White, Margaret Eshelman, Winifred Beatly, Elsa Peabody and Margaret Helman.

3. *Omicron*. "Lady of The Moon." Words and music by Sung by Beatrice Sloan, Margaret Leach, Lucy Hilton, and Frances Payne with Lucy Baker as accompanist.

4. *Sigma*. "Gamma Phi, I'll Ne'er Forget Thee." Words by Florence Harkrader Hastings. Music, "Forget Me Not" from *Birds*

of *Paradise*. Sung by Ruth Van Riper, Eunice Wallace, Elise Arbutnot, Ruth Linscott, Dorothy Stone, Ruth Swonger, Grace Vaniman, Elizabeth Limbird, Suzanne Robertson, Constance Ross, Marjorie Frink, Dorothy Graeber, Alice Brunner, Pauline Christian, Louise Corn, Mary Teresa Donovan, Mary Eleanor Haskins, Lucille Henderson, Rosemary Kinney, Kathryn Moore, Doris Burnett, Doris Bradley, and Ruth Hall.

5. *Theta*. "All We Want is Gamma Phi Beta." Words by Liberty Ewing. Music "Ships That Pass in the Night." Sung by Gwendolyn Olinger, Norma Van Orman, Wilmette Jones, Marion Thomas, Beth McKeown, Margaret Cullen, Dorothy Albright, Mary Elizabeth Fouse, Lucille Albright, Elizabeth Smedley, with Barbara Bayliss as accompanist.

6. *Epsilon*. "You Can Spot a Gamma Phi." Words by Marion Drew Waitley. Music, "Freckles." Sung by Alice Dibble, Helen Bergquist, Dorothy Will, Katherine Heberling, Helen McClarnan, Groen Heilman, Beatrice Lumley.

7. *Xi*. "Crescent Moon." Words and music by Lucille Haddock. Sung by Mary Murphy, Marjorie Bloom, assisted by Mary Peterson, Theta.

8. *Tau*. "Gamma Phi Beta Girl." Words and music by Donnelly James, brother of Frances James. Sung by Naomi Van Norn, Gertrude Hardy and Marion Dooley.

The judges of the contest were Lindsey Barbee, Margaret Nachtrieb, Marion Briggs, Florine Courtright Grabow and Grace Lewis Miller. The following points were considered—music, 30 per cent; words, 30 per cent; presentation, 30 per cent; promptness, 10 per cent. The first prize, an engraved silver vase, was awarded to Sigma alumnae; Alpha Delta placed second; Omicron, third; and Sigma, fourth.

3. SCHOLARSHIP

The coffee urn, awarded annually to the chapter having the highest scholastic average, went to Theta Chapter. Theta also holds the scholarship cup at the University of Denver. Alpha Theta was given second place.

Omicron was awarded the international distinction of a second delegate to convention for showing the greatest scholastic improvement during the past two years. Beatrice Sloan was chosen by Omicron for this honor.

The following comments are offered by the chairman of scholarship—Mildred Dimmick.

"Gamma Phi Beta has, for the past few years, given a coffee urn to the chapter that stands highest among all her chapters in scholarship. Alpha Kappa Chapter has held this prize since the convention

at Mackinac. Her standing scholastically was indeed very high. At the convention recently held at Kansas City, the award went to Theta Chapter. Theta had a very high average, 87 per cent, and has led all the other sororities on the Denver campus for the last two years. That is a record that is enviable. The sorority as a whole extends to Theta its hearty congratulations.

"Alpha Theta chapter was such a close rival of Theta in this contest, it was deemed worthy of more than an 'Honorable Mention.' So the convention presented to that chapter a pewter dish as a permanent possession.

"For the first time, Gamma Phi Beta offered a prize to the chapter making the most marked progress during a period of six semesters. The national council paid the expenses of a member of the winning chapter to convention. This prize was won by Omicron Chapter, which in 1928 stood twenty-eighth among all the groups on the campus, and in 1929 was *eighth*.

"The active chapters feel the responsibility that they bear towards the national standing of the sorority in this matter. It is very evident that our scholarship will be a matter of prime importance from now on. Without creditable standing in scholastic rank Gamma Phi Beta is not living up to one of the first purposes of the organization. All university women are a picked group. They have opportunities that many of the other women would love to have. And from this group of women Gamma Phi Beta picks a still more selected group for its members. Surely from that small group we can expect only the best in everything."

CONVENTION BUSINESS

THE business of convention was a joy to follow for although we had a big program it was carefully planned with ample time for discussion. The addresses by Mrs. Hal Lebrecht, former grand president of Kappa Alpha Theta, and Miss Nellie Lee Holt, Kappa Kappa Gamma, were not strictly a part of the business program but they broadened and clarified our outlook in such a helpful way that they deserve mention here. As for our own problems, let me run over the high spots with you. They fall naturally in two groups, those of general interest and those of particular moment to the chapters.

1. Life subscriptions for THE CRESCENT from all new members, to be paid at the time of initiation. This is a bargain proposition that the undergraduates will not fully appreciate until ten years from now, but even the graduates of four years ago were wishing it had been obligatory when they were in college.

2. The Denver Camp for Underprivileged Children which had been voted on favorably before convention is to be supported by a small per capita tax on alumnae and a group tax on Greek-letter chapters. As our funds increase similar camps may be established in other parts of the States and Canada, or the Denver Camp may be enlarged—that decision is in the future. For the present our altruistic work is the Denver Camp and of course our Lindsey Barbee Fellowship offered through A.A.U.W. for advanced work in the interest of social service.

3. Central Office is to be moved to larger quarters, to have a new filing system, and when necessary to call in extra help, part time or full time—in so far as the treasury permits. We may not have all of these changes this year, the treasurer was quite sure we would not, but at least convention said "Get what you can as soon as you can." Convention had seen pictures of Kappa Kappa Gamma's spacious offices, and not jealousy, but understanding coupled with imagination moved us.

4. Expansion came in for a big discussion. We have run the gamut from ultra-conservatives to expansionists, in which class we have been for the past five years. Some of us who could remember the turning point from conservatives to expansionists (if a point can extend over a period of years) were delighted with the change in outlook. Those who have worked with the council in no matter how small a capacity realize the need for growth. Our "pioneer" chapters in the South, the Southwest, and the Rockies spoke eloquently for nearer neighbors. No charters were granted at convention but several possibilities were fully talked over and plans were made to investigate more carefully.

5. A department of education is to be organized which will have charge of all publications of the sorority. We hope this step will lessen duplication of work and give the sorority more efficient service. It is another step toward more perfect centralization, the goal toward which we worked for years, the materializing of which in our Central Office has been proving so satisfactory. One of the first projects this department will sponsor will be a new songbook. It is to be a loose-leaf type containing the best from the old books, all the new songs with room for each chapter's local hits. The finest thing about this is that no matter how many songs we have there will always be room for one more. And perhaps never again will convention hear the biennial plea for a new songbook.

6. Scholarship, that ever-present blessing-in-disguise for the undergraduate. Much good work has been done in the past two years but only the best could be recognized on the floor of convention. The following awards for good work done were given:

Theta, Denver University, won the scholarship cup offered by the sorority to the chapter having the highest scholastic average.

Omicron, University of Illinois, showed the greatest improvement in scholarship over a two year period and was awarded a second delegate to convention.

Alpha Theta, Vanderbilt University, was such a close second that a prize was given that chapter.

To help the chapters keep up the same good work convention voted that:

(a) Any initiated member who fails in five hours will be placed on social probation until her record is passing.

(b) The chapter in the lower half of its university scholarship rating will be placed on international probation.

(c) Some form of recognition be given the chapter doing conspicuous scholastic work.

7. To aid the finances of the Greek-letter chapters convention decreed that:

(a) A uniform budgeting and auditing of house accounts be adopted with a report sent to the grand treasurer every semester.

(b) All chapter treasurers are to be bonded.

(c) Every chapter is to have reserve fund. I must add that nearly every chapter does have such a fund—the size of said fund is not our concern just now—so that convention is not forcing an extra burden on any chapter. We simply want them to keep the habit.

8. To aid chapter and province management convention voted that:

(a) Every Greek-letter chapter is to have an alumna advisor elected by the chapter from a list presented by the *alumnæ*. All the chapters have some *alumnæ* supervision procured by one means or another, but no longer can there be any question as to who selects whom.

(b) The province directors will be appointed by the grand council, the appointments to be made from lists submitted by the Greek-letter and *alumnæ* chapters.

As a whole the results of our meetings have been most gratifying. Convention cared for immediate needs even to typewriters for the province directors and helpful legislation in chapter details at the same time that the delegates voted with a vision for continued expansion, the improvement of Central Office, help for the treasury and THE CRESCENT, and the untried field of a department of education.

MARGARET NACHTRIEB, *Kappa*

CONVENTION-ALITIES

WHO can forget:
Rowena Planck, she of the Mona Lisa smile and silver
slippers.

"Pep" Baltis' pep.

Kathryn Woodward's omniscience and LaVerne Stover's omni-
presence.

Gladys Borland in her violet gown.

Barbara Bayliss at the piano.

Elsie Arbuthnot's voice.

Alpha Delta's spirit.

Elsie Norman's genius.

The singing.

The Alpha alumnae.

The bally hooers.

The coupon books.

The dinner at Mission hills.

The procession that filed into the dining room on the night of the
banquet.

The rainbow hues that dotted the green lawn of the Sigma house.

The crowd around the Balfour tables.

The elevator doing a rush business.

The bus that broke down.

The view at night from the roof garden.

And a lot of other things!

There is the convention staff and this is but an inadequate tribute
to their efficiency, their thoughtfulness, and the perfection of their
plans.

Director of Province III—Kathryn Allen Woodward.

Chairman—LaVerne Bronaugh Stover.

Registration—Marjorie Garlinghouse Gord.

Hospitality—Fanny Goodman Simonds.

Publicity and *Crescent Moon*—Caroline Harkrader Paxton.

Transportation—Margaret Lodge Hovey.

Entertainment—Louise Saltmarsh Baltis.

Hotel Arrangements—Mildred Odell Blum.

Initiation and Crescent Moon Ceremony—Allis Haren.

Memorial Service—Laura Frances Cottingham.

Menu and Decoration—Sue Mason Linscott.

Bridge Party—Mary Louise Tayman.

Banquet—Dorothy Washburn Dana.

Music—Elsie Frisbie Norman.

A word about the transportation committee. Think of a car al-
ways at your disposal, and willing Gamma Phi husbands ready to

transport belated maidens to trains that were scheduled to depart in a few moments. Individually and collectively they deserve extra stars in their crowns.

Gladys Wilkerson Laurence, Pi, who is the editor of the Delta Omicron magazine, stopped for one day, en route to the Delta Omicron convention.

Jane Emerson Miller, charter member of Beta Chapter, and much loved godmother of Alpha Delta came for the banquet.

Perhaps the most historic pin at convention was that of Carrie Morgan, Gamma, nearly an inch wide and jeweled with garnets and pearls.

Virginia Hughes, one of the initiates, and a member of Alpha Mu is assistant dean of women, psychology instructor, and chaperon of the undergraduate dormitory of Rollins College, a graduate of Mills College where she was president of student government, athletic star, and art editor of the annual. She received her master's degree after one year at Teachers' College, Columbia.

Five grand presidents in addition to the presiding officer attended convention: Cora Willard Frederick, Alpha, 1897; Emma Lowd, Delta, 1902; Lillian W. Thompson, Beta, 1903; Carrie E. Morgan, Gamma, 1915-1919; Lindsey Barbee, Theta, 1919-1924.

The "dress rehearsal" of the Theta play held in the room of one of the girls, demanded—apparently—that the voices be "thrown" and tested. A pathetic note found at the door, read something like this: "Pity three tired bachelors who *must* sleep in order to earn their daily bread."

Elizabeth Ahrens, Alpha Delta, one of the convention committee, has had a most distinctive honor—a trip around the world bestowed by the department of journalism of the University of Missouri upon its two most outstanding students. And Elizabeth was one of them!

A gavel was presented by Kathryn Woodward to Mrs. Barbour at the first meeting in behalf of the entire convention.

Province III especially was distinguished for its fine variety of scholastic honors during the year, some of which are tabulated:

Alpha Theta—Winner of scholarship cup at Vanderbilt University.

Ruth Van Riper, Sigma, and Vaille Dry, Omicron—Order of Coif, highest legal honor. Ruth already passed her bar examination in both Kansas and Missouri.

Elizabeth Ahrens, Alpha Delta—Elected to Kappa Tau Alpha, journalistic fraternity.

Mary Ellen Hubbard, Alpha Delta—Elected to L.S.V., senior honorary society, to which only four women are elected annually.

Phi Beta Kappa—Margaret Oman, Alpha Theta; Mary Doolittle, Omicron; Vaille Dry, Omicron; Mildred Wood, Alpha Delta; Ruth Swonger, Sigma; Constance Nuckles, Sigma.

Mortar Board—Beatrice Sloan, Omicron; Ruth Van Riper, Sigma; Ruth Swonger, Sigma.

Omicron Chapter made the greatest improvement in scholarship, raising its place on the campus from twenty-eighth to seventh.

Mrs. Aurelia Gibbons and Mrs. Eileen Sullivan of the Kansas City Chamber of Commerce helped to make convention a success. We appreciate their efficiency and their loyalty.

“AMONG OUR SOUVENIRS”

*Treasures that we gained each day,
Symbols of Convention play,
Now we lay them all away*

Among our Souvenirs.

1. A paper disk on a brown ribbon, with a name and chapter on the disk.

2. A book of coupons which we always were forgetting.

3. An official program in brown and gold with tasselled cord.

4. A large Memory Book of heavy brown paper—monogrammed—in which there were blank pages all ready to receive whatever souvenirs came our way. (Even tubes of paste in the hotel rooms!)

5. Program for the “Mixer” which followed the Crescent ceremony. One of them (and all were different) read:

1. Find someone from Xi and introduce her to someone from Omicron.

2. Get signatures of three active girls.

3. Introduce yourself to an alumna from St. Joseph.

4. Find three married girls and write their maiden names here.

5. Ask a girl from Delta how many girls in her chapter.

6. Write as many as you can of the names of people present.

6. The four copies of *Crescent Moon*.

7. A tiny scroll, tied with brown ribbons, bearing the names of convention delegates.

8. A “noise maker” fan in blue and yellow.

9. A program of Crescent Night Club.

10. A program of the Theta Play.

11. Gamma Phi Beta tally card.

12. Banquet toast card.

13. Pendant and chain of white gold, bearing the sorority crest.

14. A Jay Hawk in Kansas colors.

CONVENTIONAL PERSONALITIES OR A PERSONAL CONVENTION?

IF THERE are conventional persons, then assuredly there are personal conventions. And if conventional personality ever seemed a paradox, certainly personalities were paradoxically conventional in the land of Gamma Phi and its Crescent Moon, June 24-29. But at this point we must revise Webster's to meet our own chosen usage.

Yes, Kansas City was indeed the land of Gamma Phi! The hotel was ours; the city newspapers seemed to be ours; the parks and busses were ours; Mission Hills was ours. In fact, even the air was absorbed by Gamma Phi Beta, as the week waxed hotter and hotter to Saturday afternoon. Nor was Kansas University less ours. We even chartered its Union, its charming Prexy and his wife, for a mid-day. Yet we came away with our personalities all the more personal, as the conventional that had never been "conventional" slipped from us.

I am wondering, as I write from under the very towers of old Yale and its magnificent Harkness, its elms, and its lovely "Green,"—I wonder. Is our Crescent pin, our Gamma Phi Beta a fairy wand that taps individuals and brings them to the castle where personality grows and becomes radiant in them? Or is Gamma Phi a Cumæan Sibyl who sits prophetically foreseeing personality and plucks it to have as her own? Probably both, for all who were "high upon the roof-top" that gloriously cool June morning when Elizabeth Barbour bewitchingly smiled at us before she brought down her sure and efficient gavel that opened the thirty-sixth biennial convention of Gamma Phi Beta know what personality is, how it infects everyone, in fusing of itself into them. Will that first thrill ever come again to those who experienced their first convention—that thrill in a sudden ecstatic conviction that all of our ideals and dreams have been true, that we are a uniquely efficient, wonderfully intelligent, and a charmingly vivacious modern group of girls and women, alive to every social and academic responsibility and need? Indeed I can only send back the message to those who stayed at home—some by necessity, some, alas, by sheer choice, others, still more alas, by neither—that not until they attend an international conclave of Gamma Phi Beta will they ever be perfect Gamma Phis, or will they know the vision, the ideals, the traditions that have alone made us what we are and that cling into the personalities we have fostered among us.

I say "fostered." For who but Mother Gamma Phi could keep Elizabeth Barbour's playful smile alive while she keeps her eye vigilant to every breath and every need of every child of Gamma Phi? And what other magazine but her own child—THE CRESCENT

—could keep our seductive Lindsey Barbee's romantic touch on life? How else account for the purple, violet, lavender tints in the cheeks of our Pansy Blake?

But when I think of the youth of these women, I think, too, at once, of those elegant, dignified women of Alpha, in their richly plain or elegantly lovely white or black and white—those women whom it is an inspiration for all of us, especially the co-ed of 1929, to know. Why they, particularly? Because Alpha of Gamma Phi came again to convention faithfully, as she ever has, to teach us that the traditions of charm and grace—the tradition of the elegance and loveliness and poise of womanhood is alive in flesh and blood in Gamma Phi, to rival the charms of the co-ed of 1929. And you will find her now—that Alpha tradition—in the Yellowstone, now, in Kansas City, and in Syracuse. And sometime, if you ever chance to wander into my favorite little hotel in the Rue Cambon you will find her there, chatting, perhaps, in lovely chiffons—her diamonds sparkling no more than her eyes. Can I mean any other than Blanche Shove Palmer?

Were I an orphan it seems to me that I should ask two others of that Alpha tradition to adopt me, for then I should know that I had two Gamma Phi mothers, indeed, in those two sweet-faced, white-haired sisters, the charming Mrs. French and the charming Mrs. Schauffler.

And when I need a travelling companion who will be a good sport for every surprise on the road I shall look for Mrs. Fredrick. And I should undoubtedly find her with Mrs. Palmer, just about to stay on to play, at a newly-discovered hotel, or ready for a trip to the Land of the Midnight Sun, or whatever whimsie may suggest.

Now I must whisper a word in the ears of the girls of 1915-1917 or thereabouts, in the middlewestern chapters. Do you remember how dignified, how reserved, how very academically cultivated we thought Margaret Nachtrieb, those years she came to look us over? So dignified that we scarcely breathed during the days of her visits, lest we should appear rude or crude or ill-bred? Well, she can still "do that" when she wants to be proper. But grip her copper-tanned arms, pinch her slender form emerging from a saffron-green, sleeveless ensemble. Yes, she is real. Fill in a background Hawaiian. Place her arms akimbo. Twist some reeds around her waist and head. Now watch her suddenly begin to dance. Dance, did I say? Well, she will move and writhe until you will creep before her on the beach at Waikiki. Who subtler than our versatile, withal-learned Margaret? Apologize for all your old notions.

Nor is her mother less versatile than she. And a vital force in Gamma Phi, as her delegated authority from Berkeley proved. And

she moved about among us like the "Alpha tradition," almost though hers is a Minneapolis breeze that moved coastward.

Minneapolis! What memories it brings, of those who have made Gamma Phi grow through the years! And just as I was looking about a second morning, as I had that first morning looked about the dining room, five minutes after my arrival, for the one woman whose inspiration I carry with me in Gamma Phi—Eleanor Sheldon Myers of Ann Arbor—whom should I choose to greet without introduction but her own past chief of staff—our former keen, quiet, clear-sighted grand president—Carrie Morgan. In meetings she was not many times on her feet speaking. Yet I watched her interestedly. Nothing escaped her. Gamma Phi still feels her presence and uses her earnest help. And in their Ann Arbor homes Eleanor Sheldon Myers, Mabelle Leonard Douglas, Hardy Adams, and Grace Collins Breakey keep the torch high, we can rest assured, however, much we missed them at convention.

Where, too, the other old familiar faces—Laura Latimer Graham, Mary Clark Brittingham, Katharine Taney Silverson? Wisconsin has lost Mrs. Brittingham forever, except as a memory of one who led them for more than forty years. Mrs. Graham and Mrs. Silverson breathed about us, though not in person.

But listen! The smile is drawing us into our places. The gavel descends. Another rapid-fire efficiency meeting, beside which a man's bombastically oratorical convention would look Rotarian indeed. Who is the patient-looking woman whose face bespeaks loyalty, wisdom, and judicial ability, who sits at Elizabeth Barbour's left? Neophyte, for shame! Study your lesson! Emma Lowd, of course. "Question"—that very abominable device to end a perfectly necessary discussion—suddenly quivers the atmosphere at a crucial moment. It comes from the sparkling-eyed wizard of convention hospitality, the tactful, sagacious, charming Kathryn Woodward of Kansas City, whose quickly reacting judgment and intelligence impressed me at once. Miss Lowd as quickly as asked renders a decision on the right of a nondelegate to wield the "question." Whom do I now hear? Can I mistake her—that big, fine spirit speaking power, geniality, and warmth around her wisdom? Margaret Younger has risen to analyze the subject so tersely from all angles that nothing more need be said. But we shall listen to her talk again, at Kansas Union, for she knows where fields for Gamma Phi bloom roseate.

Sh— sh—! A hotly waged argument is on! The writer herself is again on her feet, pleading for a broader, more tolerant consideration of the women in a big eastern university. And now, quietly, from a corner at the back she rises—that tall, queenly figure whom I had early singled out as one who, behind her outward poise, is the

real friend—broadly understanding, sympathetic. She is speaking now, quietly, briefly, of sons at this eastern university of which she is proud. This regal woman is Florine Grabow, of Swampscott, delegate from Boston; a charming social leader; mother of charming daughters, too; musician; writer—loyal Gamma Phi.

And now the actives are at it! Elizabeth Barbour in winking her eye in our direction as the little girl from Vanderbilt drawls charmingly out, "Well, we just caw-nt pay it." Again I am on my feet—can't help but be—to show her that we all can and must pay it, that it means but redistribution of our funds. The motion carried, crushing all of poor little Vanderbilt's hopes, but not her personality.

Can a whole day have gone by? (Gamma Phi Beta seems also unlimited by time as well as space!) Mrs. Sullivan's pretty face is before us. She is explaining, in the very assured aristocratic viewpoint of Gamma, why she disapproves some new expansion program. I can understand, sympathetically, though I do not share her opinion, for I, too, even in young Pi, have seen the crude errors we young chapters make.

Again, in a province director's meeting, at which I was honored to be a guest, I heard her viewpoint. Conservative to some of us, she and the finely poised Mrs. Hoffman of Minneapolis? Possibly a bit, yes. But one of those Gamma women who have stood firm as the backbone and fiber of the exclusive aristocracy of which Gamma Phi must always be proud. And in Mrs. Sullivan I could see something of Ruth Weeks, of Beta—a Kansas City hostess absent in person. Both have a Maude Adams sort of charm. Mrs. Hoffman and Mrs. Sullivan linked well into a little chain of sweet assurance and poise. To them some of us younger chapters have looked like a barbaric horde descending. Yet they are beginning to like us, they will admit.

Here I am, not half ready to close my eyes to that convention picture, for I have not yet begun to finish the scene of striking personalities. Over there in front of me is that pretty girl, Marjorie Bridge, whose white or green sports-chic clothes are crowned by a glorious wave of golden, auburn, titian-rayed hair. Active or alumna? Berkeley, and alumna, though difficult to believe. She must play tennis with Helen Wills. Or is she of the Theater Guild? Guess again! She has an out-of-door studio! No wonder. The artistic creeps out of every fiber of her radiant personality.

On my wall is one of those charming antique maps of the world. I cannot look at it without a vision of a dark-eyed, tall young woman springing at us like a beautifully harmless garden serpent whose hiss is more alarming than her bite—a veritable Cleopatra of the Nile. Yes, of the Nile her green costume, her Oriental ear pendants. And, indeed, she shows us Rome of Gamma Phi Beta melting into the Tiber because we haven't been studying our maps of conquest, our

world empire! And even as she speaks the stars in our constellation suddenly twinkle and burn before us! She is the wizard—the magician—bewitching me into a growing love of maps—Marie Moreland of Minneapolis.

And now that geography pulls my eyes southward I hear that plaintive, soft musical drawl—so plaintive that it still pleads into my soul, “Please, please don’t forget us poor little things down there all alone.” I shall surely never forget that charming Southern girl, Margaret Oman.

And though I am looking forward toward the presidential chair, still I am never forgetting those staunch, loyal Beta women of Kansas City—Marie Goodman and Fanny Goodman Simonds. Where would convention have been, without them? How would we have known the clever, terpsichorean, historic, and literary wives of four versatile Lady Vachel Lindsay Hoopes, alias Helen Rhoda Hoopes, had it not been for those very two sisters who tired not till they showed us Sigma of Gamma Phi? And still not less a thought to remember: Could the thirty-sixth convention have hung together without that indefatigable, beautiful, little page—Sarah Simonds—who first showed us her personality by choosing Omicron as her chapter, a defiant gesture against her parental abode? Has Sarah still legs on her body, after all her running and paging? I hope so, but gravely fear for her late summer health.

Nor have I forgotten one who sits always near to the heart and center of Gamma Phi, one always prompt to help and tell another whatever she may wish to know, for this one knows everything. Thoroughness, loyalty, devotion to every thing she does, with genuine affection for every Gamma Phi, efficient to a self-sacrificing degree; all this spells Nina Gresham, one of our efficient province officers.

But my eyes are getting blurred—I still see so many figures looming at me. And I yearn to write a personal letter this very moment to that grand friend and devotedly sympathetic soul whom every Gamma Phi must love—one of the calmest and most poisedly efficient women I have ever met—my roommate, who suffered in silence my every whim and vagary, my every little unintended thoughtlessness: Bertha Schneider. Bertha seemed, superficially, to be at convention only to learn, for she has that rare art of listening and of silence. Yet little would the novice realize how thoroughly Bertha Schneider could dispense to her every secret of Gamma Phi.

From Nina and Bertha thoughts somehow turn back to the Grand Council table, where I see Gladys Borland sitting, again in some charming ensemble of white or lavender-violet, her glorious hair like a halo around her patient thoughtful face, her head held aristocratically high. She looks as though she were about to rise with that little dashy turn, to comment upon some misinformation or to supple-

ment with explanation. Beside her is Alice Dibble, poised as for flight, ready to call the roll in her clear, waiting voice. Suddenly in the midst of the roll I hear a nearby voice rising out of statistical treasury columns. It seems to prove the acumen in her brain as, bespeaking Alice Camerer, it says: "Don't forget that you are going to have money to pay for all of these things you are so rapidly voting."

I have seemed to see them—these princesses and queens of Gamma Phi Beta—only in the midst of business. But "high upon that rooftop" other things were brewing. In this convention hall, newspaper office, railroad station, restaurant, banquet hall, page's lobby all in one, little dramas were enacted. And even into the serious business there were dramatic exits and entrances. First of these was the late but certain arrival of a sweet-faced, somewhat small and slender, fragile woman. Gone almost as unexpectedly as she had come she had brought a big, big vision and many messages. I mean our Panhellenic delegate—Lillian Thompson.

And last, Lindsey! From her spirited allegorical report that fanned a fresh breeze of romance into a serious business meeting and proved that even dull facts may be made positively exciting, to her skill and sagacity in securing three brilliant and charming speakers, on to her queenly brilliancy in the rôle of toastmistress, Lindsey was constantly our inspiring wit, our thoughtful and understanding sympathizer, our leader and our friend. As I think of her and then of our present charming president, then back to Carrie Morgan and to those others I was not privileged to know, and then back to that lovely silver-haired spirited mother of Omicron, and mother of every Gamma Phi Beta in our international sorority—Mrs. Frances E. Haven Moss—whom I learned to know and to love when at Illinois—I am thrilled and re-thrilled to be a Gamma Phi!

