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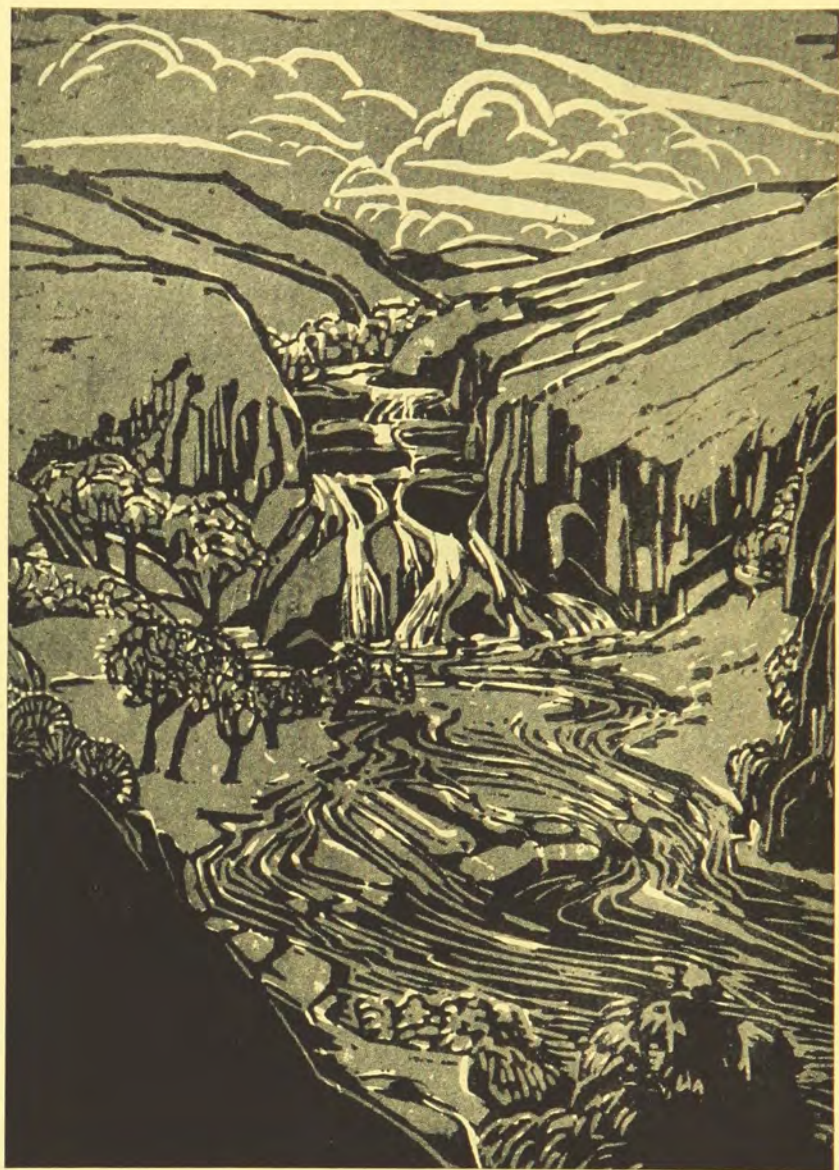
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*Turner Falls, Oklahoma*  
*A two toned woodblock by Edith Mahier*





# THE CRESCENT

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## Eli—Artist and Teacher

*Edith Mahier, Psi Chapter, who is a well-known artist and head of the Mural Art Department of the University of Oklahoma, designed THE CRESCENT'S beautiful new cover. Below is an article written about Miss Mahier by Jeanne d'Ucel for "The Sooner Magazine."*

LIKE many an early immigrant Eli first arrived in Oklahoma between two days—in her case though it was by invitation—tired and hungry, having missed dinner at Purcell.

She was a tall slip of a girl, fresh from Louisiana and Sophie Newcomb her foster mother, and she had seen little of the world, that was to come later. But she was tremulous over her big adventure, having no doubt been warned by her parents and all her friends about the wild country she was coming to, and perhaps being a trifle disappointed when it proved as tame as New Orleans.

Of artistic baggage she had little outside of native talent and sound training, but the old timers remember a picture of a pot of gold about which she liked to lecture to anyone willing to listen.

At first she had no time for creative work; all her energy was concentrated on her teaching. And what a teacher she was to develop! From the very beginning she had the happy faculty of winning the confidence of bewildered freshmen searching for expression in a new medium, winning the respect of haughty sophomores and clubwomen, winning the love and admiration of generations of graduates. None could withstand her infectious enthusiasm, while her patience and skill in helping to unfold the latent possibilities of students have opened to many new and thrilling vistas.



*The Witchfoot. A Woodblock done by Miss Mahier*

For nearly twelve years now she has been the center and pivot around which the art school has revolved; others have come to aid in the work of teaching, nine other good teachers all told; but Eli has remained the institution that she is.

At all hours she is called upon to help in laying out a newspaper ad, straightening a crooked perspective, balancing a composition or explaining Hambridge's "Dynamic Symmetry." She has always been available and her innate good nature has often been badly abused while the demands on her time have been enormous. It is a fact that, like a physician, she has even been called out of bed to give a consultation on some cantankerous painting that insisted on going astray. Guide, friend, mother, nurse and confidante, Eli has been all these to generations of students.

Then teaching aid came and she was able to save a little time for her own, she began her career as a creative artist. Memories of her southern childhood, of black mammies, hoary trees, mysterious swamps crept into her work. In her landscapes, where blues and yellows abound giving a dream-like quality, goblins peek from behind elfin branches that writhe in strange agonies, snakes glisten, vines seem ready to coil, nymphs dance in the glades. For Eli sees the world with the eyes of a dreamer, of a Peter Pan; her fancy colors the prose of life, her brush sings in strange melodies. This was her first manner and it was Rackamesque.



Later she developed a taste for travel; she became acquainted with New York and her art schools; then she discovered France, Italy, and revelled in them for a year; she saw the Alps, the Pyrenees, Piedmont; she absorbed a world of history. Her tall fantasy was severely disciplined in Florence.

After her return to America a hard struggle developed in her between the classicism she had absorbed in Italy and the incurably romantic part of her own self. Pulled in turn by these irreconcilable forces, she hesitated for a time; but a happy, balanced blending of the two strains is apparent in her latest work.

Celestial mountains fill her landscapes; giants of the earth, cliffs, men and gods in a world a-forming grope and search for the divine. There is still the dream, but the dream is both more subtle and more powerful, while her colors more varied and vigorous blend with the forms in vibrant harmonies.

And still she is the teacher, and she has been busy of late what with keeping Olinka Hardy on the straight artistic path in mural decoration, preventing Tsa-to-ke, the Kiowa, from going white, and steering Leonard Good to more virile things than dancing scarves.

Such is Professor Edith Mahier, the artistic institution, beloved of all, known to all as Eli.



*If our FRESHMEN will read this number of the magazine carefully they will learn much about the work of the national officers, attainment of alumnae, events of an installation and, in addition, they will read what some of their own number have written.*



# We Present the Reports of National Officers and Chairmen

## VICE-PRESIDENT AND ALUMNÆ SECRETARY

THERE have been two alumnæ chapters formed and two more associations listed. The chapters are at Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Dallas, Texas; the two associations are at Omaha, Nebraska, and Salt Lake City, Utah.

In view of the new directory, all college chapters and province officers have been urged to check up on addresses through alumnæ letters. Due appreciation is extended to province officers for splendid co-operation, since theirs is the real contact and to them belongs the credit for real organization of groups.

At the request of Wichita Association, it is the hope of the secretary to have in the near future a handbook of hints for newly organized chapters and associations. A definite program of organization, and various suggestions for activities during the year would make for a sound foundation in these new groups. All alumnæ chapters and associations are asked for suggestions for such a handbook.

LAVERNE BRONAUGH STOVER

## THE TREASURER'S REPORT

SINCE each member of the Grand Council is responsible for her phase of the sorority work, I will touch only on finances.

The first work after convention was to close up the books for the two years preceding August 1, 1929, and to open new ones for another two years, which consumed the working hours of two weeks.

With the beginning of the year in September, letters were written to each treasurer reminding her of her various responsibilities and urging promptness in making collections, that all accounts might be in by January 10. The results are that responses improved greatly over preceding years but leave a little still to be desired along the same line another year.

Since dues should reach the treasurer by January 1, they are paid from January to the next December 31, no matter when the dues are sent in which means the member may get fewer than four CRESCENTS



and is not entitled to vote on any local or international question, while her dues remain unpaid.

The treasurer wishes to commend the following groups for paying dues so promptly that the checks were through Central Office and recorded in the books before January 15: Alpha Mu, Boston, Baltimore, Beta, Epsilon, Alpha Nu, Chicago, Cleveland, Ann Arbor, Springfield, Omicron, Sigma, Phi, Alpha Theta, Kansas City, Champaign-Urbana, Nashville, Lawrence, Wichita, Gamma, Kappa, Rho, Minneapolis, Milwaukee, Des Moines, Ames, Theta, Pi, Psi, Denver, Tulsa, Lincoln, Salt Lake City, Nu, Xi, Alpha Lambda, Portland, Alpha Epsilon, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Reno, and Fort Collins.

Convention required that all treasurers be bonded through the grand treasurer. One year's experience with this plan has convinced the bonding company and the treasurer that the correspondence necessary is too great for both and that it will be much more practicable for each Greek letter and each corporation treasurer to be bonded in her own chapter town. Elections will occur soon and all new treasurers should be bonded *before taking office*.

One large task of the last three years has been the building of a CRESCENT Reserve to furnish CRESCENTS to those who have paid for five year and life subscriptions. By the end of 1931 the Treasurer hopes to have that fund completely established. With the retirement of five year subscriptions, the fee for life subscriptions must be promptly and safely invested to bring sufficient returns to pay for a CRESCENT for the average life, which now is fifty-eight years.

Convention also urged the use of the Butterbaugh System. It is hoped that many chapters have given this system a trial. The ruling that all chapters send in to the treasurer an authentic financial report at the end of each term was also passed. Several reports have been received and one is due from each chapter and corporation treasurer at least by the end of the year.

Not a small part of the work is the daily correspondence which averages about ten letters answering requests and making requests for information or money. When they bring results the work is forgotten. If you are a treasurer will you check your responsibilities to see if you are clear and, if not, will you place yourself, and thus your chapter, on the right side of the ledger.

ALICE CAMERER

#### ENDOWMENT FUND REPORT

THE Endowment Fund was established by the convention of 1924 at Lake Placid. Nothing but the income can be spent until the principal reaches \$50,000. The fund is created from five year pledges, from insurance policies, and from initiation fees, \$3.00 of which go to Endowment.

Many of the five year pledges to Endowment have been paid, parts of others have been paid, while some have never responded to

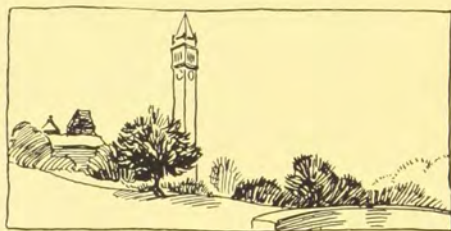
notices. Endowment would appreciate checks to complete the payment of all pledges.

Some forty Greek-letter and alumnae groups pay the annual premiums on insurance policies, some of which will be paid up in 1934 and others in 1939. With the termination of each policy, Endowment will receive \$1,000.

The purpose of the Endowment Fund is to make loans to chapters for house financing and to girls for individual needs. Demands are so great, that only a small sum remains in the income account for immediate use.

Many Greek-letter chapters and alumnae chapters and associations contribute to the Endowment Fund through an annual insurance premium or by direct pledge. You may be interested to know that the following groups support Endowment by the indicated sums.

Alpha .....	\$ 50.00	Alpha Eta .....	64.98
Beta .....	64.87	Baltimore .....	64.79
Gamma .....	64.98	Boston .....	16.27
Epsilon .....	64.79	Champaign-Urbana .....	16.26
Zeta .....	64.87	Chicago .....	51.51
Theta .....	51.36	Cleveland .....	65.06
Kappa .....	65.87	Denver .....	100.81
Nu .....	65.06	Detroit .....	100.89
Xi .....	64.87	Kansas City .....	32.49
Omicron .....	64.87	Los Angeles .....	64.98
Pi .....	64.87	Milwaukee .....	100.63
Rho .....	100.81	Minneapolis .....	100.70
Sigma .....	100.70	New York .....	75.00
Tau .....	64.79	Portland .....	65.06
Phi .....	32.40	Reno .....	32.49
Psi .....	64.87	Seattle .....	64.98
Omega .....	64.69	St. Louis .....	16.27
Alpha Alpha .....	33.30	Toronto .....	33.30
Alpha Delta .....	32.40	Washington .....	50.00
Alpha Zeta .....	64.79		







# National Panhellenic Meeting at Denver

By LILLIAN W. THOMPSON

IF YOU could have been at the Brown Palace Hotel in Denver, February 24 to 28 you would have seen the grand officers of all the twenty-one national fraternities gathering for the 1930 meeting. All four days were given to strenuous business meetings, and some of the things decided on are of so much importance to the active girls that I am listing them here for reference and discussion.

1. New fraternities admitted:

- a. Beta Sigma Omicron, Phi Omega Pi, Lambda Omega to associate memberships.

2. Recommendations of the Committee on College Panhellenics, Mrs. Brown of Alpha Chi Omega, chairman, adopted by the National Panhellenic Congress.

- a. We still approve a short rushing season at the beginning of college.
  - b. We disapprove second semester or sophomore rushing because of the strain on the girls.
  - c. When a girl transfers from one college to another this does not affect her pledge which is still binding for our calendar year. A broken and a released pledge are the same as regards re-pledging. So it is best for the girl to let her original pledge lapse, for if you or she breaks it, the girl must wait for a year from that time. Be sure a girl from another college is not pledged before you rush her.
  - d. "Binding" means the girl cannot pledge to another fraternity—not that she remains pledged if the chapter chooses to release her.
  - e. We do not approve of electing college Panhellenic officers. They should take their places in rotation as our rules state. This does away with all election troubles and college politics.
  - f. Mrs. Brown expects to send out a definite educational program to all college Panhellenics.
3. City Panhellenics.
- a. Any women initiated into a National Panhellenic Congress fraternity without the regular college requirements need not

be admitted to city Panhellenic unless especially voted in. This applies especially to older women taken in for their social position.