CONSTANCE MIRIAM SYFORD, *Pi*

THE LAND OF THE CRESCENT MOON

We claim an age of magical device.
Men fly as birds against a turquoise sky;
A few taut wires ensnare the vibrant air
Made vocal; while a shining metal disc
Holds in its depths the golden voice of song.
What wonder if, on wings of fancy free
We soar through whirling spheres and starry skies
To that far distant land of heart's desire,
Of love and friendship—our own Crescent Land.

Toastmistress LINDSEY BARBEE

I.

Through the rosy glow of morning,
Through the golden light of noontide,

Through the purple dusk of evening,
Through the silver of the moonlight,
Gleam the mountains of our domain,
Strong and steadfast and eternal,
Symbolizing in their greatness,
All the glory of *tradition*.

Proposal MARION BRIGGS, Gamma
Response ELIZABETH DAVIDSON BARBOUR, Epsilon and Chicago

Song "List! The Watchword"

II.

'Gainst the velvet of the heavens,
Like a golden bird of passage,
Lies our Crescent Land of promise,
With its slender shafts uplifted,
Pointing upward, ever upward,
Guiding onward, ever onward,
Glimmer of a hope transcendent,
Symbol of a *growth* eternal.

Proposal ELIZABETH HENBY, Phi
Response EILEEN TOMKINS HALL, Nu and Portland

Song "The Gamma Phi Pin"

III.

Through the cool and shady forest,
Winds a way of rainbow flowers;
And within each perfect blossom
Lurks a wee, enchanting fairy.
Straight and tall among her courtiers
Reigns the queen, our fair carnation;
Poised upon her rosy beauty
Is the fairy we call—*friendship*.

Proposal GENEVIEVE GARDNER, Alpha Epsilon
Response ELSIE MCILROY, Alpha Alpha and Toronto

Song "Fidelity"

IV.

Clear, against the golden background,
Stands the Maiden of the Crescent.
Past and present pay their tribute,
While her hope is in the future.
In her eyes, the glow of friendship;
In her heart the love of service;
In her hands the gift of labor;
In her life—*idealism*.

Proposal HELEN MORROW, Alpha Mu
Response HELEN RHODA HOOPES, Sigma and Kansas City

Song "We're Gamma Phis Forever"

POST CONVENTION MESSAGES

ALPHA

ALL I can say is that convention was far beyond any expectation I had, and was a beautiful inspiration, as each day the true meaning and significance of Gamma Phi Beta was revealed.

BARBARA HOYT

BETA

More Gamma Phis than one ever dreamed there could be—all together—and everyone a real Gamma Phi, left me still in wonder after a marvelous convention. It was my first (but *not* my last) and, therefore, all the more wonderful. It multiplied many, many times the Gamma Phi spirit with which I went to Kansas City—and sends me back to Beta loaded with new ideas, and old ones made shining, because in convention comes the realization of true Gamma Phi Beta.

DORA VANDEN BERG

DELTA

My strongest impression of convention was one of greatness.

I never realized how far reaching is the circle of Gamma Phi Beta until I went to convention. In the first place I never knew the greatness of this country of ours. Just think! It took me nearly thirty hours to reach the Mississippi River. The train didn't move slowly at that. Never before had I been outside of New England, so you can easily see what a revelation it was to me.

That first night of convention as I took part in the Crescent ceremony the greatness of the sorority quite overwhelmed me. Girls from east and west and from north and south arose to touch the Crescent with their carnations. The Crescent glowed with warm light. It seemed as if the carnations of Gamma Phi Beta were fairy wands. Each one of those lights represented a chapter; the chapters of United States and Canada. Then as we all sang together "Oh Gamma Phi Beta" I was truly inspired. What a glorious, strong, and closely united group we are! We have the same ideals, the same spirit, the same love for Gamma Phi Beta. May the Crescent ever guide us on!

HELEN GLOVER

EPSILON

Scope of territory covered by the international organization and similarity of chapter interests were, to me, the points which were most clearly brought out during the sessions of this year's conven-

tion. It is really awe-inspiring to consider the area which the international organization of Gamma Phi Beta controls; its jurisdiction, in fact, extends farther over the continent than does that of the United States' government itself. As to the similarity of chapter interests, I found it remarkable to a degree that the problems, their solutions, and the achievements of a chapter in the southeast corner of the Gamma Phi Territory could be so like those of a northeast group. Only on our continent—and in the northern part of it, at that—could such an organization, with such similarity of language, interests, and opportunities, be possible.

I consider my membership in our organization a real and lasting privilege, not only in its international aspect, but as well for its local significance.

KATHERINE HEBERLING

THETA

One of the things that most impressed me at the 1929 convention was the love and loyalty which membership in Gamma Phi Beta is able to inspire and to retain throughout the years. It certainly was an inspiration to be able to see the newly initiated and the experienced alumnae planning together so enthusiastically for the future enrichment of our sorority. I became aware more vividly than ever before of the firm foundation upon which Gamma Phi is based that enables it to endure and to prosper. One of the greatest pleasures was meeting the national officers and other distinguished alumnae of whom we have heard since pledge training.

LUCILLE ALBRIGHT

KAPPA

A dimly lighted room—girls in pretty bright dresses are seen hazily in the background; soft music—a sweet voice telling about Gamma Phi. As each chapter is called, a maiden steps daintily forward and lights her part of the great Crescent of Gamma Phi Beta. The dull background is now changed into our Crescent with lights from Alpha to our newest Alpha Nu, and all the dear alums. We are now stretched out in every direction and may the Crescent of Gamma Phi always shine as brightly as at the Crescent Moon ceremony.

DOROTHY FURNET

LAMBDA

Who could possibly put her impressions of convention into one short paragraph?—perhaps a shorthand expert or a heiroglyphics major but certainly not I who would have a hard time limiting

them to a volume. The idea that the business meetings would be interesting had never occurred to me and the thought that I would get all hot and bothered not to mention violently wrought up over such questions as expansion, elections and freshman training was also beyond my feeble intelligence. The fact that Alice Dibble is not an old lady also stunned me but the crowning blow was the meeting of the actives—I felt just as though I were in my own Lambda Chapter meeting and each delegate was as indispensable to the sorority and as worthy of Gamma Phi Beta as we think our own girls are. This, my first convention made me prouder to be a Gamma Phi than I have ever been before. Start saving your pennies, everybody, so you can come to the next one and see for yourself!

JANE BREHM

Xi

The Crescent ceremony which took place Monday night, June 24, was a fitting beginning to such a week as that last week in June. Written and conducted by Nina Gresham, it depicted the growth of our sorority and made each delegate feel that her link in the chain was of added significance. From Alpha to Alpha Xi we saw how Gamma Phi Beta has expanded and become the great international organization it now is, and as the alumnae chapters turned on their lights we realized how much brighter they make our sisterhood. The beauty of the lighted Crescent enhanced the thrills of the rest of the week and lent a light that even the Ambassador officials could never have given the roof garden.

MARJORIE BLOOM

OMICRON

Gamma Phi Beta in convention assembled was a never-to-be-forgotten experience. The impression of the greatness of our sorority, its dignity and beauty will remain for many years in the minds of all who attended. We who are still in college and had been thinking of Gamma Phi Beta in the sense of its being something of four or five years interest were most effectively disillusioned. Charming women from all over the United States and Canada, all belonging to one sisterhood, made one feel the strength and vastness of Gamma Phi Beta and made one realize what an honor it is to be a member of our sorority.

MARGARET L. LEACH

Pi

The thirty-sixth biennial convention of Gamma Phi Beta has come and gone, and it has left with those of us who were privileged

to attend, wonderful memories to be cherished and taken with us through the years to come. The experiences we enjoyed together in this convention are not ones to be easily forgotten, but instead they will serve as an inspiration to even greater loyalty and devotion, and will remind us of the amazing strength and range of our sorority. Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta gathered from every corner of this great country of ours, and some even came from other countries. They left homes and positions to spend one glorious week together—exchanging ideas, solving problems, meeting new friends, and renewing old friendships. How can we who were guests, express to those who could not be there, the gracious hospitality of our charming hostesses? It seems almost impossible to describe the excellent way everything was planned and managed even to the last detail. From the minute we were so cordially welcomed in the depot to the last minute of our stay in Kansas City, we had every comfort possible, and were royally entertained. Our hostesses deserve worlds of praise in their success of making that week a glorious one. The presence of some very distinguished older Gamma Phis loaned charm and prestige to the occasion. How very proud their chapters must be to claim them—some of them personal friends of our beloved founders. I felt it a great privilege to hear of the experiences of our early chapters, and to meet these women who have seen our sisterhood grow from a small group to its present size and power. But the greatest power of convention, it seems to me, is the feeling of closeness to national and of unity with the other chapters. Chapters think in local terms far too much, and convention is most valuable in getting them away from that idea—and of impressing them with the true sense of relationship with the other groups of Gamma Phi Beta.

JANET WINTER

SIGMA

Just two months ago convention was opening and now, looking back, it is the farewells I remember most vividly. After the last party—*our* party at Lawrence—we stood on the walk in the hot sunshine and watched the huge busses carry away our newly found Gamma Phi friends. There were hands waved and good-bys called, but for a few minutes it seemed dreadfully lonesome, as though you all were gone out of our lives forever. Now, writing to Lindsey Barbee, I feel that I am with you all again, seeing you and talking to you. And my impression of convention is of a week that attained immortality, always to live in memory, to ripen in love to be rich in results.

PAULA COST

TAU

The fact that Gamma Phi Beta is gaining in international consciousness was strongly impressed on me by convention. The statement made by many that sororities are quickly dissolved when one leaves college was proven false by the great number of alumnae present at convention. The steps taken for advancement in social enterprises, sorority improvements, and expansion show Gamma Phi Beta to be a strong international sisterhood that will offer us ready made friends wherever we go.

NAOMI VAN HORN

CHI

To me the most impressive happening of the convention was the Crescent ceremony, in which each chapter delegate in order of installation stepped up to the crescent moon and turned the globe which furnished the light for her chapter.

It was an inspiring sight, which, I know, must have deeply thrilled all present. It impressed upon me more strongly the relation of individual chapters to the whole—the national organization.

MELBA HANKS

PSI

What a surprise to see so many Mortar Board pins! There were girls from California, from New York, and Oregon—and how strange it seemed to see them all seated together—girls numbering over thirty—dining together and discussing just what Mortar Board was doing and how and when and why. There was the Washington delegate who told of the annual dance in honor of the members—of the dinners given by the sororities for them and of course we told of the Oklahoma Mortar Board Walk that starts the year's activities. Each one added some new idea; one even told of the songs her chapter sings. Finally someone said that when Kappa Alpha Theta convened in California the organization felt quite proud of having just one half the number that Gamma Phi boasted at that dinner. Now, the dinner hour was short but the impression was lasting and one of the most enjoyable and valuable incidents of convention lingers in my memory.

FRANCES MASSEY

OMEGA

What could be a greater inspiration to a convention delegate than the realization of the broad scope of her sorority? To find that from Maine to California and from Florida to Canada so many hearts are bound by the same ties and ideals is, indeed, an inspiration. Then, just stop to consider that there is the brunette, the

blond, the athlete, the scholar, the aggressive, the meek, the liberal, and the conservative all bound closely together into one great organization. And, what is this organization that can hold its members with such a strong bond of friendship and loyalty to each other? There is but one answer,—the International Gamma Phi Beta.

SARA JANE HESS

ALPHA ALPHA

Each day brought a new thrill; but the climax was reached with the formal banquet on Friday—at least so it seemed to me. Never shall I forget that glorious assemblage; and the pride which had been growing within me all during the week increased by leaps and bounds as I once more looked around and realized that these were all my sisters. I almost had to pinch myself to make sure I was not dreaming. It all seemed too wonderful to be true; and then came the toasts. Inspired by our most worthy toastmistress and those who proposed and responded to the toasts, we all rose and drank as never before to tradition, growth, friendship, and idealism, each in turn—all of these in the Land of the Crescent Moon. But alas! Time flies, and all too soon our banquet was a thing of the past leaving only a memory to be cherished.

Congratulations, Province Three.

DOROTHY MOIR

ALPHA BETA

Of course pages could be written on every little phase of convention but that which most impressed me was the realization of the international Gamma Phi Beta. To be seated at meetings on meals and have on one side a girl perhaps from Florida and on the other, one from Vancouver, and to know that we were all a part of a big circle gave me my greatest thrill—and a feeling way down in my heart which shall never leave me.

DOROTHY ELKEN

ALPHA GAMMA

Convention! A goal achieved, a contact established which cannot but bring unity to Gamma Phi Beta International. Something which will always live in the hearts of those who attended, and which to me meant a glorious fulfillment of a cherished dream.

BARBARA HORTON

ALPHA DELTA

The first Gamma Phi Beta convention that I have attended impressed me greatly in all of its aspects. I was, however, especially pleased with the way in which business and pleasure was combined. Convention was not a round of social affairs, nor of business ses-

sions. The meetings were held by an assembly from widely scattered places. Their views differed much, yet they largely ignored personal viewpoints and favored that which would be of most benefit to the international sorority, rather than to local chapters. And, just as their opinions were made to coincide, the several hundred girls, of every type, made themselves agreeable to and co-operative with their sisters who were, in one way, strangers—yet, not strangers for all began and ended convention with a common object—the betterment of the entire sorority. It seemed to me that throughout the week a spirit endured that made everyone forget *self* and strive to be not so much a member of a different chapter as a member of one chapter—International Gamma Phi Beta.

HELEN GAULDIN

ALPHA ETA

Although everything concerning convention was simply glorious, I truly believe that the greatest enthusiasm came from the wonderful songs. The singing added a finishing touch to each phase of convention, social, business, and dramatic. Each of us who attended the Plantation Dinner at the Mission Hills Country Club will recall, as I do, the thrill we felt when at the closing we sang "Gamma Phi, I'll Ne'er Forget Thee." Can we ever forget the clever song contest, conducted by Elsie Frisbie Norman? It is certainly that most of the convention delegates carried away with them, as I did, many delightful songs, new to their chapters. I am positive also, that the fraternities will be pleased with the new sweetheart songs which will be ideal for serenades. Can any rushee turn down a bid when she hears the Gamma Phis sing "We Think You're Absolutely Wonderful." I believe that each chapter is as anxiously awaiting the new songbooks as Alpha Eta. Then, perhaps more Gamma Phi Beta chapters will win cups from intersorority sings, as well as scholarship cups!

VIRGINIA MADDEN

ALPHA THETA

Convention is inspiring to everyone but it *must* have meant more to a girl from Alpha Theta than to anyone else; for she cannot often see any of the girls from Michigan, Colorado, California, or Canada. It is wonderful to feel that in spirit in spite of the distance, we are close in the bonds of Gamma Phi Beta. The meetings were very helpful, but the smaller meetings held "after hours" in the suites were something never to be forgotten, for they gave us a chance to talk over our problems more fully. I shall always look back on the convention at Kansas City and the friendships formed there with the greatest pleasure.

MARGARET OMAN

ALPHA LAMBDA

What fun it was to meet the grand council and to know just how kindly they feel toward a new chapter and a Canadian one at that!

To think of the pleasure Lindsey Barbee experiences when letters to THE CRESCENT arrive on time accompanied by the seven little fairies she loves so well!

To know that Elizabeth Barbour will smile her frank laudable smile when we do our duties correctly and promptly!

To be able to explain to the girls out here that when we receive requests for money, that it is really needed and that our treasurer understands just how hard money comes, out in our part of the country!

To think of the marvellous patience possessed by Alice Dibble!

To realize that all our national officers are working together for one purpose—the glory of Gamma Phi Beta!

BETTY WHITESIDE

BOSTON

The inspiration of convention excelled my fondest hopes. To meet again the friends I had made at the previous convention was a real joy. All the business meetings radiated great dignity and intense sincerity. The social events were charming. Every detail of every hour, of that never-to-be-forgotten week was planned as if by magic. The varied committees must have been highly efficient. The sacred circle of Gamma Phi Beta sisterhood was truly apparent at all times.

Could I paint a picture of my impression of that happy convention week, it would be a rain of rose-petals from a tree of dreams.

FLORINE GRABOW

CHICAGO

As I reminisce of that certain week in June I find myself quietly humming our convention song—which was so fitting and which greeted us upon our arrival and the strains of which lingered as we said our “good-bys.”

Never before has our singing been better organized—as uniform nor as professionally done. It made for a spirit of good will among us—and surely a great deal of credit is due our music committee. Let us help repay them for their efforts by maintaining this high standard of singing in our chapters.

Convention showed strongly that Gamma Phi Beta is a progressive organization always on the lookout for new fields and eager to investigate them—rather than a self satisfied group. Our progress as a sorority was also evidenced by the fact that we acknowledged ourselves as being an international sorority—our fine Canadian chapters making possible this forward step.

While we are greatly interested in our sorority we showed clearly that our existence is not to be a purely selfish one for there is the Denver Camp—which is to be conducted on a larger scale—with provisions for new buildings and equipment in the future. And convention displayed our true sorority attitude in the almost unanimous support from the chapters to the suggestions made by the Denver delegates for a greater Gamma Phi Beta Camp. And what could bring our sorority closer together than this working together in this common purpose?

Lastly this 1929 convention showed a more than promising future for our sorority in the marked decline of "localism" and a greater realization of what "internationalism" means in the progress of Gamma Phi Beta.

LILLIAN WOODWORTH

COLUMBUS

Would that I might have the space to pay a fitting tribute to the cordial, efficient, omnipresent hostesses of the thirty-sixth international biennial convention of Gamma Phi Beta, to those responsible for our personal comfort, to the perfect weather (except one day), to our president—an executive worthy of the name—to our undaunted, achieving secretary-treasurer, to our gracious tireless representative from Central Office, to our original entertainment builders, to our satisfying program makers, to our diplomatic parliamentarian, but I can only in a few sentences speak of the occasion that to me and to others with whom I compared impressions epitomized the sensations and inspiration of convention. It was the banquet on Friday night.

The beauty of young faces beguiled the sight, the charm of mature ones intrigued one, while the color and texture of the gowns of the banqueters as they moved about to find their places with their chapters delighted the eyes. The ears attuned through the four preceding days to the transport of song heard the climax this night in songs of college, sorority, chapter, and convention.

With our inimitable Lindsey Barbee as toastmistress to direct our thought and spirits, we could not fail to renew our loyalty as the glory of tradition was revealed to us by Mrs. Barbour in her toast. Selfishness and self-complacency took wings when we viewed our order as a part of the growth eternal presented to us in Eileen Hall's toast. Segregation by chapters and contact with those whom we knew best emphasized that strand in the magic circlet, friendship, which Elsie McIlroy called to our minds and hearts in her toast response. And over all and through all idealism, which sublimates the tribute of the past and the service of the present into an abiding force, Helen Rhoda Hoopes gave expressions to in her toast.

After all toasts had been responded to, Lindsey Barbee gave Howard Arnold Walter's "My Creed" which I would like to quote in its entirety, but of which I'll give only the last line:

"I would look up—and laugh—and love—and lift."

We shall long remember the Kansas City convention!

BERTHA M. SCHNEIDER

DENVER

The point that comes most often to my mind seems to be that of Greek-letter delegates always trying to co-operate and to accept the suggestions made by the Grand Council and the various committee chairmen.

KITTIE LEE CLARKE

DES MOINES

We went to convention fair.

The officers and the rest were there.

We made new friends and renewed the old—

We passed by-laws and amendments two-fold.

We visited, and "partied" in all our spare time—

Initiated freshman who knew every line.

We were feted royally by Province Three

And entertained wonderfully by Kansas City alumnae.

"With Apology"

SADIE WHITNEY MISHLER

FARGO

After being spirited to the Ambassador Hotel with a deftness unrivaled by Aladdin of old, we find ourselves on the roof top increasingly conscious of that indefinable something—that aroma of sisterhood which precludes any sense of aloneness—any thought of aloofness. For might not the welcome of Laverne Stover be likened to the sun shining impartially on the just and unjust?

As we pass through this living hall of fame, the outstanding personality is unquestionably Emma Lowd.

Was anyone impervious to the strength of our parliamentary or the million dollar smile of our own Elizabeth Barbour? We must likewise pause before the originality of our editor—Lindsey Barbee; the efficiency of our national Panhellenic delegate—Lillian Thompson; and the spirit of our Alpha Chapter as symbolized by Blanch Shore Palmer and Cora Willard Fredrick.

No impression could fail to note the silent activity of Carrie Morgan, of Peg Mitchell Smith, and the "dignified publicity" of Clara Taney Wells; while our study of reflections must also needs include the two-fold reflection of such girls as Pansy Blake, Gladys

Berland, Alice Dibble—each outstanding—yet each submerging self in the endeavor to perpetuate that spirit of Gamma Phi inaugurated by our four founders in 1874, carried on by the daughters of the 1900's and the grand-daughters of 1929.

MAGDALENA CARPENTER BIRCH

KANSAS CITY

There is a rosy hue enveloping "us Kansas Citians" after the bright, feverish excitement of convention and the preceding weeks. We are basking in the quiet content of a task performed, realizing that we enjoyed every minute from Monday morning till Saturday night more than others can know; proud to remember that everyone of the convention committee was so harmonious that week in spite of the strain and constant contact with each other. We feel this was largely due to our dear little chairman, LaVerne, as well as to our loyalty to Gamma Phi. We were so delighted to have our "national members" raised to three by LaVerne's election to the vice-presidency. We feel she will prove worthy and efficient just as Kathryn Woodward and Elsie Norman have shown themselves to be.

There was a great thrill for all of us in knowing our charming president and the others whose names have become so familiar to us. I'm sure we all feel more the power of Gamma Phi Beta after seeing that the delegates from Canada to Texas, from New York to California are the very sort we felt they should be.

And we wouldn't have missed being hostesses for anything!

DOROTHY DANA

MADISON

The 1929 convention was to me a great revelation, signifying the growth of Gamma Phi, the increase in the great volume of business, the importance of large issues under consideration. The last one I attended as a delegate in the fall of 1904, while Iota was still with us, brought together a mere handful by comparison. And the expansion problem then was Mu—Look where we have gone! I delight in the growing efficiency of womankind as evidenced, session by session, at Kansas City.

FLORENCE S. SULLIVAN

NASHVILLE

The thought uppermost in my mind as I left convention was "What a pity it is only for the few of us!" If only all the Gamma Phis might have the privilege convention affords of contact with those personalities that are Gamma Phi Beta—our grand council, those charming women who have been Gamma Phis for thirty years or so, Province officers, and all the darling girls from everywhere.

My first convention was like my first rushing season—only more so—and we have a saying in our chapter that “you aren’t a Gamma Phi until you rush.”

DORIS HAWKINS

NEW YORK

The success of this convention was the people and not the scenery. No one could resist the enthusiasm of our generous hostess chapters who organized so completely every detail of convention. Being a native Middle Westerner the beauties of Kansas City are familiar to me but I have never met such loyal citizens as the Kansas City Gamma Phis. The opening event, Crescent Ceremony, and the closing event, the luncheon at Lawrence, impressed me the most. In between, the time was so filled with business and pleasure I could scarcely feel anything. Province Three is to be congratulated for a most enlightening and inspiring convention.

GRACE BURGARD HOLCOMB

PORTLAND

I am sure we all enjoyed convention so much because the machinery of organization, so thoroughly hidden, ran along so smoothly. I still marvel at the ease with which our hostesses carried off all the details of that week, and at the same time, seemed to find a convention even more fun than we did. The sightseeing trip with dinner at Mission Hills was the pleasantest event of all. But my happiest memories are of all those perfectly splendid “old-timers,” of whom we have heard so much, and whom I have wanted to meet for so long. They were a joy to meet and know, even for such a short time. They are a happy inspiration to all of us, the personification of all we think the perfect Gamma Phi should be. My one regret is that more Gamma Phis were not there to meet them.

EILEEN TOMKINS HALL

ST. LOUIS

In my estimation the most outstanding feature of the convention was the singing. That “music hath charms” carries more meaning than the original poem signifies. Singing, more than any other methods of communion, creates a spirit of good fellowship among its participants which is of inestimable value to an organization. Mrs. Norman, the music chairman, is to be congratulated upon the excellent results she achieved at convention.

CHARLOTTE BRUCE ROBERTSON

ST. PAUL

Convention in Kansas City reflected the splendid vigor and enthusiasm of the Middle West. It also showed that the youth of the

sorority can carry its burden with all the precision and careful handling of detail usually attributed to older chapters. Three cheers for our new chapters! May the sorority grow and wax stronger by the courageous addition of chapters.

MARIE MORELAND

OUR NEW OFFICERS

LAVERNE BRONAUGH STOVER

Vice-President

It is a most wonderful sensation to have your first national officer. The Kansas City Alumnæ Chapter now has that distinction since at the last convention LaVerne Bronaugh Stover was elected vice-president. Of course, we are more than happy to have LaVerne honored in this way, and we feel that she will handle the duties and responsibilities of this position just as gracefully and efficiently as she has all the others that have been given to her—and how many there have been! LaVerne has had a chance to see all phases of alumnæ work. She has been president of the Kansas City Alumnæ Chapter for two years, has held other offices in the chapter, has served on practically all committees, and what is perhaps most worthwhile of all has been chapter delegate to Sigma. Through this work she has helped to make the association between the Kansas City Alumnæ Chapter and Sigma and Alpha Delta, our two nearest active chapters, very close.

You have all met, or heard of LaVerne, as chairman of convention. We know that just as she managed that most difficult assignment so will she meet the problems of the vice-presidency.

FLORENCE MAE INGHAM, *Sigma*

CHARLOTTE B. ROBERTSON

Secretary of Central Office

Perhaps CRESCENT readers are a little suspicious of articles headed "Local Girl Makes Good" and ending "—'s gain is our loss." Yet because Charlotte Robertson and I were initiated together, and because we have survived some "moving accidents of fire and flood," to say nothing of rush seasons, I shall go about trying to tell just how true it is, in this particular case, that Chicago's gain is St. Louis' loss.

Always an indefatigable worker in the cause of Phi Chapter, Charlotte has not been weary in well-doing since our college days. She has accomplished incredible things for the St. Louis alumnæ, first as CRESCENT correspondent, then as corresponding secretary, and, lately, as president. All this time she has been holding a responsible position with Mr. Richard T. Shelton, importer of hats from Mexico.

Charlotte started as Spanish correspondent. One of her accomplishments is speaking and writing Spanish like a native—for an excellent reason. She was born in Monterey, Mexico.

The quality about Charlotte which will do yeoman service in her new office is her great tact. She has an astonishing facility at staying



LAVERNE BRONAUGH
STOVER
Vice-president



CHARLOTTE ROBERTSON
Secretary of Central Office

on the "good side" of people without making damaging concessions. She makes friends quickly and holds them easily. She has an aptitude at discovering interesting facts about people, and yet she is delightfully lacking in curiosity. And—most wonderful of all—she can keep a secret unto the third and fourth generation; so perhaps, after all, it is not especially amazing that the "local girl" has "made good."

JULIE A. JONAH, *Phi*

PANSY BLAKE

Chairman of Expansion

A HAND which has wielded a golf club all summer and almost never a pen hesitates a little before writing anything. In this case, moreover, greater hesitation is born of a feeling of inability to portray adequately for you the charming person who now is your national Expansion Chairman.

Physically she is rather tall with very dark hair fascinatingly and prematurely streaked with grey. Expressive eyes she has, now grave, now gay with fun. Their color is hard to define changing as it does with the different hues she wears. She has a straight nose with the slightest suggestion of an up tilt—very attractive in itself. Her

cheeks flush easily with excitement but her voice is always the same with a rich, sweet quality. Does this sketch convince the many who know her that those who do not may now have a fairly accurate picture of her?