4. Junior College Women.

There are now about sixty thousand girls going to junior colleges and 63 per cent of them enter senior college in their junior year. There are five junior college fraternities, organized very much like National Panhellenic Congress fraternities. Since the time is coming when many of the larger institutions will be senior colleges and graduate schools, it is well for you to keep your eyes open and begin to plan how to fill and run your houses after the first two years are eliminated. Then girls trained in these junior college fraternities will be especially interesting to you. I advise you to begin getting acquainted with them now.

5. Publishing lists of pledges is legitimate publicity, but National Panhellenic Congress does not approve of calling the public attention to the arrival of pledges at their houses for the first time after rushing.

6. At the next National Panhellenic Congress there will be one meeting planned for active girls, and any who wish may attend. There will also be a meeting for City Panhellenic.



*The Colorado state capitol at Denver  
faces a beautiful park.*





# Scholarship Report for the Second Semester, 1928-29

THIS report gives at a glance our position in the scholarship in the Greek world. On many campuses it is an enviable position; on others there is need for immediate attention for the improvement of the college work of the active members. This lies wholly with the active girls. In them rests the power to make Gamma Phi Beta stand out in the Panhellenic world as a leader in scholarship. Rules for study hours, prizes, and penalties are not sufficient, if at all desirable. The chapters must come to the realization that high scholarship is quite as important as "popularity" on the campus, "extracurricular activities" and so forth. It is recognized by people who know, college faculties and especially deans, that the sorority which stands high in scholarship, also leads in campus affairs. It is the one which is highly thought of by the other groups as well as the faculty.

Until scholarship is demanded by the chapter as insistently as activities, rules and penalties will not solve the problem. Those chapters which are always in the lower half of the National Panhellenic Congress groups on the campus have a fine opportunity to demonstrate their loyalty to the university, to Gamma Phi Beta, and to the best that is in them, by getting above the *poor* and the *mediocre*. Active members who are careless about over cutting, those who will not study—what can be done with these? If any chapter is so unfortunate to have such members, can you not urge them to face about and go along with the majority of the chapter, or leave college? Just why are they in college and why are they Gamma Phis? It is generally conceded, in theory at least, that college is a place for mental growth as well as for social culture.

## SCHOLARSHIP REPORT OF THE PROVINCES

## PROVINCE I

<i>Chapter</i>	<i>Comparative rank</i>	<i>Γ Φ Β average/ group with highest standing</i>
Alpha*	19/23	1.213/ ?
Delta	8/10	2.456/2.77 Θ Τ
Zeta	no report available	
Alpha Mu	3/3	1.5/1.99 Κ Σ

## PROVINCE II

Beta	3/16	79.78/81.79 Π Β Φ
Epsilon	10/15	1.5418/1.7861 Χ Ω
Alpha Alpha	4/9	55.33%/ ? Κ Κ Γ
Alpha Eta	11/19	1.8068/2.0496 Κ Δ
Alpha Nu	5/5	2.50/ ? Α Ο Π

## PROVINCE III

Omicron	4/19	3.676/3.7372 Σ Κ
Sigma	2/12	1.68/1.73 Α Ξ Δ
Phi	no report available	
Alpha Delta	3/13	237.2/249.9 Κ Κ Γ
Alpha Theta	2/5	1.858/1.871 Α Ο Π

## PROVINCE IV

Gamma	11/18	1.683/2.020 Α Γ Δ
Kappa	8/19	1.3808/1.451 Α Γ Δ
Rho	13/15	2.301/2.725 Δ Γ
Omega	9/9	86.14/87.17 Α Δ Π
Alpha Beta	7/8	82.517/86.688 Χ Ω
Alpha Kappa	no report available	

## PROVINCE V

Theta	1/8	87.08/
Pi	4/17	2.862/2.925 Κ Α Θ
Tau	5/5	1.38/1.69 Δ Δ Δ
Psi	2/13	3.707/4.011 Δ Γ
Alpha Zeta	1/14	6.45/
Alpha Xi	no report available	

## PROVINCE VI

Lambda	8/20	2.6368/2.7829 Κ Α Θ
Nu	17/17	42.12/50.00 Δ Γ
Xi	8/8	4.490/4.902 Δ Δ Δ
Chi	16/16	83.62/87.02 Β Φ Α
Alpha Lambda	1/3	??

## PROVINCE VII

Eta	1/20	1.577/
Mu	9/10	1.657/2.064 Σ Κ
Alpha Gamma	2/4	2.007/2.002 Δ Δ Δ
Alpha Epsilon	5/7	2.84/2.57 Δ Γ
Alpha Iota	14/20	1.274/1.648 Α Δ Θ

\* This means that Alpha stands nineteenth among the twenty-three sororities on the campus. Her chapter average is 1.213; the average which follows the mark / is that of the highest group on the campus.

MILDRED DIMMICK





## Concerning Our Freshmen Contributions



IN THE letter of instruction for the current issue of the magazine, the editor asked for a short article from a freshman upon a preferred subject. The response was gratifying, and the editor regrets exceedingly that she is unable to print all of the contributions as she had planned; since a restriction of the Council in regard to material has made it necessary to print only a few and then quote from the others.

The list of articles with name and chapter of each writer follows:

*Alpha*—"A Woman and Golf" by Betty Folsom. A humorous sketch of a golf game.

*Beta*—"Transpositions" by Margaret Gray. (Printed elsewhere in this issue.)

*Gamma*—"Monday Evening" by Louise C. Marston. "And now—initiation! Twenty-four girls with prayers in their hearts and with crossed fingers are devouring textbooks of every kind so that they may join the inner circle and be sharers of the greater mystery of Gamma Phi Beta."

*Delta*—"Dreams" by Louise Neal. "Do not be ashamed of your dreams. Instead, foster them, work for them, and be thankful that 'Hope springs eternal in the human breast.' "

*Epsilon*—"On the Chaos of a Freshman's Mind" Unsigned. "Then I came to college. The change in my whole state of mind was evident to me in a few weeks. All of my supposedly well-built houses of thought were tumbling down about me. Surely not because they were built on sand, for their foundations were firm. I know that even now when they no longer exist. My houses toppled down for no apparent reason and I have not built again. But you are asking yourself. 'What is the child talking of?' I try to answer you but

even as I think of it my mood changes, I try to remember why life should be such a tangle; but can a man who has fallen into an abyss see through the darkness around him? Perhaps I have just given the kaleidoscope of life another twist and have not yet accustomed myself to the new design."

*Theta*—"Why I Chose Gamma Phi Beta" by Ann Morrison. (Printed elsewhere.)

*Kappa*—"Ethan Frome" by Beverley Kenevan. A very good book review.

*Lambda*—"Activities" by Marjorie Speidel. "It isn't just reaching the top that matters, although everyone wants to do that; but a girl really should start early in order to enjoy all sides of university life. Participation in activities does take up a lot of time, but none of it is wasted, for it teaches many things that cannot be obtained in any other way. A very important thing is the association with the other people in activities. In one's dealings with them, a clearer understanding of peoples' characters and personalities is found. One learns to consider and respect the feelings and opinions of others."

*Nu*—"The Pledge's Obligation" by Mariam Stafford. "A pledge should be careful not to become so much absorbed in her own fraternity that she neglects her contacts with outside girls, both fraternity and nonfraternity, because a really wide friendship on the campus not only is of value to the individual girl but by disproving the frequent charge of 'snobbishness' is of service to the whole fraternity idea. It is an inspiring thought that pledges all over the United States and in Canada are facing the same problems, and experiencing the same pleasures in their new relationships. May we also add our bit to the honor and dignity of Gamma Phi Beta."

*Xi*—"Biography of a Pledge" by Regna Campbell. "Being a frosh isn't half bad; after all, she is working toward a wonderful goal. To be a Gamma Phi—that is her great ambition."

*Omicron*—"A Message to Pledges" by Elizabeth Allen. "Eventually, we all hope to be actives, and the quickest way that we can realize this hope is to abide by all the rules which were made for our good and to help us all attain the greatest thrill in our college life—the one any girl must have when the crescent is pinned over her heart. Let's make our sisters admit that we are the best pledge class that this chapter ever has had and make them glad to admit it. They all are just as human as you and I, and decidedly more than most of us care to believe. Sometime in your life you must go half-way to be happy, and this is one of them. But it won't be for long, and if you are making others happy by putting your own pride in your pocket, isn't it worth it? Don't discuss this with your roommate. Sleep over it, one, two, or three days, and I flatter myself that you will be of the same opinion that I have just expressed. That's all."



*Rho*—"Pledge Duties" by Polly Thompson. "We pledges, I believe, are beginning to understand the real meaning of a sorority and especially of Gamma Phi Beta. We are tremendously proud of our sorority and we want our sorority to be proud of us. We are changing within ourselves—we realize our own unimportance more and more. We are becoming a part of a unit; our self-satisfied ideas are giving way to a realization of what Gamma Phi Beta means to us; and, in the process of readjustment, our characters are achieving unthought-of heights."

*Sigma*—"Yes, Ma'am" by Emma Jean Cole. "There are ways of getting a pledge to do something, and, then, there are other ways. There are some upperclassmen who have no friends among the pledges because of their attitude toward them. Not that it is not their duty to demand respect and obedience but that they go about it in the wrong way."

*Tau*—"Viewpoint of a Pledge" by Doris Burnett. "We pledges have the consolation of knowing that all visible things are clean because we were the ones who did it."

*Psi*—"Mighty Shadows" by Betty Sue Roberts. A most delightful reverie upon Hampton Court.

*Omega*—"A Pledge's Impression" by Donna Burtle.

*Alpha Alpha*—"A Phantasy of the Salon d'Or" by Margaret Huston. A delightful description of a Paris home.

*Alpha Gamma*—"Gamma Phi Singing" by Frances Ambruster. "'Fidelity' of course, is the dearest song to us and the most impressive to the freshmen. It conveys the true meaning and spirit of our sorority so difficult to express in words. At the end of each party when we link arms with the rushees and stand in circle while we sing our hymn, it seems that they are already a part of our sisterhood. They know that there would be nothing more to desire if they really were in Gamma Phi Beta where 'love is so constant and hearts are so kind.'"

*Alpha Delta*—"City Babbitts" by Mary Danforth Wolf. Exceedingly well done in its characterization of the City Babbitt.

*Alpha Zeta*—"The Trials of a Managing Editor" by Eva Belle Sellers. A personal experience.

*Alpha Eta*—"On Being a Pledge" by Martha Humphreys. "When we consider what we're getting in return, it seems like such a little bit that we're asked to do."

*Alpha Theta*—"Encausticas" by Josephine Cooper. An imaginary conversation with "the echoes of lost things."

*Alpha Iota*—"A Glimpse of the University" by Ellenor Knupp. "Freshmen entering the University of California at Los Angeles in 1929 were very fortunate in that the whole university had just moved to the beautiful new campus at Westwood, which is located in the western outskirts of Los Angeles. The campus itself is situated

on top of a hill overlooking the surrounding country. On very clear days a blue expanse of ocean and Catalina Island, forty miles offshore, may be seen from the campus bridge. The buildings are huge red brick structures, all in the same mode of architecture. The Library is a prized possession. Offices and classrooms are found on the lower floor, while the main book section is above. The most entrancing feature of this building to me is the row of lovely tall windows on the second floor. Seen at night, when the interior of the Library is lit up, it resembles a veritable fairy palace. The other structures which are complete are Josiah Royce Hall (the main academic building), the Chemistry Building, the Physics Building, and the Teachers College. The Student Union is under construction, and plans for the gymnasiums are well under way to take the place of the temporary structures we now have. The campus is being landscaped, and lawns have been put in. Even the freshmen realize that all this is the culmination of a long-cherished dream."

*Alpha Lambda*—"Inspiration of Gamma Phi" by Jean Witbeck, "Shall we inspire within the pledges that are to come the love and admiration that Gamma Phis have inspired in us?"

*Alpha Mu*—"Make way for the President" by Mary Lee Korn. A cleverly drawn word picture.

*Alpha Nu*—"Prep Duties" by Real Chryst. "Prep duties are based upon good psychology."

*Alpha Xi*—"More About Texas" by Muriel Grogan.

The four articles which appear in entirety were selected for various reasons. The contribution from Beta appealed on account of its logical presentation; that from Theta, because it answers the question of rushing season; that of Omega because it is a charming and clear cut picture; that of Alpha Xi, because it gives us a decided glimpse of the mighty state in which this young chapter has taken its place.

## Transposition

AFTER THE first more or less dazed weeks of rushing and pledging had passed, we drew a long breath and proceeded really to take stock of our surroundings. Coming as an upperclassman from a smaller eastern school, we were as much at sea as the greenest freshman as to the customs and standards of our companions, as well as to the location of buildings and offices. There were many phases of the old school that we missed despite the multitude of new adventures and advantages. Then we began to find in our sorority the things we had left behind: the charm of tradition, a tie for loyalty, and the feeling of close friendship with a group.

With the great diversity of interests a university embraces, an



intense personal loyalty to the co-operation as a whole is impossible. The university itself is too impersonal to call this forth as the smaller school can and does. We felt a definite sense of loss without an object for our allegiance until we transferred it to a sorority. So, too, in later years, we expect the *alumnæ* chapter to fulfill the active *alumnæ* life of an eastern graduate.

Traditions are apt to exert a strong hold on our imaginations; and traditions, it seemed, we had left behind. They would be almost out of place in the bustling progressiveness of the state university and would seem to impede its progress like so much moss. Once followed, they have a strong appeal, however, and their loss is keenly felt. After weeks of rushing in our efficiently managed surroundings, we wanted something a little older, a little kinder. Again the sorority answered our need with all the colorful pageant of pledging and initiation. We pay tribute to other founders and to other customs.