PANSY BLAKE
Chairman of Expansion

The writer has known her since the early college days when everything mattered so much that it hurt. Some of us used to fear for "Pan" and wonder if she could adjust herself to and build out of what was left when she had to give up some of her cherished beliefs. We need not have feared. One of those cherished beliefs was that under no circumstances should Gamma Phi Beta enlarge its chapter roll. Space forbids my noting the reasons for this belief but note that they were practically unanswerable. The next thing we note is that our champion "stand-patter" comes out as one of our strongest advocates for expansion and as such has become your national Expansion Chairman. Her reasons now are *actually* unanswerable.

This change does not indicate a shifting, uncertain point of view but one which develops as the result of an ability to look with clear-eyed unprejudice upon a subject which interests her.

Never very robust in college, her life there was as full as that of two ordinary students. She studied hard, was active in Women's League, Y.W.C.A., class politics and Beta Chapter. Miraculously she had plenty of time left for the dancing and house parties she so thoroughly enjoyed.

Since graduating in 1918 she has been teaching history in her home town endearing herself forever to all the pupils with her keen interest in their affairs and in particular to those with a dramatic bent by her helpful direction in the production of their plays.

She taught in a mountain school in the South one summer. She traveled abroad another summer thus widening her interests and pleasures. She spent two other summers working in Ann Arbor toward her master's degree.

Never has she lost contact with Gamma Phi Beta. Each year, particularly a convention year, seems to find her more enthusiastic than ever. Prospective groups are very fortunate to have their first real contact with our sisterhood through one who is so representative of what we stand for.

Toward a person or thing which interests her, "Pan" is capable of

the most complete devotion. For that person or thing nothing is too much trouble and all obstacles, if humanly possible, must be overcome for it. She has, I know, an unholy fear of canoes (though she once flew from Paris to England as a lark) but if there were a prospective chapter on an island to be inspected and the only way she could get to it would be in one of those frighteningly uncertain little boats, she would, I do believe, trembling but brave, set forth in the most wobbly of them all. She might need first aid when she arrived but she would go. That is Pansy Blake.

VIVIENNE KERR HEINCKE, *Beta*

THE "CRESCENT MOON"

NEVER was there a better convention daily! From the time that the bewitching newsboys distributed the first copies, to the final word of the final issue, the *Crescent Moon* played its own particular part in the week's activities; and in its columns appeared all the vital news of each day marked by a distinct literary grace. The little room with its clicking typewriters and its busy reporters darting in and out was truly professional; and the editor in chief, Caroline Harkrader Paxton, along with her efficient assistant, Minerva McEwen, deserves much praise for a real achievement. Jennis Barry's clever cartoons were a delight; Helen Rhoda Hoopes proved a popular columnist; while Florence Ingham managed the subscriptions and Mary Ellen Hubbard, the advertisements in a most executive fashion. The following served as reporters: Elizabeth Ahrens, Harriet Pipcorn, Loraine Code, Lucy Hilton, Pauline Moore, Barbara Bayliss, Mary Virginia Madden, Janet Winter, Florence Kinnebrew, Dottie Will, Marian Ross, Marian Briggs, Mary Eleanor Haskins, Sylvia Crowell, and Virginia Potter.

In order that those who were not fortunate enough to receive the four copies, we shall reprint some one feature from each issue.

NO. I—TUESDAY

Styles Are Changed Since 1874, But Purpose Is Fixed

Helen the student, Fanny the idealist, Eunice the friend, and Minnie the aristocrat—these were the girls, united in spirit and endeavor, and these were the personalities that in 1874 formed our sorority.

It wasn't that they didn't have anything else to do. Why! there was croquet, walking, sleighing, and an occasional party for amusements—and there was much studying to be done—for girls had just been admitted to the university and they had to prove they were worthy of an education. No, they had enough to occupy their time, but they had a purpose in view.

And from this nucleus and purpose has grown a sorority numbering 7,000, scattered over the United States and Canada in thirty-seven chapters (since last night.).

It is with a great deal of gratitude that we may look back to our founders, Helen Dodge Ferguson, who now lives in Utica, New York, Frances Haven Moss who lives in Urbana, Illinois, E. Adeline Curtis and Mary Bingham Willoughby, who have left the living circle. Everyone at convention regrets that Mrs. Moss and Mrs. Ferguson could not be here. Their presence would have proved inspiring indeed.

Styles of dress may have changed, modes of amusement may be decidedly different, but the grip of our hands, and the warmth of our hearts is the same as that of our sisters fifty-five years ago.

NO. II—WEDNESDAY

By the Great Horn Spoon

Province Three is holding its breath about the weather. If the week goes by without a strong breeze wafting its way over the packing house district, congratulations will not only be in order, but in demand.

—Γ Φ Β—

After all, the real sessions of convention are carried on in room number so-and-so, when one Gamma Phi says to another, "Now, listen."

—Γ Φ Β—

Even at feminine conventions, the intruding male creeps into the feminine Eden. A good many sisters, last evening after dinner, rushed into coat and hat and were carried away by good-looking young Lochinvars.



CRESCENT MOON STAFF

Front row—left to right: Barbara Bayliss, Florence Ingham, Caroline Paxton, Minerva McEwen, Helen Rhoda Hoopes, Lucy Hilton.

Standing: Flo Kinnebrew, Mary Virginia Madden, Dottie Will, Loraine Code, Virginia Potter, Marian Briggs, Harriet Pipkorn, Mary Ellen Hubbard, Janet Winter, Mary Eleanor Haskins.

If it goes the way you want it to go, the affair is "well managed." But if it goes against your best judgment, it's "railroaded through."

—Γ Φ Β—

When it's a full half-hour before he's expected, the waiting damsel begins to prophesy that "he'll simply never be on time."

—Γ Φ Β—

Conservative sartorial note: "The sleeves in this jacket are just about ten thousand times too big."

—Γ Φ Β—

Us columnists are said to be reformers. Hence, the Crescent Pageant deserves no mention in this space—but, oh, if only we were poets!

—Γ Φ Β—

The burning question of the hour, among those in the press-room, at least, is whether to have a permanent or not.

—Γ Φ Β—

Even more frequent and more insistent than the question concerning the permanent wave, is the one that demands "Where's Lindsey?"

—Γ Φ Β—

Constant wail: "And I missed the one thing that I wanted to hear above all things."

—Γ Φ Β—

In spite of degrees, and majors in sociology and bacteriology, and wedding rings, and babies, and high-salaried jobs or ditto husbands, and high-powered cars, or whatever we have wangled out of life, we continue to exclaim at first sight of the group picture, "Oh, it's grand of you, but it's simply horrid of me!"

—Γ Φ Β—

When you see two chums of the vintage of 1924 or thereabouts, who, having temporarily shelved husbands and other and younger impedimenta, go gallivanting in the direction of an elevator leading directly to town, you just know they are playing truant. No doubt, in the course of their window shopping, they will visit a Vanta Shop, or buy one of those new-fangled, brightly-painted doodads warranted to bring color into the housewife's life. But, during at least half the period of their truancy, they will think themselves back in 1924.

—H. R. H.

NO. III—THURSDAY

First Book of Minutes Dated 1874, Displayed

Ink faded and dingy . . . a handwriting that is slowly and carefully done in a day when curves on "y's" and "d's" were elaborate and distinctive . . . many unfamiliar names, and strange customs . . . these are impressions of the first minute book of Gamma Phi Beta, which dates 1874-1879. It is the record of the very first meetings, and it contains the story of the gradual unfolding of the sorority, and its development.

Two names in the minute book are registered at conventions now. Those of Blanche Shove Palmer and Cora Willard Frederick, and the meeting of



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their owners is a thrill second only to meeting our founders. Mrs. Palmer acted as secretary for the first Gamma Phi convention in 1883 at which Lillian W. Thompson was a delegate. She was secretary at the 1915 convention when the endowment fund was established.

No. IV—FRIDAY

Cablegrams—Radiograms and Telegrams Received

From the land of the Midnight Sun, from mid-Atlantic, from Greek to Greek, come expressions of sisterly love and Panhellenic goodwill, to those in convention assembled.

(TELEGRAMS HERE)

RADIO VIA RCA—SS "ROMA"

GAMMA PHI BETA CONVENTION KANSAS CITY MO—

GREETINGS

BETTY PETRU AND IDA STAETLE (Omicron)

SS "STELLAPOLARIS" FAUSKERADIO

GAMMA PHI BETA

GREETINGS FROM LAND OF MIDNIGHT SUN

BEULAH LEECH (Zeta and Nashville)

FORT WAYNE IND

MAY YOU HAVE A MOST HAPPY AND SUCCESSFUL CONVENTION.

DELTA ZETA

MYRTLE MALOTT (NATIONAL PRESIDENT)

LANSING MICH

ALPHA CHI OMEGA EXTENDS ALL GOOD WISHES TO GAMMA PHI BETA FOR A VERY HAPPY SUCCESSFUL CONVENTION.

EDITH M. STEFFENER (NATIONAL SECRETARY).

EVANSTON ILL

DELTA DELTA DELTA COUNCIL SENDS GREETINGS TO GAMMA PHI BETA IN CONVENTION ASSEMBLED. BEST WISHES TO HER PRESIDING OFFICERS.

PEARL BONISTEEL.

MRS ERNEST BARBOUR—

ALBANY NY

WOULD HAVE BEEN WITH YOU AS A MEMBER OF CONVENTION HAD NOT THE SERIOUS ILLNESS AND DEATH OF MY MOTHER PREVENTED THE TRIP. BEST WISHES FOR A SESSION WHICH WILL HAVE RESULTS BENEFICIAL TO THE SORORITY AS A WHOLE.

LAURA LATIMER GRAHAM (Alpha and N. Y. Alumnæ)

BALTIMORE MD

MRS ERNEST BARBOUR—

GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES TO ALL GAMMA PHIS.

ANNA BOARDMAN (Upsilon and Baltimore)

ST LOUIS MO

MRS L H STOVER

BEST WISHES FROM ST LOUIS FOR SUCCESSFUL CONVENTION. WISH WE COULD ALL BE THERE.

JOAN DAVIS

While the following bits are worth reprinting:

Sweet Young Thing: "Is this the office? This is room 10,000, and there is no bed in this room and I'm tired."

To which the irate clerk answered: "Oh, for heaven's sake, look behind the door."

OVERHEARD AT DINNER

"I don't see why you all get so much kick out of talking about your old beaux," commented a gay young alum, just one year out, at a table of 24's.

"Wait till you're married, dear; then you will," responded her elder sagely. "It's the only variety there is left."

Laura Frances Cottingham (in her usual wild and harum-scarum manner): Well, I got the tubes of paste for the hotel rooms at last!

Hotel Manager (with a most startled expression): Tooth paste? Well, I must say that *is* attending to details!!

Although fully aware that it dates us as exactly as the possession of a black umbrella, we feel we must point out to stunt-managers that neither in 1874 nor in 1898 did they dance the minuet to the exclusion of the waltz, the two step, and the glide schottische. We believe that, in 1874, it was the mazurka, a dance offering delightful possibilities for holding hands discreetly but firmly and frequently.

Baah, baah, black sheep,
Have you any wool?
Yes, sir, yes sir, three bags full
One for my master
One for my dame
And one for college students
To pull over the eyes of
3,333,303 professors.

AFTER THOUGHTS OF A REPORTER

WHOOPEE!! Look what we have here! The first edition of *The Crescent Moon*! Wuxtry! Wuxtry!"

Before we could escape from the tables, we were swamped by a deluge of "overalled" girls from Alpha Delta and Sigma. In no time we all had our papers, and the noisy roar of the dining room was reduced to an occasional buzz.

It was a cutie little daily with four pages printed in brown ink on cream paper, and it contained all the events of the best convention ever held by Gamma Phi Beta as well as the personnel of the most outstanding girls in the United States and Canada.

Although the four hundred girls at the convention enjoyed reading the publication, the ones who had the most fun out of it were those who tore their hair and chewed their pencils, trying to find something to print. Those people were the staff and the reporters.

We reporters had a glorious time up in *The Crescent Moon* office next to the dining room. Really, our quarters had more windows than typewriters, but we got along all right by taking turns.

We had a darling editor; Caroline Paxton who was good to us

even though she did at times give us some rather measly assignments. Imagine trying to find three girls among the four hundred without knowing anything about them but their names; all because they had taken an airplane ride over Kansas City. It was hard enough to corner one of the Grand Council, whom we all know, and to ask her what her ideas were on woman's outlook in business, high and low altitude baking, and what tint of powder was best adapted to her complexion.

Oh well, such was the life of a reporter, but we all loved it. It was exciting, to say at least. We met all the prominent personages through our interviews, and we also kept up on the latest sorority news. The part of it that each one valued most was the close contact with her sisters from all over North America. Friendships sprang up between us and became so real that we are already looking forward to the next convention in hopes of seeing each other again.

BARBARA BAYLISS, *Theta*

MORTAR BOARD MEMBERS

THE following list tells how many members of Mortar Board were present at Convention. They celebrated this membership by dining together on Thursday evening:

Ruth Van Riper, University of Illinois, 1927-28.

Alice Dibble, Northwestern, 1927.

Pauline McKinney Moore, University of Oklahoma, 1924.

Lois DeVries Gray, University of Michigan, 1921.

Mary Virginia Madden, Ohio Wesleyan University, 1929.

Jennis Barry, University of Illinois, 1918.

Beatrice Sloan, University of Illinois, 1928.

Constance Marian Syford, University of Illinois, 1915.

Sara Preston Findley, University of Minnesota, 1907.

Elizabeth Ahrens, University of Missouri, 1928-29.

Mary Lois Ruppenthal, University of Kansas, 1925.

Frances Massey, University of Oklahoma, 1929.

Laura Harkrader Campbell, University of Kansas, 1922.

Margaret Meaney Younger, University of Washington, 1915.

Jane Brehn, University of Washington, 1929.

Katherine Heberling, Northwestern, 1929-30.

Beatrice Lumley, Northwestern, 1927-28.

Pansy Y. Blake, University of Michigan, 1918.

Lucille Rarig Ellsworth, University of Kansas, 1921.

Margaret Lodge Hovey, University of Kansas, 1920.

Margaret Nachtrieb, University of Minnesota, 1913.

Marie Moreland, University of Minnesota, 1906.

Marjory Bridge, University of California, 1925-26.

GAMMA PHI BETA TALLY CARDS

OUR Alpha Epsilon Chapter is exceedingly anxious for its own home and just as deserving of it; and there is a way for each one of us to help in its building.

The San Diego Association is a very thriving little group abounding in spirit. There is just one member of Alpha Epsilon in the Association; but, even so, the circle is proving to be Alpha Epsilon's "first aid" in the matter of planning for the house, and has chosen as its medium a most attractive tally and score card of tan, bearing the sorority monogram of dark brown in one corner, and a border composed of a succession of the three tiny Greek letters, also in dark brown. These tallies are ideal and distinctive for sorority affairs, and the purchase of them means a direct help to one of our young chapters. Each chapter and group should obtain its own supply; and, in addition to chapter supply, many individual orders should be sent to the San Diego headquarters.

This is an important enterprise—a worthy one—and a responsibility of each chapter. Let us send many orders, many times; for, not only are we supplying ourselves with appropriate accessories for the bridge game, but we are aiding, materially, Alpha Epsilon's beautiful new home.

PRICE LIST

Tallies—twenty-five cents a dozen plus one cent a dozen for postage. Score Pads—two for twenty-five cents plus one cent a pad for postage.

Computing the postage in this way makes it possible for each girl to figure the amount of her postage, and to pay it in advance. Figuring roughly, it will, we hope, nearly cover our postal bills throughout the country.

Orders will be promptly filled, and may be sent to Gamma Phi Beta Alumnae Association, Station A, Box 8, San Diego, California.

IN MEMORIAM

Gamma Phi Beta
Madison, Wisconsin

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta:

MARY CLARK BRITTINGHAM

Gamma '89

Born December 5, 1868—Died June 19, 1929

The Gamma Phi Beta House Association at the annual meeting held June 21, 1929, voted to place in its minutes the following resolution:

Resolved that the Gamma Phi Beta House Association record in its min-

utes its feeling of deep loss in the death of its beloved and honored president, Mary Clark Brittingham.

Be it further resolved that the Gamma Phi Beta House Association shall regard the carrying on of the Chapter house as its best memorial to her who labored in its interests so efficiently and so lovingly.

Resolutions passed by the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin

The regents of the University of Wisconsin testify to their conviction that this institution had no more cherished daughter, no more loyal and devoted official, no more outstanding friend and benefactress than Mary Clark Brittingham.

She personified the conviction that ability carries with it a proportionate social responsibility. She had a sense of trusteeship toward the wealth, material and spiritual, with which she had been endowed; and her social accounting was not a niggardly dedication of a minimum of what she had. Her benefactions were far from the mere surrender of superfluous possessions that have ceased to have a savor, which sometimes passes for philanthropy.

Her giving possessed that divine quality of giving herself. She achieved the spiritual paradox of doubling her own happiness by dividing it. She did much for this University, and did it with a sunny radiance of gracious generosity that multiplied mere material value of her gifts a hundred fold. Her abounding goodness thus bestowed evokes a sense of gratitude deep-seated and abiding.

So, with a sense of pride in the thought that she was one of Wisconsin's own so great that it almost surmounts the sadness of farewell, we place on record, this, our tribute to her worth and womanhood.

MRS. BRITTINGHAM KNOWN FOR HER CIVIC LEADERSHIP

The following tribute to Mrs. Mary Clark Brittingham was written on behalf of her friends by Mrs. Marvin B. Rosenberry (a Delta Gamma), wife of the supreme court's chief justice.

IN THE passing of Mary Clark Brittingham, Madison has lost a citizen of outstanding quality, loyal, devoted to civic interests, a leader in every forward-looking enterprise. For many years no great movement has been initiated in this city without her help being asked and when her assistance was pledged success in the undertaking was assured.

She was a born leader, and she has never shirked the responsibility which her splendid capacity to achieve caused people to lay upon her shoulders. "Of course I will contribute," "Use my house," "Have it in my garden," there is not one of us who has not heard one or all of these phrases dozens of times from this unselfish citizen, who counted herself only a steward of her possessions.

HOME WAS HER FIRST INTEREST AND SCENE OF MANY MEETINGS

Her home was her first interest and she was devoted to her husband, and to her children. When one looks about the city and sees

Brittingham Park, the Neighborhood house, the Lincoln Memorial at the University, and many other benefactions, which were given by her and by her husband, one knows that it was Mary Brittingham's help and judgment and vision which were ever at her husband's disposal and of which to an extraordinary and unknown degree he availed himself.

It was she who made their home the hospitable center it was for all of Madison, it was she who would not close its doors in the first hard days five years ago when she brought her husband's body back to Madison to rest in Forest Hill.

LED CHILDREN

Her home was in every sense a home for her children and their friends. Whatever of sorrow and grief she could bear for her family that she bore bravely, high-heartedly, uncomplainingly. Her children and her grandchildren are singularly bereft, for she led and they followed her leadership, sure of her goal and theirs.

From her father, a graduate of Dartmouth college in a day when only a few young men went to college, and from her mother unusually well educated and strong-hearted, came the mental strength and will to do which made the vital personality we called Mary Brittingham.

She came to the University of Wisconsin as a young girl from a little town and a small high school, yet she became a leader almost from the day of her matriculation. How many hundreds of girls who have come in a long procession year by year will ever forget the love Mary Brittingham bore Gamma Phi Beta—the little society with which forty-four years ago she cast in her lot?

"MY GAMMY PHIS"

Last Friday a dozen young girls came wistfully and timidly to Forest Hill to join the little group who were paying their last tribute to their beloved friend. These girls came like little children who had lost their mother. And so they had. For Mary Brittingham was the wise counsellor, the discerning friend, the eager champion, the strong mother of "My Gammy Phis"—as she was accustomed to call them. Side by side with these young girls stood women who were Gamma Phis forty years ago to whom for two decades Mary Brittingham's royal friendship had been a living thing.

But her membership in her sorority never for a moment limited either her friendships or her activities. It was rather the center from which her varied interests in the university radiated. As has been said, she became a leader in her freshman days. And she was most unusual in translating her undergraduate enthusiasms into

her mature loyalties. For hundreds of graduates of the university she kept alive a sense of their relationship to their Alma Mater by her love for the institution as well as by her friendship with generations of its students.

PLANNED REUNION

It may well be that "Through the happy linking of the years none of us can say how much our love of old Wisconsin owes to her. Almost the last letters she wrote were to the members of the class of 1889—her own class—to summon them back to the reunion whose center was to be her house with its ever open door, where with her unstinted hospitality and outstretched friendly hand she hoped to welcome all who came. The university, like Madison is poorer today than it was a week ago.

Spontaneous friendliness, unfailing enthusiasm, and a healthy optimism were her outstanding qualities. In every walk of life in Madison today are men and women whose lives in some way—humbly or significantly—her life touched so that they were conscious of the priceless quality of her friendship and of her courage.

A strong individualist, she was nevertheless capable of perfect cooperation. Quick to accept and assimilate wise suggestion, she was always clear as to the end to be attained and so inspired others to help to carry a project through to fruition.

In the Woman's Club, in the College Club, in the Civics Club, in the Community Union, in the Memorial Union, in the University alumni Association, in Grace Church, in our shops and in our homes, she is still the loyal friend, the great leader.

Out of our personal lives has gone a great affection, out of our civic life a great power. That her benefactions will cease is a smaller matter in comparison with the fact that her dynamic personality is no longer with us. Direct, honest, fearless, tolerant, cheerful, absolutely sincere, and above all invariably kind—so she walked among us.

THE GAMMA PHI BETA HOUSE ASSOCIATION

July 1, 1929



*How do you do, Everybody, how do you do?
 How do you do, Everybody, how are you?
 When the skies are kinda gray
 And you're feeling just that way,
 Oh it's great to hear folks say, "How do you do?"*

Convention Song.

DEAR me," sighed the alumna, "I'm getting old. So old that the fact is unconsciously impressed upon me by my sorority sisters." And, upon request for an explanation, she added, "Every time I enter the chapter house, the girls rise in a body—true deference to age—when I'd love to slip in quietly just as if I were one of them." All of which is not a criticism concerning the perfect manners of our younger generation nor a plea for the chance to return to eternal youth; but merely an introduction to the amazing statement that all alumnae and all college girls during a certain week in June had the pleasant sensation of beholding an entire province rise at their entrance and remain standing from Monday until Saturday. Convention courtesy we might call it; and from the first moment of greeting and the first sight of the double brown ribbons that bedecked our hostesses until the last guest had been whisked away by an ever watchful transportation committee, Province Three was on its feet. Now that the week is a happy memory of the past, we realize how many delightful happenings came our way, how many details for our pleasure and comfort were carefully observed. Our hostesses, individually and collectively, rose to the occasion in a very perfect and a very inspirational way.

I'm satisfied—I'm satisfied."

Convention Song

The proof of a sorority's confidence in its method of procedure is proved by the retention of those into whose hands the guidance of the organization has been committed. Four members of the Council have been re-elected—the president, the treasurer, the chairman of

inspection and the National Panhellenic Congress delegate; while the offices of vice-president, executive secretary, and chairman of expansion have been filled by other members of the sorority. To the retiring members we extend our appreciation of efficient workmanship and unfaltering loyalty; to the incoming officers we pledge a loyal support and co-operation.

*We love her for her spirit,
And we love her for her fame.
And we love her for the glory
That is shining through her name.*

Convention Song

At our meeting in Kansas City we heard much of our growth. Growth in membership, growth in chapter roll, growth in financial responsibility, growth in altruistic endeavor, growth by addition. Why not growth by elimination? Since the separation of ourselves, our chapter, our sorority from these things that do not make for development automatically stimulates growth in a fine and inspirational way. Absence of pettiness, of selfishness, of personal advancement will be a valuable asset of chapter life; forgetfulness of local chapter desires and enterprises in the greater vision of a greater whole will mean much in international effort; elimination of prejudice, of narrowness, of provincialism will produce a safer, saner influence in the Panhellenic world.

"Where love is so constant and hearts are so kind."

Convention Song

A certain sorority has a custom which we all may follow with decided profit; namely, the designation of the first meeting of the college year for a long and many angled discussion of the subject of etiquette. As a result, each of its chapters begins the year's campaign with the advantage of *savoir faire*; a social schedule is already outlined with proper regard for details; and stress is laid upon the many little courtesies that unite in characterizing a chapter as well-bred.

Courtesy is a flower-like thing. It prompts a gracious reply to the letter of recommendation, the note of inquiry, the message of congratulation. It suggests written acknowledgments of other Greek-letter honors, an appreciation of campus achievements, a reply to every communication that makes its way to the chapter. It includes an interest in every returning alumna, an interest that inspires the

little attentions which mean so much to one who for a time has been apart from the chapter circle. It listens to the words of those who, in their time, have guided the policies of the organization; it remembers past service, cherished traditions; it humbles itself in the realization that there could be no present strength, no future power, were it not for those who have so untiringly and devotedly blazed the trail.

Courtesy, in the truest sense, cannot be a part of the self-centered chapter.

*Then trooping over Mem'ry's track
Loved ones come in a throng;
And voices long since hushed and still
Join Gamma Phi's old song.*

Convention Song

Oftentimes, a sorority girl wonders—and naturally so—if interest in her organization and endeavor for its welfare will continue in the years that follow college. And, just as often, as an answer to the unspoken question, the life and service of an alumna presents itself. Mary Clark Brittingham of Gamma Chapter, friend to all those who wear the crescent was such an alumna; one who never faltered in allegiance to her chosen order; who, for forty-four years, aided and loved the little circle which had meant so much to her in her girlhood days.

A photograph of the founders of Gamma Chapter shows Mary Clark, a dark-eyed, eager-faced freshman; and the fine enthusiasm which marked her Wisconsin days never left her in her married life when her beautiful home was the center of sorority reunions, when her wealth made many things possible, when the fine civic spirit which animated both Mr. Brittingham and his wife gave to Madison the beautiful park which bears their name, the Neighborhood House, the Lincoln Memorial at the University and many other monuments of generosity.

She has rushed, pledged, and initiated Gamma members; twice has she planned and supervised the building of a splendid home for the chapter; always has her own spacious mansion been open to Gamma Phis. Each year she sent to all alumnae of Gamma a lengthy letter telling of chapter activities, chapter achievements, chapter progress, and listing all new members; each issue of the magazine was enriched by her own contribution of Gamma personals. Truly she has been from her initiation a vital and a helpful member of the sorority.

Someone has said, "It is hard to realize that Mary Brittingham has gone." Why do we *try* to realize it? For her spirit is always with Gamma, the child of her affection.

*A sandaled white-robed neophyte
Who kneels before some mystic shrine
To fan her glowing altar light
Comes not with truer faith than mine.
For here I stand in Gamma Phi.
An all unworthy novice I;
With only love to plead my part,
My only gift a maiden's heart.
But I have made that heart for thee
A cup of golden filagree.
To hold my love as years roll by,
Dear sisterhood in Gamma Phi.*

Convention Song

Upon the pledge who is initiated at Convention is bestowed a singular and an enviable distinction, for she enters the circle with each chapter to bid her welcome, with the leaders of her organization to grasp her hand, with the strength of international spirit to inspire her, with the beauty and magic of the service to remain as a cherished memory. Surely those who are given this privilege will repay the sorority in fullest measure by greater loyalty to every standard, by greater labor for every enterprise, by greater love for all that is idealistic and uplifting.

*We think that Gamma Phi is wonderful,
Now, on the level, what do you think of us?*

Convention Song

Convention formally welcomed the representatives from Alpha Lambda, Alpha Mu, Alpha Nu and Alpha Xi—the four groups added to our chapter roll since the last gathering at Mackinac Island. Alpha Lambda strengthens our Canadian chain; Alpha Mu gives us another foothold in the south; Alpha Nu intensifies our Ohio background; and Alpha Xi becomes the little sister of Alpha Zeta. To these, our newest sisters we entrust the traditions of the past, knowing that they will profit by the opportunity of the present and will contribute to the power of the future.