Perhaps the most important thing that the sorority did for us was to give the sense of "belonging." How very lost one could feel those first few weeks! A born hermit would feel in his element, despite the thousands; but a naturally gregarious person would suffer acutely. At first it seemed impossible to find in such an impersonally large place the kind of friendship we left, the feeling of close connection with a group—of being an integral part of the whole.

Then, too, the sorority, as a body, stands for certain ideals of culture, living, and good sportsmanship which would be out of the question for the heterogeneous mass of the whole university. These ideals, perhaps higher than we ever reach, are used as the general standards of the group, and by them it is judged. They seemed familiar, embodying as they do, the best we had found in smaller hotels. They add the worthwhileness to our university career, a sense of doing and being for something a great deal more important than ourselves. And so, we have that comfortable feeling of having chosen wisely and well, combining the advantages of the large university with the charm and loyalty and friendship of sorority life.

MARGARET GRAY, *Beta*

## Why I Chose Gamma Phi Beta

LIKE A CANDIDATE for immortality, with a choice of Heaven or Hell, this young tyro was confronted with a very difficult decision. She was confused by a maze of intangibles—there were friends in all camps—so many roads; but she must select, once and for all, the road she must travel. What are the things which must give her confidence to make the right choice? All sororities like political parties have good and right sounding platforms. Which one by its history has shown the greater number using them as a daily food, rather than as an effort to attain bigness? It is evident that today "big-

ness" is a slogan. But what becomes of the individual on whom the structure rests? Is charm with dignity a collective quality? And can a cubit be added to their stature by increasing mere numbers? So on the basis of numbers I chose Gamma Phi—the lesser instead of the greater! The qualities I admire were best exemplified in the contacts I was fortunate enough to make. The record for scholarship appealed to me; but I would have passed these over if my contacts had not personal charm. Mere scholarship would be barren without the drapery of qualities that soften and the amenities that make life worth the living.

The background of Gamma Phi Beta contains the names of families that have always stood for integrity of action—a permanent influence for things that satisfy—a classic in behavior that tires not on repetition. I feel that among the many distractions of life that these shall not pass away. And if modern life decrees that these things *must* pass, and be succeeded by a base vulgarity—then we will see decadence and involution instead of a worth while evolution.

I think that Gamma Phi has a distinct mission in the present battle of social forces, and I hope to be a credit to it rather than a liability. But there is a sustaining feeling of certainty that justifies our hope for the best when we reflect that of the many and the varied tablets and memorials erected by man over a long period—not one has been erected to commemorate the unworthy or the commonplace.

ANN MORRISON, *Theta*

## "I Didn't Get My Crescent"

ALTHOUGH a large majority of THE CRESCENT's five thousand subscribers *do* receive their CRESCENTS, a few do not. And, it is to these few that this article is dedicated.

According to the publishers of leading periodicals the perfect mailing list is an unattainable desire; someone is always moving and forgetting to send his address to the publisher. And, here is the catch, the post office authorities do not forward magazines. They are dumped back on the poor publisher who pays a nice sum for return postage. The amount of money paid out in postage by Central Office for unclaimed CRESCENTS would pay an assistant's salary for several weeks. All changes of addresses or names and renewals must be in Central Office at least one month before publication. This is not an unreasonable request and all publishers make the same demand.

Although Central Office not being infallible is willing to assume whatever responsibility is due it, the department wishes to call attention to the fact that oftentimes the blame rests with the chapter



officer who sends in the subscriptions or with the individuals themselves. When dues are late, of course no magazine is forthcoming until payment is made; when incomplete addresses are given, of course no magazine is sent until the correct address is sent.

In closing, Central Office asks your co-operation in keeping the mailing list up to date. Please send in your new address accompanied by the old one, your new name with the old one, and your chapter, at least thirty days before publication.

CHARLOTTE ROBERTSON WHITE



NELSON WHITE



# Installation of Alpha Omicron Chapter at North Dakota State College



*Margaret Ballard,  
President of Sigma Theta Sorority*

THE week-end of January 30 in Fargo, North Dakota, was a very happy and auspicious occasion for Province IV, since during those days a new chapter, Alpha Omicron, joined our circle; sponsored by a thriving and devoted alumnae chapter, welcomed by Gamma Phis gathered from the three closest sister chapters, and installed by our much loved grand president herself. Twenty-five new pins shine proudly over the loyal hearts of the members of a new active chapter and thirty-four new Gamma Phi alumnae, have pledged their service to Fargo Alumnae Chapter.

Mrs. Barbour, Marie Moreland, of St. Paul, and Sara P. Finley, installing officers, arrived in Fargo Friday afternoon to find everything competently arranged by Fargo Alumnae Chapter. Under Alice Gall Bower, Kappa, its president, every member had her allotted task, from banquet chairman to property mistress, custodian of the candles, and picker-up-of-things-lost-or-left-behind. Nothing was overlooked which might add to the perfection of ceremonial or social function. Their hospitality began when all Gamma Phis gathered at the home of Magdalena Carpenter Birch at a buffet supper that first night. There were five girls from Alpha Kappa at the University of Manitoba, four from Kappa at Minnesota, and eleven from Alpha Beta at the University of North Dakota. Together with the active chapter, those present were: Eleanor Bridgman, Elfreda Lehman, Frances Tisdale, Lois Gordon, and Merele Marshall, Alpha



Kappa; Dorothy Bolkamer, Peggy Pinger, Mary Lou Hohn, and Helen Solam, Kappa; Veronica Gorman Brundin, Mrs. Harold Ferguson, Gladys Black, Stella House, Dorothy Elkin, Ione Grinager, Alice Boyd, Lillian Lundquist, Margurite Messenger, Genevieve Parsons, and Katherine Reitweiser, Alpha Beta. After a get acquainted hour, we went to the beautiful home of Dr. Elizabeth Rindlaub, where with great impressiveness the pledge was administered to the members of Sigma Theta and their seven pledges. We found our new pledges astonishingly well prepared on our chapter rôle, songs, and traditions; and were pleased to hear that they had all passed through the full freshman training system as outlined in the new manual under Edith Kuinn, Kappa, of Fargo and had turned in examinations almost 100 per cent correct.

The following morning at nine began the initiation of those pledges who had been the active chapter of Sigma Theta. The hall, tentatively selected for initiation, was found not quite suitable; and at the eleventh hour, literally, Mrs. Birch offered her home for the occasion; and overnight the cheerful living room became a tiny chapel, fitting background for our perfect ritual. These are the girls who took their vows as Gamma Phi Betas that Saturday morning: Margaret Ballard, Elaine Blair, Almeda Cosgrove, Florence Fleming, Mary Hassell, Virginia Keene, Georgiana Metzenger, Lois Minard, June Vaughn Sien, Dorothy Award, Margaret Weeks, Ruth Whitney, and Grace Hunkins, of Fargo; Mildred Briggs, Iola Osness, May Sontag, and Grace Witherow of Moorhead; Helen Rainville of Crosby; Helen Fetsch of New Salem; Ellen Hussey of Grand Marais; Gertrude Lee of Towner; Elizabeth McDonald of Hawley; Minda Rudser of Bismarck; Doris Sommer of Barnesville; and Helen Stokke of Grafton.