*And, come what may, there's joy in this,
We're Gamma Phis forever.*

Convention Song

The elimination of sororities in Hollins College gives to Gamma Phi Beta another inactive chapter—Upsilon; and it is not easy to part with Upsilon; since always, this link in our chain has been a shining one. Some of us have called it “the perfect chapter;” perfect in its promptness, its efficiency, its personnel, its spirit and its charm. We remember the personality of those who have represented the sorority

at conventions; the indescribable courtesy shown to official guests; the soft, sweet tones of the southern voice. We stress the unusual fact that never has there been an official criticism of Upsilon Chapter; that, individually and collectively, the group attained the highest type of sorority life.

The rose has gone—the fragrance still lingers.

THE CRESCENT of dear Gamma Phi!

Convention Song

History never repeats—nor does Shakespeare—we're told; but an editor is quite without this charmed circle and oftentimes must use this method of emphasis. Accordingly, a certain part of the Convention report concerning the CRESCENT is appended as the editor's yearly message and plea to those who are chapter correspondents. Perhaps its unusual form will prove to be more impressive than an official communication.

"The next number," the CRESCENT announces, "is the March of the Seven Devils. They're *your devils*" she calmly adds. And the Devils enter—black and red—eyes like coals of fire—horns and tails according to tradition. They march and countermarch; and as they leave the room, each leans over the editor and whispers to her.

FIRST DEVIL: You've changed your address again, haven't you? Very stupid of you, for not everyone has learned the last one. You'll never get them acquainted with this. (*And the editor shudders, remembering the glowering aspect and unuttered curses of the special delivery boys who have borne missives addressed merely to "THE CRESCENT, DENVER, COLORADO."*)

SECOND DEVIL: I'm the letter that comes to you written on both sides of the paper. (*And, again, the editor shudders and mutters to herself, "If it were legible and on one side, I could stand it; but on both sides—"*)

THIRD DEVIL: I'm Panhellenic. They just *will* put a hyphen or a capital in my middle. (*And the editor knows that what he says is true.*)

FOURTH DEVIL: I'm Alumna. But 'Im called *alumnus* all the time, while two or three of me are always a-l-u-m-n-i. (*And 'tis even so, sighs the editor.*)

FIFTH DEVIL: I'm College. But I've been called School so long that I've almost forgotten my real name.

SIXTH DEVIL: I'm the correspondent who forgets the style sheet and does just as she pleases.

SEVENTH DEVIL: And I'm the chapter correspondent who doesn't care about being prompt and about doing her best. (*Away they*

dance, and THE CRESCENT hastens to remark "Don't be so depressed, for here comes the Rainbow Fairies to cheer you."

They are worth a scrutiny—The Rainbow Fairies in their multi-colored gauzy robes, with golden crescents in their hair and tiny wands each tipped with a Star of Hope. And they, too, have a message for the editor as they fly away.)

FIRST FAIRY: I am Perfect English. I promise you no split infinitives, no improper use of pronouns, no slang.

SECOND FAIRY: I am Perfect Form. My sentences are balanced. My punctuation is correct. My pages are typed.

THIRD FAIRY: I am Promptness. I observe the dates given me in a punctilious fashion, and I send no special deliveries.

FOURTH FAIRY: I am Interest. I love my task and I put into it the best I possess.

FIFTH FAIRY: I am Spirit. I work for Gamma Phi Beta and I strive to do my best for her honor.

SIXTH FAIRY: I am Efficiency. And I realize that I am necessary in the completion of any chapter task.

SEVENTH FAIRY: I am Pride. Pride in my chapter, in my organization. I crave for it only the best.

(Quietly they disappear; and from the distance comes a song like the chiming of silver bells.

Clearly is heard the refrain—

Our wands with the Star of Hope we hold—

We're off, we're off to the pot of gold!)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TALLY CARDS

Attention is called to the sale of tally cards and score pads by the San Diego Association. Description and price list will be found in this issue of the magazine.

AN APPRECIATION

The sorority extends to Mr. Balfour, now the sole official jeweler, a sincere appreciation of the beautiful pendants that were his gift at the time of the June convention.

ALPHA XI CHAPTER

A charter has been granted to Gamma Beta, a colonized group at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, one of the strongest and most heavily endowed institutions of the south; and, upon formal installation, this group becomes Alpha Xi of Gamma Phi Beta. Three members of the chapter (including Mabel Ford, highest honor student in the class of 1929) were initiated at convention. Gamma Beta has been sponsored by Dorothy Shaw Cochran, Upsilon; Florence Mitchell Smith, Epsilon; Gladys O'Connor Borland, Epsilon; Flo Kinnebrew, Epsilon; Allys Field Boyle, Theta; Alice Camerer, Rho.

NEW ALUMNÆ CHAPTERS

Fargo and Springfield have been added to the list of alumnae chapters.

FOR CHAPTER CORRESPONDENTS

Remember that the next letter is due on OCTOBER 15.

Remember that the editors new address is 1410 VINE STREET, DENVER, COLORADO.

For the benefit of those new correspondents who have not received a style sheet from their predecessors, the following instructions are appended:

A UNIFORM STYLE SHEET

Recommended for Use by Fraternity Editors

By George Banta Publishing Company

PUNCTUATION

The style of punctuation which has come into favor with better-class magazines is one of marked economy. The fewer punctuation marks that can be used *without sacrificing clearness of meaning* the better understood printed matter will be and the better will be the appearance of the printed

page. Too many commas and dashes, quotation marks, and exclamation points, detract seriously from otherwise well-prepared articles.

These suggestions on punctuation are made:

- I. The use of hyphens. When good usage leaves a choice of employment or omission, omit.

- A. Use hyphen when writing:

all-university	re-enter	co-operation
all-college	Greek-letter (when pre-	ex-president, ex-'20
week-end	ceding a noun)	re-elect
		vice-president

- B. Omit hyphen (and note capitalization) when writing:

Panhellenic	baseball	Bid Day
intercollegiate	football	Founders' Day
interclass	basketball	Central Office
interfraternity	yearbook	college chapter
intersorority	songbook	alumnæ association
homecoming	chapter house	chapter letter
postgraduate	dining room	province president
nonfraternity	house party	living room
antifraternity	Class Day	

chapter editor, chapter correspondent, etc.

scholarship fund, endowment fund, loan fund

double chapter names: Alpha Alpha, Xi Delta

compound words of which the first element contains but one syllable:
clubhouse, bathroom, etc.

- II. The use of commas.

- A. Use a comma between the name of the college or university and the year of graduation: Washington and Lee, '98; also Alpha Beta, '25, Mary Jones, '25.

- B. Use a comma between the name of the month and the year: October, 1921.

- III. The use of apostrophes.

- A. Omit apostrophe in writing: varsity.

CAPITALIZATION

It was formerly considered good style to use capitals as frequently as an excuse could be found for employing them. All nouns and some adjectives were capitalized. Modern practice is the reverse, and capitals are avoided except, generally speaking, when writing proper nouns and adjectives. There is one primary rule which will answer in many cases.

- I. Use small letters with generic terms, capitals with specific ones. This is, if the name or title is *particular*, capitalize it; otherwise not. For example, the word "university." If the reference is to universities in general write with a small letter. If one is writing of some particular, individual university a capital should be used.

- A. Capitalize:

Panhellenic (never written lower case!)

Founders' Day

Fraternity and Sorority, *only* when used as part of a title:

The fraternity question is serious.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity

Convention, Conclave, Conference, Congress, *only* when used as part of a title:

Interfraternity Conference; Phi Delta Theta Convention.

Magazine, *only* when used as part of a title:

The American Magazine.

Quartet, Glee Club, etc., *only* when used as part of a title:

The University of Kentucky Glee Club.

Titles of officers, *only* when used with, and *preceding*, proper names:

Vice-President E. W. Johnson.

Brother, Sister, *only* when used with a proper name:

Brother Whitney; Sister Parks.

Scholarship Fund, Loan Fund, etc., *only* when used as part of a title:

Sigma Nu Endowment Fund.

Chapter, Association, etc., *only* when used with the proper name of the chapter:

Delta Chapter, Boston Alumnæ Chapter.

Alumni and Alumnæ, *only* when used as part of a title:

Alumni House Fund; Everett Alumnæ Association.

University and College, *only* when used as part of a title:

Goucher College; University of Illinois.

Province, *only* when used as part of a title.

Beta Province.

National Council, Grand Chapter, etc., *only* when used as part of a title:

The Grand Council of Gamma Phi Beta.

- B. Use lower case when writing the following words, except in specific instances given above:

society	founders	constitution
order	varsity	department
class	college chapter	junior,
bonds	province	sophomore, etc.
ritual	statutes	all-university,
province presi-	executive	all-college, etc.
dent	grand chapter	
national council	songbook	

DATES AND FIGURES

A great variety in the style of writing dates and figures is found in fraternity magazines. The simplest, and therefore the preferred, style is:

1. Figures and Dates.

A. Date of the month:

September 5, *not* September 5th or September the fifth.

All numbers over 100.

All sums of money over \$1.00. Less than \$1.00, sixty cents, neither \$.60 nor 60c.

The name of a street when it is a number: 275 Fifth Avenue.

A span of years: 1921-22 (omit apostrophe before second date).

B. Use a dash with figures to indicate inclusive dates:

September 10-28, *not* September 10 to 28.

ABBREVIATIONS

In writing the names of cities and states the best style is to write in full the name of the city and also the name of the state. New York City is preferable to New York, New York.

PLURALS

In forming plurals of names composed of Greek letters do not use an apostrophe. Write: Kappa Mus.

STYLES OF TYPES

There are a few instances in which a uniform style of type simplifying matters for the typesetter is possible.

I. Style in writing titles:

A. In referring to your own magazine use capitals and small capitals: THE CRESCENT of Gamma Phi Beta, writing the word "the," where used as a part of the title, not merely as a modifying article in lower case.

B. In quoting the title of an article, use quotation marks, capitals and lower case

"An Analysis of the Chapter Letter."

C. In referring to a book, or magazine other than your own, use italics: *The Phi Gamma Delta*.

It is advised that names of Greek-letter fraternities be written out: Pi Beta Phi; Delta Omega Chapter.

SPECIAL RULES FOR CRESCENT CORRESPONDENTS

1. Each letter must be typed.
2. The heading and the signature of the letter are to be modeled after the following form:

GAMMA—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

(Contents)

PEARL HOCKING

3. No letter is to have a greeting or an ending. (Such as, *Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi; With all good wishes*).

4. Personals are to be included in the chapter letter when possible. If this is not feasible (as in the case of *alumnæ* chapters) these personals are to be sent on a separate sheet.

5. A member of the writer's chapter or of another chapter is never to be chronicled as Mrs. Mary Smith or Mrs. Smith, but as Mary Brown Smith. If the chapter correspondent is not familiar with the name before marriage, she must investigate.

6. Remember you're in *College*, not in school, my dear. That *frat* and not *fraternity* sound very queer. The *Panhellenic* written as it's written here.

7. The masculine word *alumnus*, with its plural *alumni* must be distinguished from the feminine *alumna* and its plural *alumnae*.

8. The following forms are to be followed.

ENGAGEMENT

Ann Annesley, Alpha Omega, '22, to Dr. Archibald Atherton Perry, Beta Theta Pi, University of Wisconsin, '17.

MARRIAGE

On September 10, 1924, at Richmond, Virginia, Sally Lee Dixon, Alpha Kappa, '23, to Dallas Randolph Thorne, Delta Kappa Epsilon, University of Michigan, '19. Mr. and Mrs. Thorne will be at home after October 15 at 121 Locust Avenue, Happy Valley, Virginia.

BIRTH

To Mr. and Mrs. Brian Rutherford Pierpont (Rosamond Reid, Alpha Mu, '22), on October 31, 1924, a daughter, Marion.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

ANOTHER international convention of Gamma Phi Beta has passed into the annals of our history, and in retrospection, we proudly visualize the vast amount of constructive work accomplished, the harmony that prevailed and the splendid co-operation of each delegate with the council; all promising greater achievement for the coming years.

Because Kansas City is so centrally located, the thirty-sixth biennial was the largest convention in point of numbers and performance on record.

In reviewing the panorama of events, it is but appropriate to record a few brief words in praise of the convention chairman, La Verne Stover, who handled the details so effectively; of Kathryn Woodward, director of the entertaining province, whose chapters reflected her fine organization work and enthusiasm; of Mrs. Paul Simonds, hospitality chairman, and her group of attentive workers; of Elsie Norman who delighted us all with her musical programs, and of Caroline Paxton whose *Crescent Moon* was so thoroughly enjoyed and which stands out as one of the best *Moons* published; and the various chapters who entertained us so charmingly each evening.

Especial recognition is due Lindsey Barbee whose original play was so brilliantly presented by the Theta girls, and to Nina Gresham for her inspiring *Crescent* service.

In fact every one contributing to the eventful occasion performed so admirably and applied herself with such unselfish loyalty that to do full justice were to mention all, which space forbids.

One of the delightful and outstanding innovations provided by our hostesses was the Panhellenic tea, preceded by addresses from Dean Dagwell, of St. John's Cathedral at Denver; Mrs. Hal Lebrecht, past president of Kappa Alpha Theta; and Miss Nellie Lee Holt of Kappa Kappa Gamma, and head of the psychology department at Stevens College.

At this convention there was inaugurated a new policy of Greek-letter chapter meetings, exclusive of the alumnae, where the girls were able to discuss their own problems informally, compare ideas, and concur in opinions. The success and merit of this arrangement is manifested by the fact that all their findings were passed by convention.

The two joint meetings of the chairman of inspection and the province directors brought out numerous factors and stimulated a concurrence of opinion and policy that will greatly facilitate the

consolidation of the seven provinces into the one unified organization.

In addition to the constitutional changes that will be sent the chapters under separate covers and which will be made effective as early as possible in the fall, there were many desirable new policies adopted for the general development and help of the sorority.

Our rapid accumulation of property and chapter houses must be safeguarded and it was decided that the Butterbaugh or a similar system of keeping financial records will be used in all chapters, and that semi-annual audits will be supplied the international treasurer by each chapter.

The measure authorizing a reserve fund for each Greek-letter chapter is another decided step towards national security and well being.

Scholarship received much attention, emphasized by the awards and honors conferred for high standing; and with each chapter sending in the term reports to the international scholarship chairman, it is hoped and expected that none will fall below the upper half of campus rating.

Our national altruistic work, the Gamma Phi Beta Camp for Underprivileged Children, received an added impetus from the enthusiastic talks given by Kitty Lee Clark, Lindsey Barbee, Louise Wyatt; from pictures and descriptions of the children by Laura Frances Cottingham; and the additional fund which was voted for this and similar camps which will be eventually established in Canada and other sections of this country.

There are but three changes in the personnel of the grand council which is construed as a general vote of confidence in the policy of the administration. Mrs. H. L. Stover was elected vice-president and alumnae secretary, Pansy Blake was appointed chairman of expansion, and Charlotte Robertson, secretary of Central Office.

Appreciation and gratitude is expressed in unstinted measure for the unselfish devotion and helpful assistance rendered by the retiring officers whose contributions and support have been of such value to the council during the past two years. It is hoped that these ex-officio members, with their background of experience and sorority knowledge will not retire from active work.

It was a great convention; thoroughly representative of the sorority, and most successful in the accomplishment of important legislation; bubbling over with enthusiasm and purpose. Those who were fortunate enough to be present will carry the inspiration through college life and beyond, for it was a week of work and play that permeated every moment and every member.

ELIZABETH D. BARBOUR,
President of Gamma Phi Beta

OUR CENTRAL OFFICE

BY PREPONDERANCE of opinion both privately and publicly expressed at convention, Expansion, so long a debatable question, has now been established definitely as a policy. Briefly Gamma Phi is committed to a program of conservative, consistent growth.

Without diminishing any of the original ideals or sentimental associations of the past, we have now found it expedient and advisable as a valuable aid in fostering those ideals and traditions, to adopt and follow certain added facilities, to extend our activities, and generally to expand our scope.

Our continued growth of chapters, the growth of colleges, both in numbers and in attendance; the ever increasing cost of living and learning, have forced the sororities to keep pace in providing utilities and essentials requisite to the welfare of student members.

Being in constant, though friendly competition, we cannot afford to lag behind in providing these vital aids to development and caste.

Gamma Phi Beta is therefore, not only a social order of the first rank and international scope, but is a genuine business organization as well; demanding proper and efficient government for its continued growth and increasing activities. This business efficiency can only be attained through a well organized Central Office, or in other words a permanent headquarters.

Fulfilling the action taken at the Lake Placid convention, Central Office has now been permanently located in Chicago, an eminently appropriate selection by virtue of its geographic and strategic location.

When the move was made, Alice Dibble was appointed secretary, replacing Anna Boardman, and having performed yeoman's service for two years has resigned. Her report and recommendations to convention are gratefully acknowledged for she points out graphically and in detail the results of her experience for the guidance and help of her successor.

Charlotte Robertson, who has so distinguished herself by the good work she has done as president of the St. Louis alumnae chapter and who is unusually well fitted for the work, has consented to accept the position permanently; and may be found at her desk in the new Central Office after September 1. The address is Gamma Phi Beta Office, Pittsfield Building, Corner of Washington St. and Wabash Ave.

The average member of Gamma Phi has no conception of the vast and varied duties of the Central Office secretary, and for the information of the members at large, a brief survey of the more general duties is given. In the office are located the records and files of the sorority since its birth. These records include rosters of members active and inactive; minutes of conventions, important correspondence,

and other valuable documents. That these are incomplete and inaccurate may be attributed to the past impermanence of the office.

It is obvious that these membership rosters must be complete, accurate, and up to the minute, and they should be indexed alphabetically, cross indexed geographically, by chapters, and perhaps otherwise. This work alone is voluminous.

Central Office secretary is the business agent of *THE CRESCENT* and much time must be devoted to aiding the editor in compiling and preparing the publication and in supplying the corrected mailing list. The average circulation of our magazine is now about 4,000 copies, steadily increasing and from each issue about one hundred copies are unclaimed, returned, and must be reailed to correct addresses due to the failure of the subscribing members to notify the office of the change of address.

Endowment fund life insurance policies must be watched, the premiums collected, recorded, and transmitted to the international treasurer. Where chapters are delinquent the collection adds to the secretarial burden.

All initiation fees, Greek-letter and alumnæ dues, and endowment fund pledges are paid through the office where they are checked, acknowledged, tabulated, and then forwarded by the secretary to the international treasurer. Here all pin certificates, membership certificates, and charters are taken care of.

There must be sent out at proper times to all chapters and associations, grand council members, province directors, and national officers, the semi-annual endowment report; constitutional and by-law changes, convention decisions, budgets, Gamma Phi Beta policies, house standards, literary exercises, national examination questions, Camp material, dean's confidential reports, material for music chairman, and a considerable amount of unclassified correspondence covering nearly every phase of sorority activity.

There is the exchange of fraternity and sorority magazines to be watched and this insures a valuable and desirable form of Panhellenic contact and understanding.

Located permanently as it now is in Chicago, many additional facilities and conveniences will be inaugurated, such as a general information bureau for the dissemination of additional statistics, reports etc., keeping the records of all financial transactions as aid to the unpaid international treasurer; and the Endowment Board.

That the Central Office becomes the natural "port of call" to any member of the sorority living near or journeying through Chicago, is another logical and desirable feature. It should rapidly develop into the general center or capital in fact; a melting pot of ideas; and through close contact with the chapters, the province directors, and the national officers, complete that ideal amalgamation of international unity.

ELIZABETH D. BARBOUR



DELINQUENT COLLEGE CHAPTERS

ALPHA—Katherine Bartels
 GAMMA—Mercedes Jelsha
 ZETA—Nellie Jones
 ETA—Helen Matthew
 KAPPA—Catherine Gaines
 MU—Mary Lee Richmond
 RHO—Gretchen Carlson

PSI—Vera Shidler
 ALPHA BETA—Constance Bangert
 ALPHA DELTA—Hazel Futch
 ALPHA EPSILON—Doreen Helbron
 ALPHA IOTA—Jane Martin
 ALPHA KAPPA—Nancy Montague

BETA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Beta had a most successful year. She started out by pledging the following girls: Margaret Seybold, Marceline Weltie, Maryanne Joslyn, Julie de Journo, Kathryn Eyman, Geraldine Hogan, and Helen Bush.

One of our most outstanding fall events was our tea on Founders' Day which brought many of our alumnae from Detroit and neighboring cities and many from here in Ann Arbor.

Then there was our pledge dance to show our pledges how glad we were to have them and to get better acquainted. At Christmas time we were busy with our annual party to which we bring each year ten youngsters from a poor home. We try to give them a complete outfit as well as a Christmas celebration.

Our Valentine Day at Beta is always marked off with a costume party at which the pledges entertain. We try to make it as funny as possible and this year was no exception. The girls put on a fashion show which lacked nothing in the way of humor.

Initiation in early March brought our pledges into active membership and also the following girls pledged after the fall rushing season: Ruth Kumerow, Helen Kumerow, and Betty Wheeler.

The year was full of faculty dinners, teas, dances, etc. We were very proud to have two of our girls, Dora van den Berg and Helen Bush take the two leading parts in the annual Junior Girls' play, as well as having Ruth and Helen Kumerow in the dancing specialty chorus.

We played basketball and baseball. Maryanne Joslyn won the first prize for horsemanship and Laura Joslyn the first prize in the woman's golf tournament.

Our president, Dora Van den Berg and three other members attended convention at Kansas City in June. You all know how thrilling that was.

Our year closed successfully and brought the honor of Phi Beta Kappa to Alice Bourquin, Sigma Delta Phi to Dora van den Berg, and Pi Lambda Theta to Helen Bush. We are looking forward to a happy and we hope, successful rushing season *with a redecorated and enlarged house.*

HELEN P. BUSH

DELTA—BOSTON UNIVERSITY

The midsummer CRESCENT letter—memories!

One of the most pleasant memories for Delta this year was her annual house party. The last day of exams found us heading northeast for Plum Island. Swimming, hiking, dancing—these visions flash into mind, but initiation is one picture that will never pass away. For at that time we initiated two of our fine pledges—Ethel de Mille and Catherine Cavanagh. Our chapter is surely justified in its pride of our newest initiates. The cottage by the ocean was a fitting scene for the great event. It was with regret that we saw the owner coming up the steps to tell us that our week-end was over.

House party with its gayety ended with a natural feeling of sadness, for we were together with our seniors for the last time. Jessamine Peckham, Martha Vining, Marion Brown, Dot Cheney, and Catherine Cavanagh have entered into the realm of alums, and their places are difficult to fill. Jessamine, to the delight of everyone was elected to Phi Beta Kappa early in the spring.

Another memory is of *spring luncheon*. This is the annual affair of the alumnae who graciously invite the active girls to make merry with them celebrating the founding of Delta chapter. This year it was held at the Kenmore. There the ties of sisterhood were strengthened as we learned to know the alums better.

Early in April the active chapter gave a bridge at Filene's. It proved to be both a financial and social success due to the capable management of Lillian Freeman.

Then there is the memory of Peg Johnstone's Quaker wedding in the Phillips Brooks house at Harvard. It will always be precious to her sisters who attended.

That calls to mind the party at Ruth Chandler Rushton's new home in Lexington for there it was that Peg told us of her wedding plans. We entered the movies with an impromptu scenario, as we helped to take the newness from a towing touring trailer.

Memories—yes, these and many more linger with us. But now to look forward into the future. Here is the lineup of officers for next year: president, Eloise Barber; vice-president, Catherine Weldon; recording secretary, Gladys Morland; corresponding secretary, Louise Whitten; treasurer, Helen Glover.

Gamma Phi has been well represented this past year in all of the college activities. Gladys Morland has been elected leader of the college glee club, which is a singular honor.

We have many plans for next year. First there is rushing and when that is over we'll let you in on the rest. We're all set for a big time, so just watch us put it over.

ELOISE A. BARBER

EPSILON—NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

Vacation is going—going—. I lounge back in my comfortable chair and watch the lake ripple in the afternoon breeze. Life seems very satisfactory today. It is not too hot to sit in the sun, and even as I "loaf and invite my soul," I am, without the least effort, adding to my already dusky coat of suntan.

And then, quite suddenly, vacation ends, and here we are back at college! It seems perfectly natural to be together again. Everybody has had a wonderful summer, and now for rushing! We feel irresistible, and the rushees

this year are cuter than ever. "We should make a marvelous combination," as the Epsilon song so charmingly puts it.

1929-30 should be a very successful year for us. The house still looks brand new. Three more silver cups adorn the library. Two of them were won at the Circus last spring: one for the clever Gamma Phido stunt, which was very "doggy" indeed, and one in token of Jo McCarty's abilities in clowning. Helen McClarnan added a cup to our collection also. She was runner up in the women's tennis tournament.

We are very proud of Kay Heberling, president of Northwestern University W.S.G.A., and a newly elected member of Mortar Board.

The southeast corner of Orrington Avenue and Emerson Street is to be livelier than ever this year. It is no wonder, with about a dozen sophomores just moved into the house for the first time. Our only regret is that we can't have all of last year's seniors back again. But Dorothy Roach, Jerry McKinley Collins, Florence McKee, Beatrice Lumley, Vesper Getman, Ethel Darby, and Helen Bergquist will make very nice alums.

There were three weddings last June which were of especial interest to us. On June 22, at St. Mary's Church in Evanston, Geraldine McKinley was married to Mr. Eric Collins, Delta Tau Delta. The Collins' are to live in Evanston.

On June 28, Mary Stubbs was married to Mr. Richard Searles, Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

On June 29, Nellie Gibbs, '28, was married to Mr. Ellis Jones, Sigma Chi.

The engagement of Fern Older, '27, to Mr. Harold H. Lundberg of Wilmette, was announced at June banquet.

HELEN LENEHEN

LAMBDA—UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

June ended one of Lambda's most successful years, and started her on the search for new members to carry on her good record.

Early in the spring we gave our annual dinner in honor of the mothers of the active girls. The freshmen entertained them with a highly amusing skit entitled, *Who Stole the Family Plate?* which gave the mothers a chance to become acquainted with all of them.

On April 27 we entertained with a formal dinner dance at the Sandpoint Country Club. We were pleased to welcome as guests several of the girls from Alpha Lambda chapter in Vancouver.

On June 7, came the annual Gamma Phi Beta banquet which was held at the Broadmoor Country Club. The newspaper idea was carried out to even the smallest details. The combination menus and programs were in the style of a Gamma Phi Beta press. Ruth Norton was editor in chief, and her reporters had scoured the town for news events of past and present activities and social events. The old scandals for years back were unearthed much to the delight and embarrassment of the alums whom they concerned.

Just a week later we said good-by to our seniors, at the Senior Breakfast which is given by the freshmen. The feature of the event was a large centerpiece with miniature figures depicting the near future of the seniors. The Senior class consisted of Evelyn Canfield, Ruth Joseph, Mary McKeown, Jane Horsfall, Bobsy Bachus, Amy Churchill, Catherine Taylor, Eileen Meldon, Theodosia Winfree, Ruth Nettleton, and Virginia Wester.

Our spring rushing party was held this year at the lovely home of Mrs. Miller Freeman in Medina on Lake Washington. It started to be a splash party, but was turned into a bridge supper instead, due to our Seattle weather.

Lambda received many campus honors this year. Elizabeth Kelley was

elected secretary of the Women's Federation. Jane Brehm was initiated into Tolo Chapter of Mortar Board. And again we have the distinction of having a Phi Beta Kappa in our midst—Eileen Beldon. Betty Cotton was elected Junior Queen, and for a day reigned over all the rest of the campus. Jean Summers had the leading part in the all-university play. *The big climax in activities came when Gamma Phi received the Garhardt trophy, which is awarded as a sign of her athletic prowess. It was won after a hotly contested baseball battle with the Delta Gammas.*

Lambda is pleased to announce four new initiates, Lois Braden, Mira Heinze, Margaret Crabtree, and Betsy Lee; and the chapter extends to all other chapters heartiest wishes for success in the coming rushing season.