At noon all adjourned to the home of one of the Sigma Theta alumnae, Mrs. E. V. Hull, where they were entertained at a luncheon. As we grew to know better these friendly and hospitable Fargo and Moorhead women and saw the co-operation between them and our own Fargo Gamma Phis, we were most happy to initiate them in the afternoon. Many had come from some distance to join Gamma Phi Beta and one member had traveled from New York. Active girls of Alpha Beta, Alpha Kappa, and Kappa chapters formed a chorus which sang for the initiation under the direction of Helen Bergquist, Epsilon, and Dorothy Volkamer, Kappa, and felt themselves drawn into a closer understanding and friendship as they watched the services progress to their thrilling close.

After three hours of much needed rest for both initiates and installing officers, the installation banquet took place at the Gardner Hotel. Over tables placed in an open square was suspended a huge crescent with lights symbolic of the chapters of Gamma Phi Beta. Upon the lighting of the light for the new Fargo chapter, a short cere-

mony was conducted with the pledge song by Marjean Crites, Rhoda Marr, Georgiana Metzenger, Dorothy Award, and Elizabeth McDonald. At the end of the open square was a fountain playing over colored lights, a centerpiece of pink carnations, roses, and jonquils, the gift of the Fargo-Moorhead Panhellenic. Pink papers, tied with smilax and tulle, lighted the tables and places of the executive officers were marked with corsage bouquets. The program of toasts, which had been worked out by Magdalena Birch as toastmistress, had followed the days of the week, and emphasized the idea of the creation through seven successive periods of this new chapter of our sorority. Those who responded to toasts were Margaret Ballard, for the new chapter, Mary Lou Hohn, Sara Finley, Lillian Lundquist of Alpha Beta, Merele Marshall of Alpha Kappa, Mozelle Weld Hagen for the Fargo Alumnae Chapter, Marie Moreland, and Clara Pollock for the Alpha Omicron alumnae. The closing toast, that given by Mrs. Barbour, the grand president, gave the inspiration and encouragement which the whole sorority feels for the new chapter. Telegrams were read from almost every active alumnae chapter of Gamma Phi Beta, offering congratulations and good wishes and, as usual, these create the greatest enthusiasm and excitement among the newly installed girls. As a surprise feature of the evening's program, Mrs. Leimbacker, long a patroness of Sigma Theta and recently initiated as an active member, so that now she is an initiate member of Gamma Phi Beta, announced the gift of \$1,000 to our sorority to be added to the fund that she and Mr. Leimbacker had already established, called the Irene Leimbacker Scholarship Fund. This scholarship fund has been administered for several years by Sigma Theta in memory of the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leimbacker who died in service during the war. The additional gift makes this fund self supporting and perpetual. The gift was accepted for the sorority by Mrs. Barbour and we were all tremendously impressed and touched by the devotion which led Mrs. Leimbacker and her husband to do this beautiful thing for Gamma Phi Beta.

Sunday morning at nine o'clock a model meeting was conducted, with Mary Lou Hohn, Kappa, in the chair. After the installation of officers, in the new chapter, many helpful suggestions were given them by Mrs. Barbour and visiting Gamma Phis for the conduct of their national business. Sunday noon the guests gathered in small dinner parties in the homes of the Gamma Phis. Mrs. Charles G. Pollock (Florence Sayle), Gamma, entertained Mrs. Barbour and the installing officers and the officers of the alumnae chapter at a dinner party. At three o'clock Dr. J. L. Shepherd of North Dakota State College and Mrs. Shepherd with the faculty entertained at a reception and musicale in the assembly rooms of the women's dormitory on the campus, in honor of Mrs. Barbour, the visiting Gamma Phis and the new chapter. Five hundred guests called to congratulate them and



offer their good wishes. Among those especially interested were the Fargo-Moorhead Panhellenic Association members, the members of the new chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma, which had been installed in May, and the members and alumnae of Kappa Delta, the other national sorority on the campus. This closed the formal functions of the installation.

As we who were so fortunate as to share in this stimulating enthusiasm of these three days turned homeward, we could not but feel that we were leaving a very earnest and loyal new chapter behind us. The members are eager to be and do all that Gamma Phi Beta will point out for them; they are looking for guidance, too, and gladly accept the supervision of an unusually strong alumnae chapter; which in turn is vitalized by true sisterly spirit. Best of all, there have been planted here on the fertile prairies of Dakota the seeds of a real friendship and understanding between the four chapters in the northern end of our province, which will surely bear fruit in greater strength and usefulness for Gamma Phi Beta.

SARA PRESTON FINLEY, *Kappa*

## History of Sigma Theta

SIGMA THETA SORORITY was organized at Fargo College, Fargo North Dakota, in 1908. Lorraine Pollock, Alta Ashelman, and Hazel O'Neill, inspired by the reports of the pleasures and advantages of sorority life as recounted to them by a chum who had joined a national group at Madison, invited four others to join with them to organize a similar group. A constitution and ritual for the new group were prepared by these charter members, assisted by Miss Blanche True, a faculty member.

Fargo College closed in June, 1922, and in the fall two of Sigma Theta's undergraduates enrolled at the State College. These girls with the consent of the alumnae secured permission to transfer the organization to that college. The fall of 1923 found Sigma Theta with but two active members; but with the help of the loyal alumnae they pledged nineteen out of twenty girls whom they had rushed. During twenty-one years of existence Sigma Theta has initiated 155 girls.

Since 1921 the alumnae chapter has sponsored an annual Christmas Bazaar, the proceeds of which make up a scholarship fund known as the Irene Leimbacker Memorial, a tribute to a beloved member who gave her life in an attempt to save the life of a younger girl.

## The North Dakota State College

THE N.D.S.C. was founded in 1890, at Fargo, North Dakota. The college is supported by the income and sale of government granted lands with additional appropriations by the state and national govern-

ment each year. The college property, including the seventeen buildings, is valued at \$2,000,000. Money has been appropriated to finance a new athletic building and a men's dormitory to be constructed during the summer of 1930. The degrees granted by the college are: B.S., M.S., and Ph.C. The organization includes seven colleges with a faculty of 214. There are at present six sororities and nine fraternities located on the campus whose membership is drawn from the student body.

## *Elizabeth Pond Rindlaub*



*Dr. Elizabeth Pond Rindlaub*

DOCTOR ELIZABETH POND RINDLAUB, who was a patroness of Sigma Theta for many years, is one of the most loyal friends of Alpha Omicron Chapter. To its members she has generously extended monetary assistance, wise advice, and genial hospitality. This year, Sigma Theta conferred an honorary membership upon Dr. Rindlaub.

Dr. Rindlaub is an eye, ear, nose, and throat specialist of recognition who lives and practices her profession in Fargo, North Dakota. She was educated in the State Teachers College in Platteville, Wisconsin, and the University of Michigan and has taken numerous postgraduate courses. She is a member of Alpha Epsilon Iota, a medical sorority, an ex-president of the Cass County Medical Society of North Dakota, and ex-president of the North Dakota State Academy of Ophthalmology. She is a fellow of the American College of Surgeons, the second vice-president of the American Women's Medical Association, a member of the Board of Oto-Laryngology, and a member of the Minnesota Academy of Ophthalmology and Oto-Laryngology.

In Fargo, Dr. Rindlaub is a prominent member of the Women's Club, of the Professional Women's Club and of the American Association of University Women. It gave Gamma Phi Beta great pleasure to welcome Dr. Lindlaub into the membership of the sorority when she was initiated with the alumnae members of Sigma Theta at the time of the installation of Alpha Omicron Chapter.

MOSELLE WELD HAGEN, *Epsilon*



## *Irene Leimbacker Character Memorial*

THE FOCAL POINT of the installation banquet of Alpha Omicron was the presentation to the chapter of a \$2,000 character memorial scholarship fund.

During the World War Irene Leimbacker, a member of Sigma Theta local sorority and at that time engaged in war camp community service at West Point, Kentucky, gave her life to save a child from drowning.

Awakened by this heroic deed to the contemplation of the tenor of her life as a whole, her sorority sisters immediately took steps to raise funds wherewith to establish a memorial fitting to her vivid forceful character. That the Sigma Thetas never lost sight of their project is evidenced by the fact that, at the end of eight years, the fund was made available to help any needy college girl of high scholastic standing whose character at least approached that of Irene.

Though many of the girls who gave liberally of their time and backing are now affiliated with other nationals, the fact that the Sigma Theta Alumnae presented the thousand dollar fund in toto to our Alpha Omicron chapter brings out the selfless basic qualities which characterize the nucleus of this new light in our crescent.

Following Mrs. Barbour's acceptance of the gift in behalf of Alpha Omicron, the president of the Fargo Alumnae Chapter read the following telegram: "In appreciation of the love of her Sigma Theta sisters in establishing the Irene Leimbacker Character Memorial, Mr. and Mrs. Leimbacker herewith present to Alpha Omicron of Gamma Phi Beta an additional \$1,000 with which to perpetuate this fund."

Just as Irene's final sacrifice was the outcome of her life—a life of right thinking, right speaking, right acting; so we see in the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Leimbacker that same spirit of altruism, inherent in Irene, which characterizes true parenthood.

MAGDALENA CARPENTER BIRCH, *Epsilon*



*Mrs. A. H. Leimbacker*



*Fay Naylor Chatman*



## International Historian

*Fay Naylor Chatman*

**A**T LAST Psi has reached the point of being recognized as worthy of having one of her daughters serve as a national figure, namely, in the capacity of National Historian. This daughter is Fay Naylor Chatman, Oklahoma University, '28.

During college days, Fay was prominent in campus as well as sorority activities. In 1925 she was initiated into Kappa Delta Pi, national honorary educational fraternity. Later she served on Panhellenic and as president of Eurodelphian Literary Society for women. With many additional activities she was deemed worthy to wear the black and gold Mortar Board.

As a Gamma Phi Beta, she served as vice-president and the following year, she was chosen to bear the duties of chapter president.

Now, we are proud to say that national joins Psi chapter in "a word of appreciation and congratulation" to Fay Naylor Chatman, National Historian of Gamma Phi Beta.





*Louise Saltmarsh Baltis (Mrs. Russel V. Baltis), National  
Chairman of Rushing*



## International Rushing Chairman

*Louise Saltmarsh Baltis*

**I**T SEEMS quite natural to us, who have known the first chairman of the new Committee on Rushing since her university days, to have this honor bestowed upon her, for she was in charge of rushing two years at Sigma, and has been in charge of the alumnae rushing for at least four years in Kansas City. Louise "Pep" Baltis and rushing seem synonymous to us. She has always been "Pep" to everyone, since she was so christened when a pledge, and that has been one of the reasons why her rushing has always been so eminently successful. "Pep" was really an ideal rushee herself, for she was not only good-looking, always smartly dressed, and extremely popular, but had those other qualities which too often are sadly lacking in rushees, the ability to make good grades, enthusiasm, and loyalty.

We know that this is a new national committee, and perhaps as is customary whenever anything new is launched we should be worrying about how things will go, but we aren't, not at all. On the contrary, we are just settling back comfortably and thinking that all will be well for "Pep" is there.

FLORENCE MAE INGHAM



*Rewey Belle Inglis*

*Ruth Mary Weeks*





## ★ Two ★

# Gamma Phi Beta Celebrities

**A**N UNUSUAL honor has come to Gamma Phi Beta—the election of Ruth Mary Weeks, Beta, to the position of president of the National Conference of Teachers of English, succeeding Rewey Belle Inglis, Kappa; and the fact that this very responsible and distinctive office has been held in succession by two members of the sorority is the cause for much pride. To say nothing of the additional fact that these two are the only women to be so honored.

Ruth Mary Weeks is a graduate of Vassar College with a master's degree from University of Michigan where she became a member of the Beta Chapter. While in Vassar, she edited the *Vassar Miscellany*, was one of the college debaters, an honor student, and a winner of Phi Beta Kappa. Miss Weeks has lectured widely at national and state teachers' conventions, and has taught in the summer months at the University of California, at the University of Pittsburgh and at the Missouri State Teachers College; and, at present, is a successful instructor in the Pasco High School of Kansas City where she has organized the English course with work on the Kansas City committee on curriculum revision in English. She has been listed in *Who's Who* for some years and is a contributor to *Atlantic Monthly*, the *English Journal*, and other magazines.

Rewey Belle Inglis, the retiring president, is a prominent member of Kappa Chapter who has done exceptional work in English, and who is an instructor in the English department of the University of Minnesota. She has collaborated with another university professor in evolving English textbooks, is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, and is a vital influence in the scholastic life of the University as well as a fine influence in Panhellenic life. She has always been a loyal member of her sorority, and at various times has acted as chapter inspector.

It is interesting to note that another speaker on the program of the Conference was Adah Georgina Grandy, Gamma, who has contributed a great deal to the subject of English and is a joint author of *Teachers Manual for American Speech*.



## Canada's First Woman Pilot

*Eileen Magill*

**E**ILEEN MAGILL, Canada's first woman pilot, is a member of Alpha Kappa Chapter. She graduated from the university in 1928 with a first-class standing in the honor course. As a graduation present from her parents she received flying instructions beginning in May of that year. On June 27 she made her first solo flight and got her license early in August. During her solo she went into a tail spin at 4,500 feet and landed on a handkerchief, making an unofficial record in the flying world.

In May, 1929, two planes flew down to Minneapolis, in one of which she was the pilot, to invite the members of the Flying Club there to come to Winnipeg to participate in the flying meet. They reached there at night and could find no landing place. They were finally compelled to land about forty miles out and taxi into the city.



It was quite a test for her ability but a perfect landing was made, in spite of the darkness. Eileen was one of the members who made the meet such a success.