EDNA EIKENBARY

MARRIAGES

Evelyn Canfield, '29, to Mr. Charles Kirk.

Helen Demarest, '30, to Mr. Charles Hurley, Jr.

Phyllis Graham, '30, to Mr. Volney Richmond.

NU—UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

At Crater Lake this summer six active members of Nu formed a Gamma Phi colony which, though not in touch with active rushing, did its bit toward making the fall rushing a success. From the girls in Eugene and Portland come interesting reports of the summer campaign for girls in whom Nu is particularly interested. The girls there have been very active in carrying out a policy of more or less informal rushing by which they can know more personally the girls in whom we are interested. It is our belief that *close personal contact goes a long way in rushing.*

The Eugene girls started the summer with a bridge party at Lita Earl's (Mrs. Robert W. Earl) and a swimming party at Mrs. George Hinkle's (Esther Setter). During the summer informal swimming parties in the old mill race have been a happy means of knowing the girls better.

The Portland girls have also carried out the rushing campaign in earnest. They have entertained generally with interesting bridge teas and luncheons. One particularly lovely party was given at the home of Caroline Benson Wander. During the short time until the beginning of College the rushing will be concentrated on the girls we particularly want. We are rushing an unusually fine group and without being over confident we are determined to get them.

Last spring term our girls were very prominent in campus activities—particularly in April Frolic and Junior Vodvil. And our scholastic record for spring term was not one to be ashamed of. The fine spirit of co-operation in the chapter itself which was very evident all last year is still prevalent and we are all interested in making our chapter one of the best. We six who have been here, "out of the world" all summer are eager to get back to do our part—and particularly to hear in detail the reports of convention. So far we have had only tid-bits of news which nevertheless promise to be interesting. But it will not be long until rush week will be here and over, and we shall have proved what we can do. I hope then to be able to write you a letter full of good news.

Here's success to all the chapters of Gamma Phi Beta!

MARIANNA SPEER

XI—UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO

The only banquet we dread is the one given every year in honor of our graduating girls. This year we tried our level best to keep up our spirits by exclaiming excitedly over the pink tulips, the green candlesticks, the

green place cards, and the little green pink ribboned packages at the seniors' places but somehow it was very hard. Suddenly in the silence that always takes place just before the dessert is served we all experienced a wobbly knees, and all-hollow-inside feeling, and were overpowered by the realization that next year everything would depend on us. Estelle Pickrell, Dorothy Whitenack, Louise Lamielle, Dorothy Hall, and Elizabeth Dunn, our sturdy seniors, would be gone! It seemed impossible that they would not be around to lead the way, to shoulder the responsibilities, and to untangle our troubles. Wide eyed over spoonfulls of strawberry ice cream we looked at one another and gasped. "Horrors! Alums already!"

As time went by we became somewhat accustomed to the queer sensation our undertakings-to-come gave us. The first thing we had to consider was rushing. Dorothy Hall, Dawn Gibson, and Kathryn West solved our summer rushing problem by planning to spend several weeks in August touring southern Idaho, meeting possible rushees, talking to alums and giving rush parties in the larger towns. The dates of our fall rush parties were given at a Panhellenic meeting held shortly before the spring semester ended.

We could not long ignore the annual question of what improvements to make on the house during the summer but felt that the most important issue had been settled when we were faithfully assured that a new system of heating would be installed. The kitchen was to be given next consideration and would be fitted with modern fixtures. As our house was re-furnished inside and repainted on the outside last summer it was decided unnecessary to do anything more along that line.

As fall approaches the wobbly, vacant weakness is slowly replaced by an eager-to-see-what-we-can-do feeling which makes us doubly anxious to begin the coming college year in order to prove that we can live up to the motto which Beatrice Locke finds in her definition of pep and holds high for every member of Xi chapter.

It is—

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P ERSEVERANCE

MARY MURPHY

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. William McCoy (Helen Hargus), a daughter, Marilyn Hope.

To Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Jepperson (Mary Shurtz), a son, Richard Turner.

To Mr. and Mrs. Silas Wallace (Charlotte Jones), a son, William Edward.

OMICRON—UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

Soon we all shall be back in the house at Urbana preparing for rushing and trying to manage without the help of the just graduated alums whose place it will be so hard to fill. Omicron girls are scattered all over the country now, and we are represented abroad, too, for Betty Petru and our chaperon, Mrs. Greene, are either on the high seas at present or else dashing about looking at old cathedrals, ruins, and art galleries. But vacations will all be forgotten in the mad rush of getting the house back into shape for our fall entertaining.

The last six weeks of the past semester were busy and exciting. We gave our spring informal, supposedly a garden party, on April 27. Though it rained beforehand, and the air was rather chilly that night, our weeks of preparation were not lost at all, for the inside of the house was very outdoorish in appearance with its lattice work, wisteria, cherry trees, and an old-fashioned well from which the thirty dancers drew refreshing punch.

We gave a tea the same week for Mrs. Barbour, who made us a flying visit. After dinner she talked to us about convention and gave us many valuable suggestions. We enjoyed having her with us, and we are looking forward to seeing her again.

The Gamma Phis took their share of campus glory in activities and grades. We came up to *fourth place in scholarship* for the past semester, and now nothing can keep us from being first.

Dorothy Roesch and Virginia Hall were taken into Torch, junior honorary for women, and Dorothy was made a junior assistant on the woman's staff of the *Daily Illini*. Vaile Dry and Beatrice Sloan graduated with honors, and there were five Gamma Phi Betas whose names appeared on the Honor's Day program: Beatrice Sloan, Margaret Leach, Bertha Enger, Sarah Simonds, and Dorothy Marie Whyte. Margaret Leach, who was our convention delegate, is financial secretary of Woman's League for next year. She was also chairman of the Shi-Ai intersorority sing (which is given each year at Mothers' Day), and was in charge of flower sales for Mothers' Day week-end.

And a few more activities, which seem to be becoming numerous: Beatrice Sloan was dance chairman of the annual May Fête. The house was well represented in this affair for Betty Petru, Marian Gibson, Maxine Dry, Gwendoline Pike, Elizabeth Paine, Ruth Heilman, Virginia Hall, Helen Duncan, Dorothy Roesch, and Dorothy Marie Whyte took part in the various dances which made up the fête.

Still more—Dixie Mason served on the senior march committee for the May Fête and on the Class Day committee. In the W.A.A. swimming meet, Ruth Heilman took one first place and two fourths. Dorothy Osterman was initiated into Kappa Delta Pi, honorary education fraternity; Margaret Leach was initiated into Phi Upsilon Omicron, honorary home economics fraternity; Virginia Hall and Evelyn McCutcheon were initiated into Phi Chi Theta, honorary commerce organization; Lois Fleming is vice-president of Shi-Ai for next year.

No one was detected in tears at the annual senior breakfast which we gave just before college closed, but we hope the seniors were as loath to go as we were sorry to see them go. A tea in Chicago and a bridge luncheon in Urbana served as Gamma Phi get-togethers as well as rushing parties. But now, our one thought is—"Rushing!"

BERTHA ENGER

ENGAGEMENTS

Gertrude Day, '29, to Mr. Robert Herschbach, Chi Psi.
Beatrice Sloan, '29, to Mr. Ralph Douthit, Tau Kappa Epsilon.
Dorothy Osterman, '29, to Mr. Lawrence O'Brien.
Maydee Logeman, '29, to Mr. Stanley Lehman, Zeta Psi.
Helen Holmes, '27, to Mr. Kenneth Carpenter, Kappa Delta Rho.
Geraldine Turner, '28, to Mr. Robert Lowell Williamson, Phi Gamma Delta.

MARRIAGES

Mary Spencer to Mr. Joseph Somers.
Ruth Gates, '29, to Mr. Carl J. Henning, Acacia.
Vaile Dry, '29, to Mr. Robert Baldwin, Alpha Sigma Phi.
Helen Werts, '27, to Mr. Arthur Theodore Hearsey, Triangle.

PI—UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

Diary of L—— Summer of 1929

June 11

I am home. It is so quiet here. I have been out about the town today and have shaken hands with all our neighbors, friends, and citizens. When

one comes home from college one must do that. We are only five hundred population. Of course I did not shake hands with five hundred. No rush mail came today. I arranged my desk, set up my files, and sharpened my pencils. Our last-day-of-college rush party seemed successful. I wonder what kind of a rushing chairman I shall make.

June 13

Yesterday was Phyllis' wedding. Lorma and I went to Hastings. The wedding was beautiful. The bride was lovely in white satin, pearls, and old lace. All the sisters sat in reserve pews. We had lumps in our throats.

I agree, love is the greatest thing in the world.

June 26

Another wedding day. Florence is marrying her Dr. Bert. It will be beautiful I know. The altar is in front of Pi Chapter House fireplace. Florence is tall and beautiful. As a bride she will be superb. Lucy Goll Dennon is to play the wedding music. Happy night for Florence.

Great numbers of tourist cars pass on the highway every day. I long to be up and off.

Convention is on. Great days for Gamma Phi Beta. I pine to be there.

July 1

I went again to a wedding. Helen and Fritz were married the twenty-ninth. A beautiful afternoon wedding. The bride was lovely in a long, fashioned, white satin gown with pearls and lace. The groom was handsome, straight and tall, a bit pale with the levity of the occasion. Now they are on a tour to the western coast. When they come home they will move into a ducky little Spanish bungalow.

Katherine and Fred were married the thirtieth. They are in Omaha now. Very happy.

I am suprised at the amount of firecracker popping. More small boys in my home town than I reckoned. The mail arrived on the early morning train. Several letters. My file is now in running order.

July 5

More mail today. Am sending out bids to girls all over the state. I know that they are excited about college. Their acceptance notes are so naïve. Young. Co-ed life ahead. I feel sophisticated, all-knowing. I am a senior.

Katherine is off to Europe. She is to accompany her father to England. They are sailing on the *Paris*. Ship-board. London. The Thames. Won't she have a lot to tell us.

It is raining tonight. My window panes are streaming. Good night to sleep.

July 15

A glorious day. It is summer time in Nebraska. The wheat is ripe. The cherries are red. The wind blows warm from the south. The sun-flowers fringe the highways.

Much mail. Omaha is planning a rush party. Our alumnae up there are perfectly grand about helping. It is to be a mother-daughter tea. Janet is touring the northern states with her mother and sister. Her letter about *Conventions give us national consciousness*.

July 20

Lorma called tonight. We compared the provincialities of our native, neighboring villages. Gradually we drifted to rushing and college.

August 8

Have been very busy.

Yesterday we went to Estelle Lull Diehl's in Smith Center to a rush luncheon. Such a lovely party. Met two Sigma sisters. Talked about

convention, our respective universities, and ended the party by singing Gamma Phi Beta songs. Rushee seemed sufficiently impressed.

August 10

Having company. Much gab. More letters.

August 17

Was in Hastings. Met the boy friend. We lunched and attended the county fair. He is so—. To bed.

August 24

In Hastings again. We had a rush party. Bridge luncheon at the hotel. Dear little rushees. Lots of fun seeing the sisters who drove in for it.

August 27

Lorma was over and brought a letter from Mary. New York must be heavenly. Full of activity. Mary loves her career.

September 1

Spent the day reading and answering the mail. Was allowed the family car for an excursion.

September 10

Good-by dear room, dear view from my window, dear singing crickets. Good-by. Good-by. Off to college in the morning. All packed. Anxious to see the girls.

Rush week is ahead so you, dear diary, may be neglected.

MARGARET FULMER

ENGAGEMENT

Lucille Ackerman, '30, to Mr. Theodore James, '29, Sigma Phi Epsilon.

MARRIAGES

Phyllis Mousel, ex-'28, to Mr. Ralph King.

Florence Frahm, '26, to Dr. Bert William Pyle.

Helen Van Gilder, '28, to Mr. Frederick Butzirus.

Katherine Norris, ex-'28, to Mr. Fred Buffett.

Gertrude Hays Hopewell, Xi, to Mr. Lawrence B. Holland.

SIGMA—UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

In just a few weeks more we shall all be back at college working hard for Gamma Phi Beta. But the plans for rush week and our hopes for the coming year cannot blot out of our minds the memories of that wonderful week at convention and the good times we had before commencement.

All of us remember our spring formal which we held on May 17 at the chapter house. Like all spring formals this party was a gala affair. Late in May the underclassmen entertained the eleven seniors with a farewell picnic in the woods. Needless to say we all had a fine time burning bacon and toasting our fingers over the campfire. A few days after our picnic the seniors surprised the chapter with a midnight pajama party. We were truly surprised and very much pleased when we saw the two lovely lamps the seniors had given to the house.

Our only senior law, Ruth Van Riper, received a very high scholastic honor for herself and for Gamma Phi Beta just before commencement. *Ruth was one of the two Law School seniors to be elected to the Order of the Coif*, a national honorary law society. Ruth was the first woman in the Kansas University law school to be chosen for this organization.

CONSTANCE ROSS

ENGAGEMENTS

Doris Burnett, '30, to Mr. Edward Gibbs, Kappa Sigma.

Dorothy Stone, '29, to Mr. Wells Hern, Sigma Chi.

Ruth Hall, '32, to Mr. James Butters, Sigma Nu.

MARRIAGES

On May 1, 1929, at Denver, Colorado, Gertrude Oehlmann to Mr. Bernard E. Groenewald.

On May 1, 1929, at Hollywood, California, Elizabeth Findlay to Mr. Victor J. Krehbiel.

TAU—COLORADO AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

The last few weeks of college seem but a blur—a *delightful blur of good times and good friends*, despite the fact that it was the time of exams. And then those last few days—nothing but packing, trunks, empty rooms, good-by that unknown to you are some of them forever. And then that sigh of relief, "It's over, all over, that is for the time."

Summer time and vacation time to some of us means play and to others work. After the first few weeks, anyone whom you see from the old school seems an old friend and is greeted heartily as such. And suddenly to run across one of the sisters means joys untold, and news of those who mean so much to you.

"Did you know that Louise is in Cincinnati, just imagine!" "And Janet and Virginia are in California!" "Mary, Naomi, Gertrude, and Marion had such a good time at convention. Wish I could have gone. Believe me I'm not going to miss the next one!" "Dode has her school and is going to teach. How on earth can we get along without her? It's beyond me!" "Surprise—Louise is married and Frances is engaged!" "I drove up to Collins last week and you should hear the plans. . . . Now what do you think of that for a rush party. Talk about knockouts, that one listens like one to me. It had better be too, cause ours is first. Yes and another thing . . . and the rushees. Oh but it's great and just three more weeks. I can hardly wait!"

EMMA WILLIS

PHI—WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

Though it is perhaps better to favor anticipation and expectation, Phi is very proud of certain achievements of last year. With the pleasant background of *rooms in the New Women's Building*, the chapter carried out a strenuous course of activity in the all around life of the alma mater. Helene Grolock was Queen of Love and Beauty for the university last year, and was chosen for this honor by Mr. Edmund Wuerpel who is very famous in America and abroad as an artist. Ruth Waldbauer was chosen Engineer's Queen by popular vote among the students of the Engineering School and was crowned queen in the early spring at the colorful Engineer's Masque. Betty Schall was one of the maids of honor to the May Queen, and a large representation from the chapter were to be seen in the May Pole dance and the Daisy Chain.

In campus activities, furthermore, Phi was prominent. Three girls out of the seven chosen for Ternion, the junior honorary society, were wearing the crescent. Alice Brokaw, Marjorie Sodemann, and Florence Kingsbury. Cecil Mitchell holds the important offices of vice-president of Glee Club and secretary of Little Theater. Elizabeth Flynn is business manager of Glee Club and Alice Brokaw is vice-president of Little Theater. Doris Jane Kuhlemeyer is vice-president of League of Women Voters, which does interesting political work in the city. Florence Kingsbury is editorial assistant on *Student Life*, the campus newspaper, and Marjorie Sodemann is to be the associate editor of *Hatchet*, the college yearbook. Our freshmen are making an excellent start with three members on Freshman Commission—Blanche Pollock, Marian Davis, and Marian Judell.

Phi has as its new officers Hortense Stone, president; Betty Schall, vice-president; Antoinette Meyer, treasurer; Sylvia Kleinschmidt, secretary; Marjory Sodemann and Betty Henby, rush captains; Florence Kingsbury, pledge adviser; and Cornelia Krell, historian.

Ruth Mundt, '32, is our new pledge. We are sure that she will be a well-known Gamma Phi of the future. We are planning her initiation for early fall . . . and speaking of fall, brings us to thoughts of rushing. There is to be an Italian party, a progressive dinner, a mothers' and daughters' tea, and soon there will be some freshmen wearing the crescent and upholding the high standards of Gamma Phi Beta. Well, I fancy that is favoring anticipation and expectation after all!

FLORENCE KINGSBURY

MARRIAGE

In May, Marjorie Chopin to Mr. Robert McCormick, Phi Kappa Psi.

CHI—OREGON STATE COLLEGE

How invigorating it is, after a long hard winter when everything inside of you seems half frozen, to welcome that first touch of spring. The trees begin to leaf and the grass springs into a fresh green over the Oregon hills, with flowers beginning to bloom here and there. Oregon is beautiful, especially during the spring of the year.

We lost, by graduation, at the end of winter quarter, Helen Pearce of Portland, Oregon. At the end of spring quarter Myrta Boyer and Lucille Morton, also of Portland, graduated. Allegra McGreal, of Tacoma, Washington, received her master's degree in home economics, majoring in textile design. We surely will miss the part that each contributed during their college life.

For the ensuing year Melba Hanks was elected president; Grace Anita Beem, vice-president; Irma Hoech, manager; Barbara Babson, secretary; and Miriam Morris, recording secretary.

One of our earliest social events was our Easter breakfast given in the chapter house. We had the honor of having with us a number of the girls' mothers.

Something new and different to us, was our fashion show given at the Whiteside Theater, and sponsored by two of Corvallis' leading stores. It was lots of fun, and we were rewarded by clearing about \$80 to add to our building fund. (Our castle in the air).

Lucille Morton had the distinction of being the manager of the very successful annual Stunt Show. This was the occasion of our having as a guest for dinner and breakfast, Mrs. Patterson, the wife of the governor of Oregon, accompanied by her daughter-in-law, our dear Betty Patterson of Mu. Mrs. Patterson was invited to be one of the judges of the show.

Our spring formal, if I do say so, is one that shall never be forgotten. Even though it poured we were transferred into a lovely southern plantation garden of wisteria, a sparkling fountain, and an attractive summer house. The tables were set in the solarium, decorated with large spring bouquets and candles. Peeking through the wisteria was a large, full moon, which was the only source of light. One of our guests was kind enough to sing several lovely numbers, and then—the surprise. A little darkie came through the garden gate, pushing a wheelbarrow filled with corsages and boutonnières announcing the engagement of Rebecca Burns Hamilton to Archie L. Fields, a Sigma Alpha Epsilon. The Gamma Phi formal was the talk of the campus for many weeks.

Our activities are of very-much importance. *We are boasting a Phi Kappa Phi member in Lucille Morton, which is the highest honor anyone may*

receive. Grace Colburn was elected Associated Women Student president, and was sent to the convention in Texas, which kept her away about two weeks. Lucille Van Loan was chosen as junior class secretary. Jeannette Sloan was initiated into Kappa Kappa Alpha and elected its president. Grace Colburn was also initiated into Cap and Gown and was elected Kappa Kappa Alpha secretary and treasurer. Evelyn Gaiser was chosen to be our Spur representative.

Spring quarter kept us in suspense. The greatest surprise was the announcement of the secret marriage of Julia Lenore Smith to Mr. Frank G. Patterson, a Phi Delta Theta on December 6, 1928. How they kept it a secret, I don't know. Dorothy Besse announced her engagement to Irving T. Erickson. (It seems to be the thing to do.)

To conclude our festivities the freshmen gave a picnic for the upper-classmen at Smith's Cove, along the beautiful, winding Willamette.

MIRIAM M. MORRIS

MARRIAGES

On June 26 Rebecca Burns Hamilton, ex-'31, to Mr. Archie L. Fields, ex-'30, Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

On December 6, 1928, Julia Lenore Smith, ex-'30, to Mr. Frank G. Patterson, '29, Phi Delta Theta.

On May 25, Dorothy Besse, ex-'30, to Mr. Irving T. Erickson.

OMEGA—IOWA STATE COLLEGE

Another year has passed, but what a remarkable one it has been, *with high scholarship, activities galore*, only the second year in our new house, and best of all our charming new initiates. Our graduating seniors whom we will miss so much in our circle were: Gale Latimer, Marion Larson, Katherine Bell, Gertrude Bolton, Isabelle Thomas, and Romona Knudson.

Spring quarter ended perfectly, bringing honors and thrills of every sort. When Mortar Board serenaded at our house, we knew that Gertrude Shell would be chosen. Jack O'Lantern, honorary scholastic organization, also serenaded and Adele Hammand was chosen. Sara Jane Hess and Mary Jane Drybread were both members of the central Veishea committee. Sara Jane, our new president for next year, was chairman of May Fête, and Mary Jane was chairman of convocation for Veishea. Both are major offices on campus. Gamma Phis were well represented in both May Fête and Night Show which are performances given at our annual Veishea. Gertrude Shell and Mary Hill were elected president and secretary, respectively, of Home Economics Club and were sent as delegates to the National Home Economics Convention at Boston.

Vacation finds the sisters widely separated. Anne Abell is spending the summer in Europe studying textiles of foreign countries. Doris Erwin is visiting in California. The Gamma Phi house party at Clear Lake was a huge success. Of course, the Gamma Phi convention at Kansas City was immensely enjoyed. From interesting letters that we have been receiving we know that many thrilling summer experiences will be told this fall.

All of our thoughts are now for rushing—planning breakfasts, lunches, and dinners which will be more delightful than ever. We are looking forward to welcoming many more charming Gamma Phis aspirant into our circle this fall.

LOMILA HOPPER

ALPHA ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

The last time that we were all together was in the spring, that dread time when no one can think of anything but examinations, and when the long

summer months look like a holiday that has no end. But the summer is nearly gone now, and the Gamma Phis will soon be together again in *their new apartment*, busy with all sorts of plans for rushing.

The first thing of importance this summer was house party which as usual, was a great success. Close on its heels followed graduation, when Enid Walker, Ruth Orr, Kay Keeler, and Peg Scott jointed the ranks of the *alumnæ*. Then came convention, after which all else fades into nothingness. We, who stayed at home were so thrilled by the glowing accounts which we received, that it seemed as if we had been there ourselves. All winter the one thought and hope of every one was convention, and that hope has been gloriously realized by many of us, and it will be a long time before it is forgotten by the Canadian sisters.

Our *alumnæ* gave the actives a very pleasant surprise this summer, when they had a picnic at Leone Harris' for those who were in Toronto. There was swimming and tennis and boating for every one, and all the fun of hearing what every one was doing.

We were very proud of Connie Shiell, our last year's CRESCENT correspondent, who has had some poems accepted for the *Canadian Anthology of Modern Verse*. Connie is very modest about her gifts, and it has taken us a long time to find out that we have a poetess in our midst.

There will soon be a gathering of the clan, and as true Gamma Phis, we are looking forward to a happy year of high scholarship and successful rushing.

SHEILA THOMSON

ALPHA GAMMA—UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA

"In fair or cloudy weather"—but indications are all pointing to fair weather, with clear sailing ahead for Alpha Gamma during the coming semester! Indeed, from these same indications it looks like a banner year for Gamma Phi!

To begin with, we are going back to a house, which has put on an entire new garb to bid us welcome; and our own dear housemother, Mrs. Schmidt, will be back to add her cheery bit to our homecoming!

For our dignified old house has acquired a new addition during the summer—and you are all invited to come west and try our big, airy sleeping porch, which occupies the entire second story of the addition. On the ground floor have been added a guest room and a laundry. The dining room has been enlarged and for the "trimmin's" the entire outside of the house has received a coat of white paint. The garden, too, is smiling a greeting, due to the earnest efforts of the "farmerette brigade" early this spring.

Then, too, we are going back to the campus with the prospects of a busy year ahead of us. Barbara Horton—those of you who were at convention know "Babs"—is to occupy the highest office on the campus which is open to a woman, that of vice-president of the student body. She is president of the Associated Women Students, too.

Also, there is "Johnnie"—Elizabeth Johnstone—who is the new treasurer of the Y.W.C.A. cabinet, while Virginia Garside is secretary on the cabinet for the coming year.

Maryemma Taylor is the new business manager for the *Artemesia*—Nevada's yearbook. We truly are proud of "Ta"—she is the first woman ever to hold this position.

We closed last semester, too, with a bang. Loretta Miller was elected to Phi Kappa Phi; Barbara Horton made Cap and Scroll, women's honor society; and five girls were on the honor roll.

In addition we carried off two scholarships. Elizabeth Johnstone was awarded one of the \$50 scholarships, in the junior class, offered by the Board of Regents for high scholarship. "Johnnie" had a 1.2 and a 1.1 average. Cecelia Hawkins won the \$300 Azra E. Cheney Scholarship for the best student in freshman or sophomore English.

Truly we are off to a wonderful start!

CECELIA HAWKINS

MARRIAGES

Helen Mahoney, '29, to Mr. John Prenderville, Phi Sigma Kappa, ex-'30.
Inez Loomis, '30, to Mr. Harlan Johnson.

ALPHA ZETA—UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

"Leave them alone, and they'll come home—" Wagging their degrees, or their husbands, or new fraternity pins, or vivid experiences of an exciting summer behind them. Meanwhile, those of us who are left behind are finding that Austin, in the summer time, is one place than which there is no lonelier. Avidly devouring all the news of what the other Gamma Phis are doing this summer, we live in the anticipation of a glorious *rush season, which, by the way, will be only three days this year.*

Eloise Miller, our rush captain, has planned a series of parties which promise to be, not only attractive, but effective as well. A luncheon at the Austin Club on the roof of the new Norwood Building will open the festivities on Monday, September 16. That afternoon, one of our charming patronesses, Mrs. Tom Miller, will entertain with a tea for us at her home in the Country Club Estate. The French cabaret dinner that night will be at the house. Tuesday will bring a breakfast party at Mrs. Miller's, the famous Rainbow luncheon at the house, and the tea dance (which has been the personal touch that has ensnared many pledges the past two years). That night, Mrs. Steck, one of the most honored patronesses of Alpha Zeta, will open her home to us and our rushees again with the Japanese dinner. Wednesday is the last day, and the first party on its program is a riding breakfast at the Green Lantern. Mary Miller Cox, president of Alpha Zeta, is planning a luncheon for that day. (Mary Miller's new home will prove a perfect setting for her and the intensified rushing so necessary and characteristic of the last day.) The time honored Crescent dinner has its customary place as the last entertainment of rush week. Sue Williams is planning new features for it which will be especially dear to the Gamma Phi Betas and which will help each of our guests to realize how much the Crescent and our sorority means to us.

Then we'll hold our breaths until Thursday night . . . and let you know about the pledges later.

The spring elections brought to Gamma Phi Beta an honor which we have never had before. Eva Beth Sellars, prominent campus poet, and president of the pledges, was elected managing editor of the *Longhorn*, literary magazine of Texas University. "Cross the Ice with Lil Eva" and "Get Sold on Sellers" were slogans on everyone's lips. There were four other candidates in the race, but 'Lil Eva' was too well-known and well-liked. We have had associate editors before, but never a real flesh-in-the-blood managing editor.

Grace Sanderson was not only elected president of the Y.W.C.A., but vice-president of Mortar Board. Grace has other honors too lengthy to enumerate, and is house manager of Alpha Zeta as well.

The alumnae chapter entertained the seniors who were on the verge of becoming likewise soon with a swimming party and picnic at Barton Springs. The actives who were thus honored were Vivian Campbell, Mary

Frances Llewellyn, Lorraine Dechard, Emma Jean Donold, Lynn Woodward, Gwendolyn Shepherd, Margaret Lipscomb, Virginia Montague, and Winnie Burnett.

During the lull between exams and commencement another five pound box of candy arrived announcing the engagement of "Becky and Barney." Another box with the mysterious note "One week from today you will know the meaning of this" had arrived earlier in the season. Wholesale accusations were made, but no satisfaction could be gained until the portent telegram arrived acknowledging that Mary Frances and B. F. Williams, Pi Kappa Alpha, could "keep it a secret no longer." Whereupon each of us insisted that we 'knew it all the time,' and cried for "Mmmm and a little bit more."

Marguerite Wiseman was married to Russell Wolf in June, and are living here in Austin, much to the delight of all the girls of Alpha Zeta. We just heard today that Ruth Hilliard is married and in Cuba and South America on her honeymoon—but the name of the fortunate male seems to have escaped us. Dana Bramlette and Frank V. Mondrik, Phi Kappa Psi, were married in June.

During the first session of summer school the Gamma Phis in the house were Sue Williams, Mary Lyle Vincent, Grace Sanderson, Helen Hamilton, Lynn Woodward, Winnie Burnett. Mary Frances Llewellyn drives over periodically to "re-visit the scenes of her girlhood where she went to college" and Vivian Campbell and Mary Helen Cockrum dash in spasmodically. Just now, Mary Helen is on a Gamma Phi Beta house party in Crowell with Christine Campbell and Catherine Clark. Florence Weymouth has at last returned from New York, bubbling over with ideas and songs for rush week. The Shivers girls, Dorrie and Augusta, are still in Europe, as is Lucy Cummins. Mary Frank Smith's postcards bear postmarks from different eastern and New England points, while Mildred Ruckman is on the other coast. Polly Fertsch and Alice Marie Correll are summering in Colorado, and some of us are stay-at-homes. Eva Beth keeps us wondering where she will be next—and hope that she is including Austin in her itinerary.

Alpha Zeta has had another streak of luck in having Marcita Bailey, Zeta, and Wilma Bitner, Alpha Delta, move to Austin. The Chamness girls are back—truly, the gods are good. Mary Buckner Shaw is living here for awhile, and will receive her master's degree in business administration in August.

To hear Eloise and Vivian tell about convention was not only thrilling, but made us resolve to work even harder to make Alpha Zeta better than ever before. The goals for next year have already been set. We are hoping to have Dorothy Hudson, one of the founders of Alpha Zeta, in the house with us next year as she is to teach in Austin. Virginia Montague, who is in the advertising department of Scarbrough's, will also be in the house, as will Helen Hamilton, who is secretary to Dean V. I. Moore.

So . . . it won't be many crescent moons until rush week, and then the crescent pledge pins shall bewilder the heavens and the campus as well.

VIRGINIA MONTAGUE

ALPHA ETA—OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

To the girls of Alpha Eta, the week-end of June 8 brought incoherent and jumbled thoughts of exams and much preparation, seniors in their caps and gowns, packing, and installation at Wittenberg. We scarcely knew what we were doing—everyone was so happy and thrilled, and kept everyone mumbling the words of songs to make sure that nothing would go wrong with

the initiation ceremony. Hazy thoughts remain of brown and tan ribbons, initiation in a house on Crescent Drive, luncheon prepared by several of Alpha Eta's newest initiates, initiation of the alumnae of Tau Delta Theta, dressing in a rush for the formal banquet, toasts, songs and more toasts, the model meeting and then the return to Wesleyan and exams. Everything interspersed with congratulations and congratulations.

Eight of our seniors have now become alumnae: Mary Louise Selby, Cleveland; Pauline Pfeiffer, Kenton; Frances Boyd, Steubenville; Frances Ledman, Zanesville; Katherine Lowry, Mabel Lowry, Delaware; Margaret Marshman, Delaware; Helen Robinson, Richmond Hill, Long Island, New York. While Alpha Eta announces the initiation of Betty Olive, Fostoria.

A new cup lends much distinction to our trophy shelf. Lois Shilling was the victor in the needle and thread contest at the intramural finals. Alpha Eta seems fated to be runners-up in the athletic events of this season—we just can't be victorious in competition with those husky brawny "phys. ed's.!"

Virginia Madden has been elected associate woman's editor of the college paper, vice-president of the Y.W.C.A., and a member of Mortar Board, honorary society. Sally Evans is society editor of the paper, and personnel chairman of the Y.W.C.A. Mary Edwards has been cast in several dramatic rôles; while in the annual Monnett Day Pageant, Mary Lou Freeman, Elizabeth Curtiss, Marie Felton, Mildred Shaw, and Alice Daugherty held important parts.

Our spring informal dance was the big hit! We all turned gamblers for the time being and decorated the hall with immense cards arranged in poker hands. Dice were around the walls and the orchestra sat on "dice." We even borrowed a roulette wheel and splurged on poker chips. Sally Evans was chairman of the dance committee, and many guests enjoyed "gambler's hospitality."

We gave a buffet supper for these guests on Friday night at the Marshman's and then escorted them to see the musical comedy, *Miss Wesleyana*, in which Virginia Gordon had one of the leading rôles. The next Sunday afternoon our town mothers, patronesses, and alumnae gave a tea in honor of these same guests.

And now we all are resting in preparation for the opening of college and of rushing. Lois Shilling is our rushing chairman and will appreciate any names sent to her.

DOROTHY LACOUR

MARRIAGE

Eleanor G. Quass, Alpha Eta, '27, to Mr. W. Rolland Stewart, Phi Delta Theta.

ALPHA THETA—VANDERBILT

Alpha Theta had a most successful year during the session of 1928-1929. However, the crowning glory was not evident until the Panhellenic luncheon held in May, at the Hermitage Hotel, to which both all members of Greek-letter sororities at Vanderbilt and resident members of other sororities were invited. It was then that our own Martha Fisher, last year's president of the local Panhellenic council, *presented Vanderbilt's scholarship cup for 1928 to Alpha Theta of Gamma Phi Beta.* To complete the year's festivities the banquet for the seniors of the chapter was held June 7 at the Belle Meade Country Club. The seniors were presented with attractive gifts and pledges were made by them to Gamma Phi. At this time the ring for the "best all-around" freshman was presented to Novice Graves. It was here that the girls were assembled for the last time of the year, and, though a note of sadness prevailed, everyone had a wonderful time.

Among the honor students of this year's graduating class Gamma Phi

had two: Margaret Oman, who made Phi Beta Kappa, and Martha Fisher, who graduated *cum laude*. Toward the latter part of the year Charlotte Caldwell was elected secretary of the student council for next year. At the Southern Y.W.C.A. Conference at Blue Ridge, North Carolina, which was held June 4-14, Mary Elizabeth Dale, a freshman of this year, was the official delegate from Vanderbilt.

During the summer Alpha Theta has had two informal meetings which were much enjoyed. We are anticipating a very good rushing season this year. Our local Panhellenic has barred delayed rushing. And we are thankful! With the impetus which convention has given us, we are just anxious for college to begin and to get back to work for dear old Gamma Phi.

MARY ELIZABETH DALE

ALPHA LAMBDA—UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Today we are feeling both happy and sad; sad because so many of our graduates are leaving us for other cities, but happy because they have been so successful and have given us the highest scholastic standing on the campus.

The University of Toronto offers seven open scholarships to all the students of Canadian Universities and three of these are held by our girls, Jean Tolmie in philosophy, Margaret Grant in English, and Eleanor Dyer in French and German. Mildred Campbell was awarded a scholarship in zoology by the National Research Council; Gertrude Smith is studying in California. Congratulations to these girls who have brought honor to their chapter and to Gamma Phi by their splendid efforts.

A week after graduation we had sorority camp at Bowen Island. We stayed at Irene Poole's summer home and had a perfectly glorious time swimming, playing tennis, and hiking. Over the week-end many of the grads came up and of course added greatly to our good time.

Late in June we held our first Mothers' Tea. It was a delightful affair and we are sure we have created a new bond among our mothers as well as among our girls themselves.

Early in the month we held a rushing party at Woodlands, a summer resort up the inlet. We took the morning boat and returned late in the evening and although it rained, everyone enjoyed herself. Last week we had a bonfire out at Spanish Banks.

On June 21 we held a Garden Party at the home of Lucy Ross. The grounds were artistically decorated with Japanese parasols and lanterns. Besides being a very enjoyable event it was a decided financial success.

Betty Whiteside, our delegate to convention, and Freda Stewart, our alumnæ delegate, have returned to us fired with enthusiasm and new ideas. We are looking forward to a busy fall rushing period.

MARGARET FINLAY

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Peter Price (Jean Wilson), a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. G. Clarke (Louise Campbell), a son.

ALPHA MU—ROLLINS COLLEGE

Even though the banks be breaking, the Medflies flying, the hurricanes hurrying, and heaven knows what else, still Rollins keeps rolling along! Almost all the G Ps are back . . . lest you've forgotten, G P stands for the Golden Personalities and the Gamma Phis . . . and we are all preparing for a right hearty season of high thoughts, high deeds, and high conversation.

This program of "highnesses" was initiated with a resounding bang in the appearance of two more national sororities at Rollins. *Phi Mu and Pi Beta Phi are installing chapters here this fall.* Alpha Mu takes pleasure in welcoming them to the campus and in watching the growth of a national sorority spirit at Rollins, while she takes pride in this opportunity to establish a National Panhellenic at Rollins. We also welcome the new sorority organized here under the name of Lambda Phi. Locals or nationals . . . hurrah for sororities! The more the merrier, say we!

We of Alpha Mu feel suddenly grown-up now that we have two little sister chapters at Wittenberg and at S.M.U. We relinquish our title of Gamma Phi's baby chapter both regretfully and happily. Regretfully because we cannot be like Peter Pan and never grow up, but happily because we *do* have some little sisters and hence do not have to search for a Wendy to find complete content.

Now we shall tell you about our past. After Mrs. Barbour's and Miss Lowd's visit last spring, we Alpha Mus gradually settled back into a state of normalcy and pleasant contemplation of the joy of having and being friends. The rest of the college year consisted of the usual Rollins round of celebrities, musicales, lectures, general whoopee, and more celebrities. We mustn't neglect mentioning the faculty-student baseball games, and the wonderful beach parties over week-ends. One of our biggest thrills came, however, when the photographer who was taking pictures of the campus for publicity in the coming Rollins campaign . . . hang on to your millions everyone . . . selected the Gamma Phi Beta House to represent a typical sorority house at Rollins.

When the various games and meets were held in the spring, we discovered that our talents were quite as deeply rooted in athletics as in "literachoor." Gamma Phi was represented in every event in the Girls' Swimming Meet. The captains of three of the four class teams were Alpha Mus, too. Camille Beach led the juniors, Jewel Lewter the sophs, and Louise Briggs . . . then our pledge . . . captained the freshies. Briggs was also high point scorer for the entire meet. Billy Chapman and Beach were both on the champion basketball team. This makes the second time for Beach, with the consequence that she now has two gold basketballs to weigh down her flighty blonde head. Billy was also close runner-up for champion in the Tennis Tournament. But let me tell you about Mary Race. Said Murph received her Rollins "R" at the Women's Athletic Association Banquet in June. As this is the highest award that any girl can receive in athletics at Rollins, you can well imagine that we are mighty proud of Murph.

Among other honors which Alpha Mu received, Frances Arnold was elected treasurer of W.A.A., Helen Morrow received the office of secretary of Phi Beta, the musical fraternity, and Billy Chapman was appointed to the Y.W. Board. Stella Weston was re-elected president of the Rollins Literary Society. One of us also won the W.A.A. Song Contest for 1929 and received honorable mention in the short story contest. (Modesty is *such* a becoming virtue.) In the dramatic line, Alpha Mu was represented by Frances Arnold who had a leading part in the play which won first prize of all those given by the Little Theatre Workshop the past year. Alice Kretzinger also played the heroine rôle in *The Fourth Wall*, the play written by a Rollins student which received first prize in the Allied Arts Contest last year.

Now that we've divulged the various honors and more-or-less business of this report, we can again slip back into the good ol' gossip. First of all, have you heard the gore about Ione Pope's engagement ring? You see Himself is away down in South America where engagement rings don't grow on just any ol' palmetto. So what could Himself do but send the

necessary ducats back to North America with instructions to the Alpha Mus to see that Pope was properly engaged at once. Consequently for a couple of weeks, Orlando was all gummed up with excited knots of girls discussing the virtues and etcetera of various diamonds, settings, and karats. Someone recalled that all is not gold that glitters, and many sleepless nights were spent before the gang finally made up Pope's mind and slipped the winning ring on Pope's waiting finger. Now we can settle back with sighs of relief and truly enjoy this crown jewel, for so far it hasn't tarnished, chipped, or otherwise acted in a way unbecoming to engagement rings. We only hope Himself will like it when Pope goes down to South America next January to become a blushing bride.

Oh yes! And the first Alpha Mu baby honored Sarasota with his presence in May. We shall announce him with all due respect, formality, and proper dignity at the end of this article, but we feel that he is important enough to receive a little extra notice right here and now. His name is M. Carrington Silva, and we mean to maintain that he is a very thoughtful son. He presented his mother with a birthday-watch from Tiffany's when just a few days old, and when last interviewed in regard to his future, he gurgled: "Oh, I shall probably devote my life to the furtherance of Hamilton Holt's ideas and ideals for the guidance of the college youth. Yes, indeed. He has my hearty endorsement and earnest support." Ahem! No callow youth is E. Carrington Silva . . . not even at the age of a few months . . . less or more.

We have lost our beloved Fritz Kuebler to Michigan U. She is assisting George Carrothers . . . one time Dean of Rollins and now head of the Department of Education at Michigan. Probably Fritz can soak up enough ideas in education there, though, to help us out considerably if she returns during Christmas vacation. That will be just in time for us to apply 'em immediately and properly impress our profs before the marks come out the last of January.

We have two more members than we had when the last CRESCENT came out. We have already mentioned Louise Briggs, our swimming champ. Louise comes from Lake Wales, Florida, and has a Gamma Phi sister, Mrs. Charles Ward. Most of you met our other new member at Convention where she was initiated. We are referring to none other than our Virginia Hughes, affectionately known as Jinx . . . or however *you* spell it. Jinx received her B.A. from Mills College, her M.A. from Columbia, and has been Assistant Dean of Women at Rollins the past year. In spite of all these handicaps, however, Jinx is the best little sport that ever wore a crescent, and Alpha Mu is mighty proud and happy to have her for a sister. This year she is teaching psychology at Rollins. Special sessions of psycho-analyzing may be had by application at the Gamma Phi Beta House on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Terms on easy payments. Get your psycho psycho-ed now. Only a few more shopping days 'til Christmas!

And now we have finally worked around to Convention. We thought we would save it until the last just to be different. Although ye correspondent was absent at the Big Festival, she has been receiving detailed and diversified reports of all the events there, and she is already planning on attending the next one . . . or . . . something awful will happen. It must have been a great old reunion . . . both in the spirit of a high old time, and also in the deeper sense of sisters and friends from ocean to ocean. We believe it was Robert Browning who said this first, but we have his permission to repeat it . . . "What a thing friendship is . . . World without end!"

STELLA WESTON

BIRTH

To Mr. and Mrs. Willard Silva (Beata Meyer), a son, M. Carrington

ALPHA NU—WITTENBERG COLLEGE

Commencement week at Wittenberg was over, students were packing their trunks; outgoing trains were crowded; and fraternity houses were fast becoming deserted. Not so the Tau Delt house; for, here, more than ever before were signs of activity, festivity, and, it must be confessed, a bit of excited worry.

For this was Friday morning, June 7, and Tau Delt girls were awaiting Alice Dibble who was to give us the examination in Gamma Phi Beta lore which would begin the week-end which would bring Alpha Nu Chapter of Gamma Phi Beta to Wittenberg and to Tau Delta Theta.

"Where is the Beta Chapter?" and, "Oh I can never remember the founders?" And then suddenly there was silence, for at ten o'clock Alice arrived, and the examination had begun.

At noon it was over, and we all went to the Marygold Tea Room for lunch. Then afternoon found the Tau Delt girls leaving for homes in the town. The Alpha Eta girls were coming from Wesleyan, and we were happy to have them in our house and to know that already it was occupied by Gamma Phis. Miss Bertha Schneider arrived that afternoon—a dreary, rainy one, but oh so exciting—for she was to be in charge of pledge services.

It was to the Gamma Phi house we went that evening. The Tau Delt letters were down and there was a new atmosphere to greet us—an atmosphere of friendly mystery which we loved as we had begun to love all things connected with Gamma Phi Beta.

We loved more the ribbons of double brown which we soon wore, signifying to the world that we were now Gamma Phis; and we called the world's attention to them as we went merrily home singing our new songs.

There was little sleep that night, I fear, for who can sleep when morning brings a bright, new Gamma Phi pin? And very early the next day we went to Margaret Malone's lovely home for installation. Mrs. Barbour had arrived to take charge, and by noon twenty-seven of the actives were initiated Gamma Phis—and very glad of the warm day, as a coat should never hide a new pin.

Luncheon was served at the Gamma Phi Beta house (and oh how we liked to call it that!) Then we returned to hold services for thirteen of the alumnae. We were especially happy to initiate at that time Josephine Bretney, one of the four who founded Tau Delta Theta.

The Springfield Country Club was the scene of the formal banquet that evening. Three long tables, decorated with our beautiful shell pink carnations, faced the speakers' table. And about seventy-five girls in colorful evening dress smiled happily at one another while we sang the songs of Gamma Phi.

Bertha Schneider, as toast mistress, introduced the speakers who had planned their talks around the pretty idea that tonight Alpha Nu was to make her formal bow to society. Helen Ness Moores, of the alumnae of this baby chapter, told of her childhood and early growth; Lois Shilling, Alpha Eta, presented the debutante; Dr. Rees Edgar Lellos, our president, and Miss Ruth Immel, our dean of women, welcomed her into local society; while Miss Barbour greeted her as she entered the great national organization.

There were many all over the country whom we wanted to grace our debut, many who were not able to come, but from them we read telegrams of congratulation and welcome that lighted a warm glow in our hearts.

So it is over. *Tau Delta Theta has become Alpha Nu of Gamma Phi Beta*, and as we motored home, a crescent moon shone down on the happy eyes and bright pins of the new debutantes—a crescent moon which surely was joyful auspice of future years.

VIRGINIA BROWN

DELINQUENT ALUMNÆ CHAPTERS

Syracuse—Dorothy Brown
 Boston—Virginia E. Turnbull
 Baltimore—Berniece Ryan
 Ann Arbor—Katherine Mustard
 Chicago—Josephine Mackae
 Toronto—Lois Poyntz
 Cleveland—Mrs. Edward Korr
 Detroit—Mrs. Bert Spurrier
 Nashville—Mrs. Joseph Sharke
 Madison—Mrs. Albert Tormey

Milwaukee—Mrs. David Bloodgood
 Oklahoma City—Mrs. Weisiger
 Spokane—Mary McKenna
 Vancouver—Mrs. Ruth Ann Strong
 Berkeley—Patricia Sizer
 San Francisco—Mrs. E. M. Lockwood
 Reno—Mrs. Robert Farrar

CHAMPAIGN—URBANA

The long-talked-of convention is over, but Champaign-Urbana's two representatives, Jennis Barry and Nina Gresham, had a very delightful time and can bring many helpful and interesting suggestions to the chapter this fall. *We were in charge of the open night mixer* which introduced, by means of a pageant, all of the official delegates, and later, by means of little brown programs, properly "mixed" the audience. Jennis, who was the official delegate, and art editor of the *Crescent Moon*, traveled after convention through Colorado and Utah. The Omicron girls superintended the model initiation which was very solemn and beautiful, and we were glad to help with their midnight service and with part of the initiation.

We are very proud, as an alumnae chapter, of the record that Omicron is making in scholarship. The chapter was allowed a second delegate at convention, at national expense, because of having gained the greatest advance in scholarship of any of our chapters since the last convention. Beatrice Sloan was chosen for this honor. Then for the second semester of last year Gamma Phi Beta ranked fourth on our campus in scholarship.

Mrs. Moss went to her summer home at Ephriam, Wisconsin, after a visit during June with her daughter, Mrs. Wiley, in Indiana. She is always an inspiration to our group and we hope that the summer has proven a restful one.

Georgia Brownfield Campbell spent June and July with her parents in Urbana, but returned August 1 with her family to Burlington, Vermont. And speaking of Georgia and the East reminds us that Lelah Brownfield is to attend New York University next winter, doing graduate work in commercial subjects. Katherine Schmidt is now in New York while Astrid and Nathalie Dodge are also in the Knickerbocker City.

Ruth Mathews attended her sister's wedding in Amboy in August, and Frances Rayner spent the summer at Lake Geneva. Ruth is our chapter president. Under her guidance we had very interesting meetings during the winter and will look forward to another successful season. We were glad to have with us Eleanor Kingsley of Theta and Marianna Saunders of Psi, both doing graduate work at Illinois.

Helen Werts was married, June 24, to Ted Hersey, and they are living in Ocean Springs, Mississippi. We are very sorry to lose her from our chapter but hope she can speak for Gamma Phi in the South. Other summer weddings were those of Margaret Kuhne, Ruth Gates, and Mary Spencer. Mary was married, August 4, to Joe Somers, but will live in Urbana and continue as our faithful treasurer.

Next year we shall be happy to have with us again Mrs. Paul V. B. Jones who has spent the past year in Europe, and Mary Burnier who returns to the campus as an instructor in French. Bettie Cook will teach in the Avenue School in Champaign and Ruth Hibbs in the art department of the high

school. We are hopeful that Lenore Eversole Fisher will be sufficiently recovered from her long illness to be with us at some of our meetings. Mildred Eversole will spend her annual hay-fever sojourn in Colorado.

Our whole group has been shocked and saddened by the death from appendicitis of Irma Latzer Gamble's little daughter, Lois. She was buried July 27 at the Latzer home in Highland, Illinois, and we extend our sincerest sympathy to Irma and her husband. Lenore Latzer Gilloon was back at her home this spring to help with the dedication of the memorial library which the Latzer family has given to the town of Highland in honor of their father.

Word has just come that Lita Bane is to be on the editorial staff of the *Ladies' Home Journal*, beginning her new work in September. We are sure that this well-known periodical will become more than ever a household necessity, and that the circulation department may prepare for a large increase in subscriptions.

NINA GRESHAM

COLUMBUS

Mrs. John R. Allgyer entertained the Columbus alumnae with charming hospitality at a dinner at her home on June 6. Several who had not been able to attend a meeting during the past year were present and this added to the pleasure of the evening.

The event that looms largest on the Gamma Phi horizon in Central Ohio since the last issue of *THE CRESCENT*, appeared in the installation of Alpha Nu Chapter at Wittenberg College on June 8, and the subsequent recognition of the Springfield Alumnae Chapter made up of alumnae who were initiated at the same time as the active chapter. *The Gamma Phis throughout this section extend a hearty welcome to both chapters* and look forward to many happy occasions of fellowship and companionship.

BERTHA M. SCHNEIDER

PERSONALS

Beatrice Locke, of Portland, Oregon, the Province Director of Province VI, visited her brother in Columbus after convention and before her return to the west coast. She and her mother were the guests of Bertha Schneider several times while they were in Columbus.

Sada Harbarger is overseeing the finishing touches to the home that she and her mother are building near Wellston, Ohio. Duty at Ohio State University will soon be calling her away from her rural life.

Early in June Mrs. Warren B. Sisson and Mrs. Paul B. Sisson were the guests of relatives in New York City. While there, they were present at the marriage of a niece, Miss Riddle, who made her debut in New York society last year.

DENVER

With the days of "reading, 'riting and 'rithmetic" upon us again, we Denver alumnae have returned from mountains, sea, and other spots to enter into winter activities. And they promise to be many.

In our last letter we were bubbling over with convention. In this letter we are bubbling over again. But with a difference. This time those of us who couldn't make the grade to Kansas City have lived over those convention days through Kitty Lee Clarks, our delegate and the other Denver girls who accompanied her. We have all pored over Kitty Lee's scrapbook until it bids fair to become more scrap than book. We have asked her enough questions to dumfound a prisoner-at-the-bar. And now we are wishing that we had cut loose and gone too.

As usual, the *Gamma Phi Camp for Underprivileged Children* was a success—physically, morally, and financially. Genevieve Young, as camp councillor, proved what we had long suspected—that she has ability and knows how to make the most of it. At the camp Louise Ridgeway, Lucille Albright, Helen Cullen, Mary Lou Bartlett, and Freda Roof saw to the proper treatment of ears, knives, and prayers. They also showed an unexpected talent as barbers. During July, Laura Eggert invited us for luncheon at her summer home near the children's camp where we were entertained by the youngsters.

Now that rush week is upon us, we are almost as busy as the actives. Our board of directors saw to it that the lodge was outfitted in a fall costume alluring enough to attract the most disdainful rushee. In August we entertained for the actives and rushees at a bridge luncheon at Mary Crary Moore's lovely home. All honors for the party's success went to the committee, Edith Bliss, Rosamond Russell and Kathleen Kennedy.

And now there are a few personal items to record.

The summer has brought its usual share of visitors. Among them, Helen Wheeler who has been studying at Columbia and, by the time this is read, will have returned to finish for her degree; Sannie Callen, who is one of the leading professorial lights of Cornell University; Alice Barber Rawson, who has been living in Florence, Colorado; Constance Whitney Davis from Detroit; Helen Russell Perrin who will have returned to Edinburgh, Scotland, where she has made her home for the past few years; and Marie Coleman Cooper from Oklahoma.

EDNA TRAYLOR EISENHAND

ENGAGEMENT

Katherine Vickery, Theta, to Mr. Horace Hawkins, Jr., Lambda Chi Alpha, Phi Delta Phi.

MARRIAGES

Juanita Dunlop, Theta, to Mr. Ralph Heckman. Mr. and Mrs. Heckman will make their home in Denver.

Florence Cameron, Theta, to Mr. Robert Fladeland. Mr. and Mrs. Fladeland are living in Vallejo, California.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Howard Parks (Louise Blauvelt), a son, Howard, Jr.

To Mr. and Mrs. John Heaton (Janet Milligan), a daughter, Mary Kathryn, on June 2.

To Mr. and Mrs. Harry M. Mulvihill (Helen Campion, Theta), on July 4, a son, John Campion.

DEATHS

The passing of Mary Gallup Howe, Theta and New York, brings much sorrow to the many Gamma Phis who were her comrades and friends.

In her college days, Mamie Gallup was an acknowledged leader on the Denver University campus, a gifted musician and was possessed of a most unusual faculty for gaining and retaining friends. After her marriage she made her home in New York City, where she affiliated with the New York chapter, and always took an active part in all chapter enterprises. Her understanding and sympathy, the graciousness of her manner, and the beauty of her character endeared her to all those with whom she was associated; and she is remembered with tenderness and with affection.

On April 1, in Cincinnati, Helen Hersey Tuthill passed away very suddenly, and Theta chapter lost one of the most gifted musicians—a woman

of great charm and of strong personality. Before her marriage, Helen Hersey, on concert tour, gave charming costume recitals; and at one time had the unusual experience of singing at the Dartmouth College chapel. Her death is a distinct loss to the musical world and to those who were her friends.

DES MOINES

The Des Moines Alumnae Chapter has had two regular monthly meetings this summer. The July meeting was at the home of Sarah Shrute Kraetsch. The hostess served a delightful luncheon after which the guests enjoyed roaming through Mrs. Kraetsch's lovely flowers and grounds. It was decided that the next meeting should be a pot luck luncheon, so the August gathering proved a most enjoyable affair. Mrs. Clyde Doolittle opened her beautiful home for this occasion and we were fortunate in having several guests from out of town. Grace Bawie Jones, Omega, now of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Mrs. Barnes and daughter Henriette of Lincoln, Nebraska, sister and niece of Mrs. Kraetsch; and Miss Wallace of Chicago who was Mrs. Kraetsch's college roommate. Plans were discussed for the fall rushing party and a chairman appointed to take charge of the necessary arrangements.

The fall rushing party was held at the Hyperion Club—a bridge luncheon. The thirty guests found their places at a long table arranged on the spacious porch of the Club house, and the rushees' places were adorned with quaint French dolls. After luncheon the bridge devotees gathered for three tables after which prizes were awarded. The prizes were clever stuffed animals to help decorate the college rooms. The committee is certainly to be congratulated on so lovely a party.

The alumnae group is very happy that twin girls, future Gamma Phi Betas, were born to Mr. and Mrs. Sim Wherry on August 27. Mrs. Wherry will be remembered as Frances Nelson of Rho Chapter.

SADIE MISHLER

FARGO

The Fargo alumnae of Gamma Phi Beta can at last boast of organization into a chapter! We are most anxious to tell you of our accomplishments and activities since organizing in May. At present there are sixteen Gamma Phis living in Fargo and as we *have more alumnae in the city than any other national* we expect to make our presence felt. Every chapter in the province with the exception of Alpha Kappa is represented, and our officers for the coming year are: Alice Gall Bower, president; Mrs. F. K. Spaulding, vice-president; Florence Sayle Pollock, secretary; Hazel Quick Falley, treasurer.

Magdelina Carpenter Birch represented us at convention in June and by the time you have this *Crescent* you will know how very busy we are working for this splendid local, Sigma Theta at the North Dakota Agricultural College, which was the only group granted, at convention, the privilege of petitioning Gamma Phi. I must tell you that we have entertained them all at a buffet supper and at tea, besides meeting them throughout the past winter at the numerous occasions which they have given in our honor; so we feel them well worth the time that five of us spent in motoring to Grand Forks in early June in order to tell the Alpha Betas and the Grand Forks alumnae about them. Four of us also left our babies and husbands to drive to Winnipeg and acquaint the Alpha Kappas with the situation. It was a real treat to meet this chapter, of which we have heard so much.

A few days after Mrs. Birch returned from convention we had a meeting to hear what Gamma Phi is doing internationally and it was most stimulating to learn of all her activities.

This summer we have been working on material to give the Sigma Thetas for help in their fall rushing. Since we have our old friends, the Kappas (who were installed in May) as rivals in rushing.

The last week in August, three Gamma Phis (Sara Preston Finley, Marie Moreland, and Eleanor Sarles Goodman from Minneapolis) are spending several days with Mrs. Birch at her new summer home at Detroit Lakes. The Gamma Phis are driving down to join them for a day during their visit. One day is to be spent in Fargo where the Sigma Thetas are entertaining these visiting Gamma Phis at a luncheon while the alumnae chapter is following this with a tea for all the rushees and their mothers. Fortunately no rushing rules are in effect until September 1, so we are hoping to spread a little of Gamma Phi's fame ahead of time. We have invited the Grand Forks alumnae to join us the day we are all together in Fargo and hope that this time some of them will be able to come down, since team work between the two towns will strengthen Gamma Phi in North Dakota.

The Fargo alumnae in their first CRESCENT letter extend best wishes to all Gamma Phis for success in the coming year.

FLORENCE SAYLE POLLOCK

BIRTH

To Dr. and Mrs. Richard Bower (Alice Gall, Kappa), a son, James Bruce on April 13.

KANSAS CITY

We can hardly believe that convention has come and gone. After two years of planning, working, and *living* convention, we feel bereft. However, our families, having had convention from morning until night for so long are now gradually losing their long-suffering look and are almost normal again. As this was our first convention we naturally did our share of worrying, but as we look back on it now, we feel that we were really most fortunate. The weather treated us handsomely until the last day, the hotel wasn't too small, and the fruit cocktail supply was too limited to permit of being served for breakfast anyway. We feel that *it was a wonderful experience having convention for the first time*, and now we are looking forward to having you all back with us again, even if we do have to wait twenty-five or more years for that pleasure!

It is hard to remember anything that happened before convention. We did, however, have our annual rushing tea on June 8 at the lovely new home of Kathryn Woodward. There has been a great deal of informal rushing during the summer both by the Sigma and Alpha Delta girls and also the Kansas City alumnae. Several more formal parties are planned for the weeks preceding the opening of the various colleges. Convention was surely an inspiration to us for our rushing.

FLORENCE MAE INGHAM

LOS ANGELES

Eleanor Dickson, our retiring president, gave us a report of convention, at the special midsummer meeting held in July at the Belmont Beach Club of Long Beach. The meeting was followed by a swimming party. The Jonathan Club in Los Angeles will be the setting next Saturday for our first fall meeting. Mrs. John P. Davidson of Mu, who is literary chairman of the Friday Morning Club, will give us a book review, the first of a series to

be presented throughout the year. Bridge will be the order of the day after the meeting. Gail Wright of Sigma (Mrs. C. H. Wright, 507 North Sierra Bonita, Hollywood; phone: Whitney 5459) is our new president and she has already organized and planned the year's program very effectively. Eileen Mead of Alpha Iota is vice-president; Mildred Light of Tau is recording secretary, Marguerite Hornung of Psi is treasurer, and Thelma Carlisle Shanks of Mu (Mrs. John Shanks, 1741 Crenshaw Boulevard, Los Angeles; Phone: Empire 6569) is corresponding secretary. Geraldine Nussbaum of 1065 Cloverdale Avenue, Los Angeles, has a few extra copies of the new Los Angeles Directory of Gamma Phi Betas in Southern California, and these are on sale for fifty cents.

Edith Kibby of Theta will have charge of the perpetual paper drive this year and incidentally they take in tin foil too. Two large bridge parties will be run by Kate Frost who has just returned from a years' study of music abroad. Marie Kuhl of Epsilon wants us all to trip the light fantastic toe as she is to have charge of the Christmas dance. Hazel Platte has headed the furnishings committee for the new Alpha Iota house and has been ably assisted by Leila Knapp Cannell of Lambda. Thanks to Leila's help—and also her husband's and son's—the furnishings will be bought at cost and supervised by the firm of Cannell and Chaffin. Probably the next CRESCENT letter will be a Song Without Words or *photographs of the Alpha Iota house at Westwood campus.*

After being stationed at the U.C.L.A. for five years, Captain Charles H. Owens, U.S.A. has been transferred to Camp Benning, Georgia. Los Angeles alumnæ already miss Constance Gyde Owens, Xi, '16.

GRACE PARTRIDGE UNDERHILL

PERSONALS

Gladys Lawrence of Pi attended the Gamma Phi convention en route to Chicago where she was a delegate to the Delta Omicron convention. She is editor for Delta Omicron, a national musical sorority.

Margaret Nachtrieb and her mother were guests of the Los Angeles Alumnæ Chapter recently.

Elizabeth Bridge Currier and her family spent a month in South Pasadena this summer.

Kitty Nason Pope and her family spent the summer in the Black Hills of Iowa at a family reunion. Judge Pope went on to Michigan.

Belle Farman of Pi has returned to Nebraska after a visit in Southern California.

Mrs. Stuart Queene of Kansas City spent the summer in Los Angeles, her husband teaching in the summer session of the University of California at Los Angeles.

MARRIAGES

Carol Morse, Alpha Iota, '27, to Mr. Joseph R. Jones.

Frances Lucas, Phi, to Mr. Meyer Francis Nimkoff, 136 St. George St., Lewisburg, Pennsylvania.

Georgia Money, Alpha Gamma, to Mr. Bearl Murphy.

Georgia Clark, Chi, to Mr. A. J. Telish.

BIRTH

To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gray (Lois Cleland, Alpha Iota), of Balboa Island, California, a daughter.

MINNEAPOLIS

Whenever the Gamma Phis in Minneapolis desire to have an unusually lovely party, Mrs. E. W. Backus offers her Lake of the Isles home. For an afternoon musical the alumnae chapter sent out five hundred invitations to friends, relatives, and, incidentally, mothers of prospective Gamma Phis. The real purpose of the occasion was to *raise money for our scholarship fund* and there could be no more perfect setting for a June tea than the Italian garden where a group of the girls from campus served. Mrs. Mary Evans, our housemother of whom we are so proud, was in the receiving line with Katherine Taney Silverson and Catherine Crocker Pardee. Hazel Bishop Strong arranged for the musical program in which appeared Kathleen Hart Foster, Mrs. Paul Bliss, Mrs. Louise Jenkins, Mrs. Teasdale, and Mr. Frohman Foster, flutist.

Of a decidedly more informal nature was the last meeting—a picnic at Jerry Batson's. We enjoyed seeing Eleanor Eaton Frame again who is home from Florida visiting Ruth Eaton Lansing. Another welcome stranger was Ann Roberts Hogan who comes to Minneapolis from the Utah chapter. Her husband, by the way, is associated with the Foshay Tower Company here.

There wasn't a soul who wanted to go to convention quite so much as Carolyn McDowell and Ruby Sand Baston. To be assured of expenses in advance, these two ingenious young ladies held a personal and private rummage sale netting some \$70. Then Ruby's son was taken ill, and Carolyn developed an ear infection, so all reservations had to be cancelled. Sarah Preston Finley returned with many a gay account of convention to haunt these two who stayed at home. Millicent Lees Hoffman went on from Kansas City to spend the summer in California, while Clara Taney Will from Seattle visited her mother en route to convention.

RUTH M. LECK

PERSONALS

Among those who traveled this summer are Katherine Taney Silverson and her son, Charles, who were in Europe; Mrs. Evans who with a group of active girls went abroad soon after commencement; Louise Durst Smith and her husband who attended the medical convention in Portland, Oregon; Edna Elmer Smith and family who traveled in the West; Eunice McGilvora Erdall and her husband went to New York and other eastern cities.

Doris Smith, Nebraska, from Sioux City will teach art in St. Lewis Park this year.

Pearl Weston Hall's parents and sister, Stella, who is a Gamma Phi at Winter Park, are her guests from Florida. Pearl's daughter will enter Hillcrest Hospital, which was founded by her grandfather, Dr. Weston, and begin her nurse's training course this fall.

Rewey Belle Inglis, who was recently elected president of the national organization of English teachers, was busy at summer school and work on her textbook which is soon to be published.

Eva Kaye Rutherford, her husband, and three daughters lived at Lake Minnetonka this summer. Mildred Gamble White was also at the Lake.

MARRIAGES

Mary Staples to Mr. Alan Kennedy.

Helen Bezoir to Mr. Charles Purdy, Jr.

NEW YORK

With the regular CRESCENT correspondent gayly driving her new car through the Yellowstone, and most of the "Old Guard" either abroad or

pleasantly idle somewhere in the country, there seems to be no one else to write the CRESCENT letter this time.

Nor is there much news. Gamma Phi activities in New York City during the summer are almost at a standstill. A most enjoyable supper party at Mrs. Fiske's delightful home in Maplewood, New Jersey, late in May, and the June luncheon at the McAlpin Hotel closed our activities for the year.

But we are already looking forward to a new year of great activity. Regular meetings will begin in October instead of December, for we are anxious to get together again, and to hear Grace Burgard Holcomb's account of the Kansas City convention. Reservations have already been made at the Panhellenic House for the annual banquet November 12, and for the February card party.

Active membership in the New York Alumnae Chapter was larger last year than it has ever been, and we hope to have another record breaking year in 1929-1930. We trust that all Gamma Phis coming to New York will get in touch with us. The Panhellenic House office will always have a list of our officers and their telephone numbers. Best wishes to all the chapters, old and new, for a prosperous year.

LOUSENE ROUSSEAU

PORTLAND

The last meeting of the year was held late in June at Caroline Unander's beautiful country home on the Columbia. It was attended by alumnae and actives from Nu, Chi, and Lambda chapters. Rushing plans for the summer were discussed. These included several informal bridge teas and a large theater party and tea to be held early in September.

The regular monthly meetings this coming winter are to be held at the University Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Delvin Peterson (Helen Houghton, Nu) have left for an extended trip in Europe. They expect to be away five or six months.

Mrs. Charles C. Pethram (Virginia Wilson, Nu) has recently returned from a motor trip to Yellowstone.

UNSIGNED

ENGAGEMENT

Agnes Hesseldenz, Chi, to Mr. Robert Theiring.

MARRIAGES

Helen Johnson, Chi, to Mr. Alexander Brown.

Janet Fenstermacher, Nu, to Mr. Robert Stonerod, Chi Psi at University of California.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. George La Roche (Lenore Blaesing, Nu), in June, a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Hill Shea (Margaret Murphy, Nu), on August 15, a son.

SEATTLE

How much would you bid for this nice sea breeze this July morning? Spread out before me here are the sparkling waters of Puget Sound, on which is dotted the gray fretting of the battle fleet. A dozen or more they are—battleships, cruisers, supply, and hospital, riding at anchor on the bay, getting ready for Fleet Week.

Are there Gamma Phi brothers aboard, we wonder. In a few days will appear a British warship, a Canadian, and a Japanese, one of them with, possibly, brothers aboard. How much am I bid?

Above is the blue, blue sky with its fringe of mountains—snow peaks on

one side and blue silhouettes of forest-clad Olympics on the other. Or over your shoulder see Lake Union and Lake Washington—and here comes an airplane bound for parts unknown. How much am I bid, I say?

We think some of you may wish you might have come in the pockets of our convention people as they came home from Kansas City. We heard our first report from convention at the Drop-in Luncheon at the Women's University Club on July 23. Mary Terrell Seeholzer was our delegate and brought us a very interesting account of the business of convention. Margaret Meaney Younger and Clara Taney Will supplemented with various observations, sprightly and serious, which served to make us wish we had been there. We resolved to ask for more at later meetings. Jane Brehm, the active chapter delegate, told how convention impressed an undergraduate. Visitors present included Mary Murphy, who attended convention from Xi, and Sadie Stockton McFall, of Xi, who is visiting in Seattle from Longview. Oh yes, and Elfreda Smith and Dolly Callow, who seem so blessedly natural that one almost forgets to call them visitors.

This meeting took the place of the regular second Tuesday meeting for July. The August meeting will be a picnic with Ruth Frye Osborne at Three Tree Point. We had such a good time there last year that we know we want to repeat.

The June meeting was the *Annual Spring Banquet* which was given at the Broadmoor Clubhouse. Here we gathered as the sun was setting in a glorious sky and found we numbered about the usual hundred. Ruth Norton, alumnae president, acted as toastmistress under the title of editor in chief of the twenty-sixth edition of *Gamma Phi Beta Chatter*, which we had each been perusing as we ate. She called on her "reporters" for their latest "copy" in Activities, Whirl of Society, Domestic, Foreign, and Financial News. Then came "*A Diary of a Modern Gamma Phi*," and in contrast, "Times Do Change," a series of reminiscences of past years and wonderful doings in earlier days of Lambda, which raised numerous titters or shouts of appreciation—on the one hand of remembrance of oldsters, on the other hand of wonderment of youngsters. This was done by Emmy Schmitz Hartman, and Emmy knows. Last of all, Ruth Bamford Henchan sang—can you guess?—"The Pink Carnation," without which no banquet seems complete. We hope you all have a Ruth. We know we all felt that Winifred Johnson Marontate had managed superbly, from the banks of flowers under the softly glowing candle to the last words of good-night.

PEARL WICKSTROM

PERSONALS

The Nation is Saved—(This, and the next five items are "lifted" bodily from the *Chatter* mentioned in the letter.) Alice McDonald and Lois Dehn are new presidents of their respective P.T.A., Bess Evans of her Fruit and Flower Mission Circle, Dorothy Falknor and Lucy Davidson are to serve as trustees of the Women's University Club. Such civic sisters!

Takes Trip East—Annabel Hall is to spend a month in the East doing some observation for Frederick's—and some for Annabel.

Perpetual Youth—Elfreda Smith has had a *hard* case of mumps—some people just never *do* grow up.

Old-timer Returns—Marjory Judy Smith, now of Connecticut, spent a week-end admiring the changes eleven years have wrought.

Coupeville to the Front—Margaret Wayland Smith dashed in for a day. She has three children, a home, and a husband to manage, teaches half a dozen subjects in Coupeville High School and studies for her master's degree on the side!

Women's Paradise—Paid to Buy Hats—Loie Howard Hall has gone to

New York to be buyer for a national hat firm. What a paradise for a woman.

Speaking of paradises, Ruth Norton left the day after the banquet, and now we learn that she shuttles back and forth between Chicago and New York buying jewelry for Mandel's. She has three people under her direction, and spends three weeks in Chicago then one in New York.

Lucy Rawn was called east in May by the death of her sister, Mayme Gallup Howe of New York.

K. B. Pierrot lost her little Jeff this spring from meningitis. She was spending the winter in southern France to regain her own health.

Ruth Allen Geary is on a motor tour through England and France this summer.

Carrie Shorts is spending the summer abroad. Pryde Atkinson is visiting in the East during her absence.

Juliet Glenn will leave August 25 for Paris to begin her second year of study of voice. First will be a few weeks at the Riviera with her teacher, who takes a group to the Riviera each year.

Elaine Gorham is to be assistant executive on the Camp Fire ship next year.

We hear that Ruth Thompson will be moving to San Francisco this winter. She plans to spend the summers in Tacoma, however, so we do not lose her entirely.

Ruth Nettleton is one of a group of four girls who have opened a studio. Ruth's specialty is sculpturing. The girls are planning classes in modeling, and in drawing.

MARRIAGES

On July 10, Phyllis Graham to Mr. Volney Richmond, Jr., Psi Upsilon, University of Washington. Mr. and Mrs. Richmond will live in Alaska.

Evelyn Canfield to Mr. Charles Kirk, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, University of Washington.

Helen Demarest to Mr. Charles Hurley of Yale.

Vernita Swezea Lundquist to Mr. Paul Stark Seeley. The wedding took place in Portland, Oregon, and news of it came just too late for our last letter, which was written in March. Mr. Seeley is a graduate of Princeton and of the Harvard Law School. He is now serving as a lecturer on the Christian Science Board of Lecturership, and we hear is off for Australia and other foreign ports, accompanied by Mrs. Seeley. Their home in Portland is 400 Vista Avenue.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter of Everett (Helen Stuchell), on June 28, a daughter.

To Mr. and Mrs. Cushman of Tacoma (Irene Springer), in June, a daughter.

SPRINGFIELD

Since this is our first contribution to *THE CRESCENT* we are naturally quite proud, and, may one add, a little apprehensive as to the results. However, experience is the best teacher—so here we go.

The alumnæ chapter of Alpha Nu (which is, as you know, one of the "infants" of Gamma Phi Beta, but which has all hopes and aspirations to soon be out of that stage of development) was organized at the same time that the charter was granted to the active chapter. As a local, our active and alumnæ chapters were always very close, and as Gamma Phis, we all feel sure that the bond will be only made more strong and more closely knit.

Our alumnæ activities have so far been confined to assisting the active

chapter in its work of adjustment and preparation. We have been helping them all through the summer in the assembling of the various properties needed for the on-coming initiations and pledgings. Then too, in conjunction with the active chapter we gave a most successful subscription bridge. At present we are *supervising the rehabilitation of our house*, which is being redecorated and painted.

The next thing on our very busy program will be the initiation of a new class of *alumnæ*, who will be inducted within the next month—and that is no easy task, especially to us who are still somewhat of novices in Gamma Phi.

MARTHA E. K. TIMMERMAN

ST. LOUIS

The vicissitudes of raising a family are many and various, and not the least of them is whooping-cough. Submerging in the spring, I have recently emerged to find myself entirely ignorant of chapter proceedings during the last few months, and—what is worse!—to find the town deserted by Gamma Phis and the sources of information extremely scarce.

Two interesting bits of information have come my way, however. The first is that Charlotte Robertson, our president, is to be the secretary of the Central Office in Chicago. The other is that we are to have a *Gamma Phi night this coming autumn at the Players' Guild*.

Perhaps you may be interested to hear a little of the story of our Players' Guild. It was organized about three years ago by a group of men and women interested in the drama, to fill a very vital need in St. Louis—namely, the production of good plays at moderate prices. For the past two years, the Guild has produced most successfully a number of plays each season, covering a remarkably wide range of dramatic writing. A few of the plays produced are *Outward Bound*, *Ariadne*, *Juno and the Paycock*, and *The Pigeon*. Several of our chapter members have been very active in the work of the Guild, one, Margaret Ewing, having served as president last year.

On Gamma Phi night the members of Phi and St. Louis chapters will take upon themselves the responsibility of filling the auditorium of the Artists' Guild, where the plays are produced, guaranteeing the Players' the sum of \$150 and keeping the balance of the receipts for the chapter treasury. Since the auditorium seats some two hundred and fifty people, we are hoping to end our venture with a quite substantial sum, and we are feeling ourselves particularly fortunate to have the opportunity to better our own fortunes and at the same time to increase the Guild's circle of acquaintances.

DORIS TALBOT NETLAGE

MARRIAGE

Grace Rowland Strong, Phi, '23, to Mr. Royal L. Coburn.

DEATHS

The chapter wishes to extend its sincere sympathy to Irma Latzer Gamble on the death of her little daughter, Lois; to Virginia Black Buchanan on the death of her father; and to Constance Roach Pheley on the death of her father.

ST. PAUL

An unusually busy year for us has started! We St. Paul members are determined to amount to more than ever and here is the tentative program for the year: which each member will receive from our president, Reine Pino Withy.

First of all, Marie Moreland will, at the earliest meeting, tell us all about her trip to convention in Kansas City.

In October, Katharine Silversen is to talk on the growth of our own chapter while the following month Millicent Hoffman will talk on "Chapters in Our Province." Of course the Christmas party will be in December.

In January, Virginia MacDonald will tell us about the Camp for Underprivileged Children in Denver; February, Elizabeth Young is to talk on housing problems on our campus and other campuses! Expansion problems will be discussed by Sarah Preston Finley and in April the actives will be our guests. Membership and finance will be pushed throughout the year in order that we may be prepared for the convention in 1931 which will meet in the Twin Cities—St. Paul and Minneapolis. In May, Doris Wiggin will give us the plans for this convention—and so our president has finally outlined this year's work. Furthermore, Reine is sending each of us the address and telephone number of every member and a list of officers and committee chairmen members in order that we may become even better known to one another. Yes! *We have a great year ahead of us.*

During the summer which is just passing, Marie Moreland held a picnic at Birchwood, White Bear Lake. Mary A. Lyons Lincoln of Fort Snelling has a baby girl.

The Fargo group of North Dakota was allowed to petition and we hope our girls can go to Fargo to help rush when the time comes.

GERTRUDE HANSEN RUHBERG, *Kappa*

SYRACUSE

ANNA TERRY WHITFORD—DIED JULY 7, 1929

Dear Anna Terry Whitford! So richly endowed by nature and grace to be a source of inspiration and strength to those who were privileged to know her!

It was her rare attainment to administer her home with efficiency, caring for her household with unselfish devotion, and extending hospitality to friends and acquaintances, and at the same time to live a personal life that would satisfy one of her active mind and eager spirit. This led to her teaching for years an ever expanding Sunday School class of young mothers, to her work in missionary societies, to her identifying herself with the activities of the A.A.U.W., the D.A.R., the Old Ladies Home, and a literary society that did some interesting work. These are but a few of the enterprises that claimed a share of her time and labor.

She moved through life with an outward serenity that was seldom disturbed; she met bravely the problems that life brought to her; she passed with confidence and faith to "The last great adventure."

"Oh may I join that choir invisible!"

ELLEN L. CHAMBERLAYNE

ALUMNÆ ASSOCIATIONS

AUSTIN

A glance at the calendar informs the correspondent that it's time for another CRESCENT letter, but the calendar isn't a bit of help when it comes to gathering news. When one spends a three months' vacation in an interesting little out-of-the-way village far from home, one is apt to let the rest of the world go by! The above is certainly the case in this particular instance. But it won't be long now! Before many more weeks the wanderers will be returning, and we may hear them relate the summer's adventures,

and talk of plans for the future. In the meantime we shall have to content ourselves with *little scraps of news gathered here, there, and yonder.*

Dorothy Ellen Shivers, our *alumnæ* president, and her sister, Augusta Ione, have been touring Europe during the summer months. A card posted in London indicates that the trip is fulfilling their highest expectations.

Kathryn Bryant Menger is visiting her parents in Minneapolis, having returned overland with them from her home in Schenectady.

Loraine Decherd, one of our newest *alumnæ*, following her graduation in June from the university with highest honors has been dividing her vacation time between an auto trip through the White Mountains, a month at the beach near Stony Creek, Connecticut, and visits in Forestville, Meriden, New Haven, Connecticut, and Boston. She plans to spend the last ten days of August, until the close of summer school in Minneapolis, with her brother, a junior medic in the university school of medicine. While in Minneapolis she will also see "K.B." Menger and Helen Boysen before accompanying her brother to Texas.

No one who has gone fishing or swimming in or boating on the myriad lakes of Minnesota can fail to appreciate their beauty. It is in the heart of this lake region northwest of the Twin Cities that Helen Boysen has been enjoying her vacation to the full. She is firmly convinced that Minnesota has been truly christened the State of Ten Thousand Lakes. Helen plans to return to Austin before going to Baton Rouge, Louisiana, in September to take up her work as instructor of zoology at Louisiana State University.

Florence Smith and Helen Drummond have been occupying the home of Florence's aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Parker, while attending the University of Texas summer school. Both girls are working toward their master's degrees.

Dorothy Siemering Towle of New Haven, Connecticut, has paid Texas her annual summer visit, spending most of her time in San Antonio.

A reunion of the Cox family brought Mr. and Mrs. H. Reavis Cox (Rachel Dunaway) from New York City to Lake Junaluska, North Carolina, to remain a month or more.

Mary Steussy Gray and Mildred Beall Marek with their respective husbands expect to enjoy ten days together at the former's summer camp in Maine the latter part of the summer.

HELEN BOYSEN

MARRIAGES

On June 20, Elsa Erler to Mr. Clarence Frederick Hutches at the home of Mrs. Otto Koehler, West Courtland at Belknap, San Antonio, Texas.

On June 30, Dana Bramlette to Mr. Frank Vince Mondrik in Shreveport, Louisiana. Mr. and Mrs. Mondrick will be at home in Cameron, Texas.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Once again the Association has elected new officers. We almost are forced to elect new officers at each meeting, because as soon as the members are in office they depart. Mrs. Upton, our former president, went to Oklahoma, and we now have Katherine Johnson Lipscomb to pilot us along. I might mention that we have been piloted on a sea of vanilla the past two months. It was decided to attempt to sell a gross of vanilla, and when the vanilla arrived—there were two gross! It is all sold now, and we have netted our treasury \$25.

Emma Lowd came to visit our group in February. I fear she found us far less flourishing than she had anticipated.

A motion was passed in one of our last meetings, to meet on the first Wednesday in every month; so all Gamma Phi who happen to be in Washington at that time, please plan to join us.

Helen Bliss returned from Shreveport, Louisiana a month ago and we were mighty glad to see her. We had missed her faithfulness and executive ability.

We are glad to welcome Hortense Hood Russell, Beta '25, who has just come to Washington to live.

Our last meeting was held at Katherine Lipscombs. She had planned a lovely little bridge party for us, but we talked so hard and so fast that we didn't know a heart from a spade—and we gave up playing early in the evening.

Ernestine Chubb, Omega, '27, has been located here and we hope she will be a permanent member from now on.

We are sending out letters to all chapters, asking for information of any Gamma Phi who may be living in Washington, as we feel certain there are some concerning whom we do not know. If anyone knows a Gamma Phi living in this vicinity who has not affiliated with us, please notify THE CRESCENT correspondent.

Ernestine Hall Rolls

MARRIAGE

Hortense Hood, Beta, '25, to Mr. John Russell, University of Michigan, '25.

LINCOLN

Chapter letter in August! Worse still, at distance! Still worse, just a month after convention, and on the same day that I have tried to register on paper all my convention impressions of our many personalities! You will have heard too much of me for one issue. However, I may be silent for some time, so let me have this last fling indulgently. Here in New Haven I recall but two or three Gamma Phis. The others I have yet to find, but I shall, for queer tricks of Fate are always bringing the unexpected friend to my door.

I know little, really, to tell of Pi alumnae since June. Louise Weaver and I were the last hostesses at our monthly luncheon meeting, when we elected officers for the coming year. Some of them will have to be newly elected, however, for we are a rapidly shifting group, it seems. A few of them I think I can name.

Hildegarde Klose was chosen to be our new president. Hildegarde is a silent young minx, but there's much going on there within. Yet Hildegarde will not dominate, a danger and a tendency which every alumna and active chapter should, it seems to me, strongly guard against, especially when chapters are small. And here I am amused to pause to reflect that Pi Alumnae Association is as small as Pi active is large! The girls are giving their summer rushing parties now. I was not home long enough after convention to attend any of them, but by the time this CRESCENT is out they will have chosen their girls.

But I began to tell about our officers. Among them we elected, as our Panhellenic delegate our charmingly poised Susan Minter, whose mother is as attractive and prominent in Tri-Delt and in Lincoln as a matron as Susan is outstanding among us for her beauty of character and of person. We shall be proud to have Susan represent us.

Louise Weaver was given the files and the secretarial books. Where, oh where, is Louise now? The moment she reads this she must write me a letter, for she mysteriously disappeared from the banquet table (the last night of convention) where she sat opposite me, without a farewell, knowing not where she and her family would spend the coming winter. Pi will suffer from the loss of Louise. It was a keen blow to Gamma Phi when her father resigned his managership of the Cornhusker Hotel, for Louise had made a place for herself in Lincoln. Furthermore we were all ready to fight for

Dorothy, her equally charming, adorable, rosebud-mouthed little sister, whom already Kappa and Pi Phi and Delta Gamma were rushing hard. Dorothy must be a Gamma Phi. She will be. We must depend upon Louise for that.

As I begin a year of study and research at beautiful old Yale, whose new library is already making our own proud new Nebraska capitol look like papier mâché, so detailed is the beauty of this Gothic and of this stone, I leave Pi Chapter somewhat sorrowfully, for Pi has many problems to solve and the strength of every mind and energy, particularly of those in contact with the active girls, is needed for that task. Of one alumna who has come back to join us I feel extremely hopeful and confident: Kathleen Williams. She is fair and she is honest. She is broadly sympathetic, understanding. Withal she is not an autocrat. I trust Pi Chapter in her helpful hands as an *alumnæ* advisor. And I trust Pi's new active officers.

Janet Winter is an intelligent girl—sound-minded and fair and cautious. You may notice that of both Kathleen and Janet I have omitted the word "tact." For, the more I live and grow mentally in experience, the more I feel convinced that all too much is made of tact and of the word. It can often cover a multitude of very dreadful, vital sins. Let every chapter of Gamma Phi have, I hope, rather less of crude cleverness and so-called "tact,"—more of genuine inward tact which comes of *sincere idealism, honest realism, fair credit where credit is due, intelligent understanding, and sympathetic appreciation*. In other words, I feel that if Gamma Phi Beta needs anything now to keep her soul alive she needs more genuine loyalty within her chapters—loyalty of sister to sister not in blindly supporting a sister because she happens to be a favorite sister. We are too inclined that way. Loyalty, rather, to our other chapter sister who may not happen to be our chosen chum—loyalty to her viewpoint and to her sincerities. This I conceive to be genuine sorority love—the bond by which that beautiful ceremonial we saw again enacted at Convention binds us.

CONSTANCE MIRIAM SYFORD

PERSONALS

Janet Winter returned to Lincoln after convention, having visited in Chicago earlier.

Mary Beard has been visiting in Nebraska City at the home of her grandfather.

Ethel DeYoung Watkins spent a short time at the home of her parents in Kansas before returning to Lincoln after convention.

Fayne Merritt's husband appeared for the convention dance. He and Fayne were to drive for a few days before returning to Lincoln.

Louise Weaver's family was visiting at Louise's grandmother's in St. Louis during convention days. Louise and Dorothy came to Kansas City for the week, Louise renewing her friendships with Phi girls.

Constance Miriam Syford visited Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lambert in Leavenworth over the week-end after convention. Mrs. Lambert is a Pi Beta Phi of Knox College and of Illinois University. After most of July in Lincoln, Constance is now using the Yale library. She expects to spend several week-ends with friends on the shore of Marblehead, Old Lyme, Connecticut, and on Long Island Sound. Her address is 100 Howe Street, New Haven, Connecticut.

Professor Hamilton, formerly at Nebraska but recently in the chemistry department at Northwestern University, returns to Nebraska for the new fall term. This brings back to Pi Chapter his wife, whom we hope will ardently assume the responsibilities of being Gamma Phi.

Florence Frahm was married during convention week to a prominent young physician.

Clarice Green Hicks has a young infant born in the late spring.

SAN DIEGO

Many of you have no doubt seen our attractive tallies and score pads printed in Gamma Phi colors with the Gamma Phi letters interwoven in modern fashion to make a border design. Did you know that we are selling them to buy a set of dishes for the new Arizona Chapter house.

It all came about in this way. In May we had our regular meeting with Ada Marie Dawson. She surprised us with favors consisting of a dozen little tallies bearing a Gamma Phi letter design which her husband had turned out in his print shop. We were delighted with them and when, at the same meeting, a letter was read from the Arizona Chapter asking for a donation of \$100 or more to buy dishes for the new chapter house, we decided to make and sell tallies and score pads, the proceeds of which were to be sent to the Arizona Chapter. A committee was chosen to make and select a design; and Eleanor Edmiston's design was chosen and was used on both tallies and score pads. The expense of the paper and printing was quite heavy; so each member was taxed to defray the expenses, with the understanding that the money would be returned when the tallies were sold. The committee worked hard for several days folding and wrapping tallies in dozen packages; and each member breathed a sigh of relief when the large bundles were on their way to Kansas City where Phi Chapter planned to use them at the bridge party which it was sponsoring and where we hoped to dispose of the remaining number.

Of the large quantity which was sent to Convention for sale, many were lost or misplaced and unaccounted for. Instead of clearing \$100 for the Arizona Chapter, we find ourselves financially embarrassed and are starting with renewed vigor to print more. We are asking the different chapter houses to help us out by purchasing them for their rushing parties.

In June, Margaret Thaanum entertained us with a delightful beach supper at Ocean Beach. Our July meeting was held at Helen White's attractive home, where after a delicious luncheon, the afternoon was spent with a peppy business meeting followed by a swim on the beach back of her home. We were fortunate in having Telma Bennington, one of the active members of the Arizona Chapter with us. She told us about the progress of the new home and about their needs in furnishing it. Our August meeting will be held at Beatrice Evenson's beautiful new home in Loma Portal.

Don't forget to buy our tallies and score pads for your bridge parties, and help us to help the Arizona Chapter.

ELEANOR BERRY EDMISTON

WICHITA

What with *convention, vacation trips, engagements, new babies, to say nothing of summer rushing*—Wichita finds itself extremely busy. Those of us who were unable to attend convention have most worn out the fortunate ones with questions about everything and everybody.

In spite of journeys to various parts of the country, our summer meetings have been unusually well attended. Most of the girls arranged to leave right after a meeting and to return just before the next. Ruth Hay and Elizabeth Owens even had their babies arrive between meetings. Margaret Hart and her family drove to Indiana while Florence Wolf went on the Shrine trip to California. Annamae Hampton has only recently returned from a lengthy trip through the East. At present, Rachel Siefkin is in

Colorado; Betty Campbel is enjoying Canada—(How we envy them today as the mercury climbs to 102 in the shade; but we can not find the shade); Mildred Olson and Dr. Olson attended the orthodontia convention in Estes Park; Joy Henry spent June in Colorado.

Katherine Huston and Georgiana Bell, both of Sigma are new members. Katherine is in the advertising department of one of the large department stores. Eleanor Gearhart of Epsilon is home this summer, and we were so happy to have three Sigma girls—Susanne Robertson, and Ruth Limbird of Anthony, Lucile Prather of Kingman, with us at Eleanor's rush tea.

Elizabeth Apel has been teaching at Wichita University this summer. From all the wonderful things we hear about Elizabeth we become prouder and prouder to have her as one of our own.

As for our engaged girls there is Merle Fair who recently announced her engagement to Mr. William Kahrs, a Delta Tau Delta and a Wichita attorney. The wedding is to take place September 24. Besides Merle there are at least two other starry eyed maidens about whom we shall tell you all later.

ELIZABETH WAGENBRETH OWENS

DEATH

We extend our sincerest sympathy to Lucille and Pauline Hildinger on the death of their mother.

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Hay (Ruth Rhoades, Omicron, '22), a son, Richard Lawrence, May 28, 1929.

Mr. and Mrs. I. K. Owens (Elizabeth Wagenbreth, Phi, '23), a daughter, Marie Elizabeth, April 11, 1929.

THETA—UNIVERSITY OF DENVER

Dear me, what a violent descent from the realm of tennis, swimming, and parties to the world of books, class rooms, and professors where mother drags us laboriously out of bed just in time to prevent a tardy at an eight o'clock class. And what a violent descent for my dear Gamma Phi sisters, after reading Lucia's witty epistle, to come down to my chatter for the year; but dear sisters, I am a striving young correspondent and I love to write to you all about my beloved chapter. I hope before the year is over you will have grown accustomed to my prattle and will perhaps, even like me a little.

I shall dust the cobwebs off my brain and go back in memory to the last week in March when we held our party for the Camp children. Such fun as we had! Nobody could tell Theta Chapter from the underprivileged children. We all played "Last Couple Out" and "Drop the Handkerchief" with as much as, if not more enthusiasm than, the children. Several broken heels were the result. The children came about nine in the morning and stayed until about three in the afternoon, with one of Katherine Bartlett's feasts for the feature at noon. In the early afternoon everyone, old and young alike, was much thrilled to have her picture taken by both newspapers.

Now let me tell you a word about the two parties which were held in the spring for our mothers and fathers; about two weeks apart. The guests were delighted with the feat of song and good food followed by a vaudeville composed of Theta dramatic talent; and proved to be as frivolous as any of the daughters.

A little later in the spring came the traditional party to the girls from the fathers. This was a dinner dance held in late May at the Denver Motor

Club up in the mountains. There was a full moon that night and an orchard of apple blossoms around the Club; so, with Mr. Corey as toastmaster, the evening proved a huge success.

Another lovely party of the spring was our much anticipated formal at the fashionable Denver Country Club with the best orchestra in the city. The elements, the constellations, and the flowers were incomparable, and everybody looked radiant and felt better in her new dress. The men, too, were remembered with beautiful leather bill folders, and we understand there is already keen competition in the fraternities to see who can "rate" this year's formal.

Our social scope last year was not limited to ourselves, however. We had a card party on Saturday for the newly installed chapter of Alpha Xi Delta. Rushing was not forgotten either. We held two very clever card parties at the Lodge for prospective rushees; and at one time we had a damp but joyous picnic at Blanche Taussig's cabin in the mountains.

Now I come to one of the most important events of the year and one in which Theta, as usual, takes the most prominent part—the May Fête at college. It is the custom each year to have the queen chosen from the senior class, and one princess from each of the other three classes. This year Theta was very proud to have the queen, Norma Van Orman; the sophomore princess, Josephine Robinson, and the freshman princess, Barbara Bayliss, each chosen by a large majority while our junior candidate for princess, Joy Kinkle, missed it by one vote.

Last but far from least, I come to that all-absorbing topic of rushing and pledging. After frequent summer parties at the clubs, homes, and theaters, we arrived at the beginning of that fearful period known as "rush week." On the Friday and Saturday before college opened we took sixteen rushees up to Cascade Lodge, five miles above Estes Park, for our annual house party. Friday afternoon we had a treasure hunt in our cars, and after covering several mountains, we ended on top of one peak around a campfire with a big box of candy and hot coffee. That night was "date night" and each Theta girl had a date with a rushee for the dinner and the Cotillion afterward. Toward midnight we went to bed, but about two we were all roused by serenading outside, after which we all went down by the big log fire to sing and have the traditional feast of "peanuts and olives." Such a sleepy crowd as went home on the next day although five inches of snow revived us somewhat. The following Monday "Rush Week" proper began with our Gypsy party, which was all that the name implies. Tuesday was the traditional Muffin Worry breakfast with "Gamma Phido" dogs as favors. Wednesday came the delightful progressive dinner in four lovely homes with the last course at Helen Campion Mulvihill's. Next came our Hawaiian party—low candle light and mystical maidens with grass skirts and loose hair who sang Hawaiian songs and danced for the rushees. Finally arrived that awful day of silence before the bids went out, when everything possible was imagined: "We shall get her, of course." "No, we won't get anybody." "You're too optimistic." "Well, my mother saw her mother"—then came the wonderful news! We had won thirteen splendid girls on Friday the thirteenth; the leaders to be, the May queens, the class presidents, etc. With official pledging on Monday, September 16, *Theta is now more than proud to announce the names of her new pledges!*

Helen Becker is a dear little mite, devoted to horses; a member of the famous Hottentot Riding Club and an honor graduate of Kent School for Girls. Kathryn Fouse, the sister of our president, is not only very attractive in every way, but she also has brains. She won one of the few scholarships offered by Mr. Bonfils of the *Denver Post*. Joan Howard, a gradu-

ate of East High is a niece of Edna Howard of Gamma Chapter, and is one to whom Theta looks for as many big accomplishments in the future as in the past. Louise Jolitz also comes from East Denver High School where she was prominent in athletics and dramatics, and shone in a social way in looks, charm, and personality. Edith Kennedy, is a sister-in-law of Kathleen Kennedy our alumnae representative, and one who is rapidly making a name for herself on the campus. Reata McDonough, our lady with the lovely dark eyes, is a grand-daughter of Judge McDonough of Denver and a niece of Grace McDonough (Zeta) and Ruth McDonough (Gamma). Reata is as charming as her name. Marjory Moore, our dear little red haired freshman, is a wonderful example of what the past has left us. She is a daughter of Ona Bowman Moore (Theta), and niece of Marion Moore (Theta), while her grandfather, Bishop David H. Moore, is a very dear memory of the University as he was its first chancellor.

Mary Louise Moore has just graduated from Bradford Academy where, from all accounts, she was a part of everything from mischief making to securing the valedictory. She, too, is a Gamma Phi daughter (her mother is Mary Crary Moore, Zeta), and one who will do many wonderful things this year.

Ann Morrison is one of the sweetest curly haired pledges we have had in many years. She is quite ethereal in looks and oh, what a lot of brains she possesses! She, too, is the holder of a scholarship, had a special honor for Latin, and has the distinction of winning a prize for the best book review. Ruth Nathan is a very humorous, bubbling bunch of impishness who comes to us from Principia in St. Louis. Margaret Runstetler is an acceptable present from Loretta Heights where she held several offices and prominent positions. Lisa Van Wagenen is another treasure for whom we are indebted to Kent School. She is very artistically and sociologically inclined as she has been on the Ascension Camp staff for several years. And this fact will be duly remembered for our Gamma Phi Camp next summer! Honora Warren comes to us from Colorado College where she was a member of the Crescent Club and an active member in all campus affairs. Everyone loves her bright, cheery personality.

Just one word now about some of our brilliant and prominent members. There is Lucia Young who has the most important position a woman can fill on the campus—that of vice-president of the Student Association and president of the Woman's Council. She is also a member of Kedros, the honorary woman's organization for scholarship and activities. Then we have "Boots" Olinger who made national Collegiate Players this spring, Kathryn Bartlett and Frances Watkins who were elected Alpha Sigma Pi honorary Romance Language fraternity; Mary Elizabeth Fouse who is a member of Iota Sigma Pi, honorary chemical fraternity; Marion Dowson who led the Junior Prom; and Betty Danford and Josephine Robinson who went to Greeley this spring for the Inter-school Women's track meet.

PEGGY MOSELEY

ENGAGEMENTS

Beth McKeown to Mr. John Vos, Sigma Chi, University of Colorado.

Helen Brown, to Mr. Virgil Simpson, Kappa Sigma, University of Denver.

CLEVELAND

Midsummer "and picnic" at Mrs. Beckwith's cottage on the lake have come to be synonymous for all Cleveland Gamma Phis, and so it was this year, with a perfect day for a drive and a swim and especially a lunch. This is one of the few times when the active girls can come and give us all the latest college news and of course Nan Dimmick was there to tell us all about

a beautifully organized convention. We were quite envious of the good times; highly elated at all that was accomplished, and I think each made a secret resolve to "get there" next time.

Alice Kenyon Watkins has returned from a delightful three months abroad, chiefly spent in Germany where her husband was becoming an even more learned physician.

Pauline Adams Drake is vacationing with her mother in Northern Michigan; Katherine Ramsey Haggard has spent the summer with her parents in Denver and in the mountains; Marguerite Evans had a few weeks on the Atlantic coast; and so Clevelanders have been scattered far and near with a few remaining at home or at summer cottages near by.

Before long the strays will return and it will be good to be together once more and at work again.

MARIAN DEMING HERR

OUR CONTEMPORARIES IN BLACK AND WHITE

RUSHING season will be over by the time this magazine appears, but these two quotations may be applicable and useful for another year:

During that hectic period of rushing, an alumna can be invaluable. The alumna should have at her finger tips what a frenzied undergraduate might forget. Help the actives develop poise. Some alumna or patroness who is an acknowledged leader might talk to the chapter on etiquette, followed by "at home" teas, receptions, and dinners just for girls, at which the correct thing is practiced. The alumna, seeing the active girl from a better perspective, gives criticism sympathetically, and the adolescent girl welcomes it. Under some conditions, frank sympathetic talks are advisable. Help each girl "find herself."

Let us ask ourselves these questions:

Does the active chapter have a "Thank You" committee?

How does the chapter act as hostess?

Do the girls meet people easily and receive instructions properly?

How do they impress strangers?

Can they carry on a conversation?

Can they listen?

Do they know the fine points of table etiquette?

Is the chapter well-liked on the campus?

Are the girls provincial?

Make friends with the girls and learn when to be silent. We can so round out our alumnae existence that the girls will be glad to see us and to claim us as sisters.

If you will look back to your chapter days, you will remember the little things the house needed; they could not be purchased because the money in the budget was needed for something else. Times have changed in that respect. A new lamp shade, silver, linen, a pillow for the window seat, or any tasty gift will add to the house. And the girls will be grateful.

The alumnae can be of great help by sending in recommendations before formal rushing. Alumnae, before recommending a girl, be sure that her character and family are unquestionable.

These words of Hortense Imboden Hudson, Delta Delta Delta, are adaptable to all fraternity alumnae:

"If we would serve our collegiate members intelligently, let us show a sympathetic understanding of college life today, coupled with conservative judgment of mature experience."

—*Themis* of Zeta Tau Alpha

Chapter Rush Chairmen: We would exhort you to think back and consider the type of rushing party that appealed to you the most and moved you to want to be an Alpha Chi Omega. Some of us feel that it is the beautiful party, the one which leaves a lingering memory of loveliness, charm, and *tasteful*, attractive impressions that brings the most desirable pledges to a chapter; rather than a slapstick, war painted near-masquerade which under the guise of being "very clever" lures a chapter into sponsoring it. The former affords better opportunity for the artistic and real talent of a chapter to express itself. As for the latter, consider with us this remark made by a much sought-after rushee the day after a certain party. "Why, I don't know whether I like them or not, or what they look like as they

were all painted up like Indians. I couldn't even recognize them if I met them on the campus." And the half-annoyed half-disdainful toss of the head and up-tilt of the nose which accompanied her words—well, draw your own conclusions!

—Lyre of Alpha Chi Omega

The following five poems from the *Rainbow* of Delta Tau Delta has its own lesson:

THE UPPERCLASSMAN

I am an upperclassman.
Have I lived up to the name, I wonder,
Especially as regards these younger fellows?

I remember how I came into the Fraternity:
Keen I was, uplifted, exalted.
Sounds youthful, that; but I was.
There was something holy in the way I felt.
It was like a boy's dream of knighthood,
And all that.

What I was looking for, I don't know,
In the way of guidance, revelation, a sort of
Lifting of the veil of life,
If you get what I mean.
Why, I just thrilled to the whole thing!
I'd have died for the Fraternity that night—
Yes, and for one of my brothers,
I called them.

And it all fell away, somehow;
The glory went out of it.
I could feel it go.
But I didn't say anything;
I wasn't certain anybody would understand.
So I just shut up, and watched it fade
Like those other high moments (you know)
That every fellow has
Once in a while.

Some was my fault; I know that;
But more, I see now, was because there was no one
To keep me seeing what I wanted so to see.
Still, that's all over. It's my job now;
These youngsters are too decent, and
I've got to come clean! I've got to!
God! I must!

The appended article was written by the editor for *To Drama* of Alpha Omicron Pi; and, apropos of rushing season, it is inserted:

THE BLACKBALL QUESTION

The name of a freshman had been submitted for consideration. The vote was taken; the ballots were counted; and the candidate duly declared elected. After the meeting, one member turned to her neighbor, "I thought you did not care for that girl?"

"I don't," was the prompt reply. "But, after the discovery that twenty-nine members of my chapter approved of her while I, the thirtieth member, did not approve, I concluded that I, myself, must be at fault. In other words, I could not bring myself to the point of declaring that my judgment was worth more than that of all the others."

All of which introduces the important subject of the blackball, with such relative questions as—Should one vote be sufficient to exclude a candidate? Should a senior cast a negative vote? Should a chapter accept an adverse ballot without comment and without question?

The objector who is willing to trust the combined approval of her sisters and to discountenance her own opinion not always is to be found; very often she is obsessed with a personal prejudice which is due to hearsay, to a fancied slight or to a bit of jealousy. Using the theory that it is not fair to receive a newcomer with qualified affection, she declares that she can never bestow the gift of friendship and therefore must not vote in the affirmative. As a result, a valuable freshman may be lost; other chapter members may be antagonized; and a dangerous power may be placed in the hands of the belligerent voter. Even if the caster of the negative vote be conscientious in her action; even if we grant the fundamental that the sharing of the fraternal bond means harmonious admission, we argue that it is an unfair procedure. Since, oftentimes, the one who in the beginning, objects, who, if she votes affirmatively does so in a reluctant manner, later on becomes an enthusiastic supporter of the candidate in question; since a personal resentment should not be countenanced; since the loss of a freshman approved by all other members is an injustice to the chapter; since the spirit of tolerance should be cultivated by college women. Accordingly—why not challenge the blackball? Especially the solitary blackball—and the senior blackball. On the ground that the will of the majority should prevail; that narrowness and prejudice have no place in the chapter routine; that a senior, on the eve of departure from the chapter, has no right to oppose the future membership of the group.

Gamma Phi Beta, although following no national ruling, has adopted a particular stand on the matter of the blackball, hoping to evolve a safer and saner method of voting. In many chapters a negative vote must be explained from the floor, and if the chapter deems the explanation weak and insufficient the vote is ignored. One chapter holds an informal discussion of the nominee before the vote is cast; and each member is required to give her reasons for any adverse stand. Other chapters do not allow one blackball to exclude a candidate; and at one college the chapter must register three sophomore blackballs and one of any other class before the name is dropped.

Chapter custom may inspire a national ruling and regulation. For, truly, it should be the desire and aim of a Greek letter society to eliminate the petty, to stress tolerance; to think squarely; to act fairly; and to develop in the most natural and progressive way.

Why not challenge the blackball?

There's a bit of fun from the *Quarterly* of Alpha Phi:

THE LOST DIARY OF CALLISTO

First Moon.—I wonder if Olympian gentlemen prefer blondes. Jupiter seems to be making up to me and father does not approve. I don't see why.

Second Moon.—I have seen a good deal of Jupiter lately and think him a charming gentleman, but rather masterful. However, I do not fear any romantic, caveman stuff in these modern days. Why, I can wind him right around my little finger.

Third Moon.—I have just learned that Jupiter has been paying some attention to Io, sending her orchids and the like. She told me so herself, so that is as it may be. There are those who say that he has even had himself photographed with her for the Sunday roto sheet, and that the picture was labeled "Jupiter and Io." Some new rich woman read it "Jupiter and 10." I am beginning to wonder if there *are* ten.

Fourth Moon.—I think it would not be feasible to bring a breach of promise action against Jupiter. They say that Olympian juries always look at such matters from the male point of view. Besides, I might get entangled in one of Juno's numerous counter suits for alienated affections. His are easily alienated, goodness knows! One doesn't even have to try! But if there is any gossip about *me*, I have simply been incorrectly reported.

Fifth Moon.—Such a piece of scandal as I have just heard! They say that Juno is so jealous of Io on account of the roto picture that she has actually turned her into a heifer. My stars! I should dislike extremely to be changed into a heifer. I think I shall keep out of the way of goddesses. Io's family has announced that she is traveling for her health. I think it is so broadening to see the world.

Sixth Moon.—I don't know that I blame Juno so much for being jealous. Even a god that carries on the way Jupiter does must make rather a poor sort of husband, although he might be a charming friend.

Seventh Moon.—I have just learned that Jupiter was taking Io to grand opera on one Saturday night, while on the alternate one he took me merely to the movies. I shall not deign to reproach him. I shall not even go to his mother about it, but I am quite sure that I shall never, *never* forgive him. He is no better than a movie sheik, and not worth thinking about.

Eighth Moon.—I do think that my position is a cruel one. Father has given me a bearskin coat, with the claws on it, to wear when driving the car on frosty nights, and now it has gone all around Olympus that Jupiter has changed me into a bear, to protect me from Juno's jealousy. The very idea! Undoubtedly that silly story about Io's being turned into a heifer originated in a similar way, for she had one of those black and white Holstein coats that have been so fashionable. I wonder if Jupiter gave it to her. I am quite sure I should not care to live on Olympus, and I am absolutely innocent of this scandal, but I suppose no one will ever believe it. Anyhow, I think bearskin is much handsomer than the Holstein effect, not to say warmer. I wonder if they think I can't say anything but "Woof!" I'll show them that I can be much more scintillating than *that*.

Ninth Moon.—Everything has turned out right after all. I have moved from Arcady to a wonderful home in the North and it has a heavenly outlook. My boy, Arcas, is with me, and we travel a great deal. Now I am among the most brilliant and admired of the famous women of history and night after night I am a favorite toast at banquets. Of course Madame Juno had to be spiteful about it. She told the Olympian that my new setate is named Bear Lodge, and she even went to some of her ancient relatives, who think they own the whole ocean, and persuaded them to say that I should never dip beneath the waves. But why should I care for that? I dip to nobody. Besides, I have a permanent wave of my own.

Tenth Moon.—There is a Pole in this locality who looks very interesting. I always thought Polish gentlemen had great distinction. He seems very exclusive and has few callers, but I shall get around him. Jupiter, too, I understand, has left Olympus and is now starrng with a Celestial Movie Company. Poor Juno, I am told, remains down on Olympus. So—whatever happens, I am still on top.

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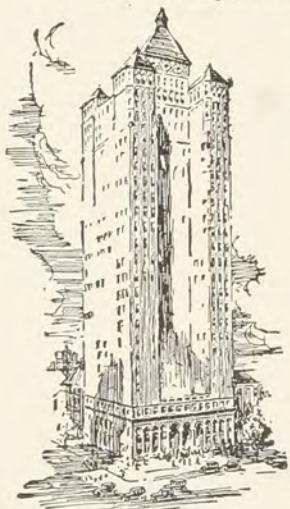
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