When the clubhouse was opened Eileen was put in charge and she certainly proved a very capable manager. Last summer she flew to several towns in Manitoba to pay a friendly visit, had tea and returned the same day. These cross-country hops did much to promote interest in flying throughout the Province.

Eileen is now working in the Grain Exchange but continues to fly a little for pleasure. She is one of the outstanding members of the Winnipeg Flying Club and of our chapter. As you have already gathered, Eileen is airy-minded. Signs of this were shown in university, where things unearthly fascinated her. She became positively clairvoyant in her interpretation of transcendental philosophy. Though a lover of other worlds, she is sufficiently attached to this one to play golf well, to swim and ride, and—to knit baby clothes for her friends' varied progeny. She is like a modernistic drawing, outlined with a few definite characteristics but filled with many elusive and enchanting shadows.





# P o e m s



## Daguerreotypes

By STELLA WESTON

STELLA WESTON—A.B.—A.B. stands for the Author of a Book! *Daguerreotypes* just issued from the press with a subtitle, *Portraits from a Village Album*, is a collection of fourteen charming word pictures, each of which describe a type so often found in a little town. These portraits are exquisitely done, revealing the author's keen insight into character, and abound in delicate touches of romance, pride, pathos, and tragedy. And Gamma Phi Beta is very proud of Stella Weston, the writer of the unusually fine Alpha Mu letters in our magazine; for, not only has she shown exceeding talent and rare poetic ability in her chosen work but she promises a fine maturity.

In the series of Vest Pocket Poets, there are other names well known in the literary world, such as Clinton Scolland, Willard Wattles, and Percy MacKaye; while one of the volumes *Balancing the Scales* was written by Dorothy Emerson, also a gifted member of Alpha Mu. Miss Weston's *Daguerreotypes* is the latest of this series.

We present three portraits from this family album:

### *The Fool*

*The village fool devoted all his days  
To studying and putting to the test  
Whatever others overlooked, and soon  
He knew the things that others only guessed.  
He understood a language that was mute  
To men of intellect, and often solved  
Uncanny mysteries that others found  
Incomprehensible or too involved.*

*As he acknowledged but the beautiful,  
Admitted others but as they were kind,  
The village fool perfected such a heart  
That probably he never missed his mind.*



*The Celebrity*

*Each summer he would quietly return  
With unassuming air and modest grace  
And settle back in his accustomed groove  
Like any other fixture of the place.  
He took delight within the country store  
In swapping yarns and calculating views,  
Until the day that he was recognized,  
And all the village quivered with the news.*

*And when it bustled hastily about,  
Preparing homages and proudly veered  
Its thoroughfare to border on his door,  
He smiled a lonely smile—and disappeared.*

*The Bookworm*

*He was the bookworm of the musty town,  
The people treasured up his every mood  
And inventoried with a civic pride  
His library of wealth and magnitude.  
His books were all of ponderous estate,  
And most were tooled in gilt and leather bound,  
While often Plato and Euripides  
Lay open on his knees—with folks around.*

*And he was celebrated through the hills,  
Authority on every race and age,  
Until the day a little child had asked  
The reason that he never turned a page.*

*We present also in our Poetry Department, Mary Elizabeth Dale of Alpha Theta, whose work has appeared at other times in THE CRESCENT. If we are not mistaken, Mary Elizabeth Dale contributed to "Scribner's" when she was but a freshman.*

*Northbound*

*The sere leaves crackle underneath my feet  
And more come drifting, falling to the ground.  
Stark, frosted, bare, the trees are standing 'round—  
With stiff dry arms like corpses stand to greet  
The sight of passerby.—A slow dull sound  
Of feeble thud approaches, as if bound  
In this direction, north, along the street.*

Yes, here he comes: old Mister "Artes" clad  
 In worn out rags that Father Platitude  
 Gave to him just this morning. (What a dude  
 He thinks himself—decked in Moderné's fad.  
 Poor blind man!) As a while ago he viewed  
 The gravestones in the cemetery rude  
 That lies behind me, his old face was glad:  
 He thought he saw the City Perfect gleam!  
 He passes me. . . . Beyond, there glides a line  
 Of silent birds above the swaying pine.  
 They're flying toward the Southland! Why, they seem  
 To know where tasteful food and warm sunshine  
 Await them, far from every hint and sign  
 Of Northern winters. . . . Tell me: do you deem  
 Those birds more knowing than the wise old man,  
 Who, untouched by Keat's wine or Byron's fire  
 Is ambling northward? Israëli's lyre  
 Sounds much too low to drown the moving van  
 And trolley car.

MARY ELIZABETH DALE

### Strangled

I gave myself unwittingly when young  
 To Twentieth Century's standardized machine  
 Of classes, terms and grades, whose praises sung  
 By pedagogues declare its broad routine.  
 Thus I approached the Mount of Knowledge stored  
 From Adam to Lindbergh. I dugged away  
 With the machine at lime and slate—then bored  
 Where coal and iron and gold and silver lay.  
 The day I walked into the world below  
 I met the sneering cobra Ignorance.  
 One instrument can make his black blood flow:  
 The Mountain's minerals forged into a lance.  
 I lacked the fire of Relativity  
 To forge it. So the cobra strangled me.

MARY ELIZABETH DALE



## Camp Chairman

MRS. WALTER E. CLARKE,  
*Theta*



Kittie Lee Clarke,  
Chairman of Camp

Writing a biography of Kittie Lee Clarke is a pretty large order, because there is so much to write about. And now that she has been appointed chairman of the Gamma Phi Beta Camp for Underprivileged Children, every Gamma Phi who has met or heard of her, wants to know more and those who have neither seen nor met, probably want to know something about her too.

Since Kittie Lee was one of the originators of the camp, she seems a logical person to handle the national position for she managed the camp during the first year of its existence and has served on the camp board ever since. So much for camp experience. Also, she has been president of the Denver Alumnae Chapter, has served as city Panhellenic delegate; and represented Denver as convention delegate in Kansas City last June.

There you have a brief summary of what she has done. She is the sort of a person who laughs in the face of an obstacle and, like the Arab, the obstacle fades away. The harder a job the fiercer she goes after it and she has never been known to fall down on one. She really doesn't need a biographer. Her career speaks for itself.

EDNA T. EISENHAND





## Camp for Underprivileged Children

IN JULY, 1924, twenty-four small girls were taken to the mountains for two weeks. The Eggerts made this possible by furnishing everything except food, clothing, and transportation. In the years that have followed the Camp has acquired its own bedding, towels, curtains, and even a few easy chairs.

From the first, these girls have been provided with a khaki suit, shoes, and nightgowns. The first year the Gamma Phi Betas did everything including the cooking. Even yet our councilor for work is voluntary, but a cook is hired.

Following the 1927 convention Gamma Phi Beta voted to make this Camp her international altruistic work. It has taken some time to get the financial details of such a project worked out; so during this interim the Camp has been conducted along the lines of the local Camp but now that our International Camp Chain is provided for, the Grand Council has accepted the offer of the Church of the Ascension, Denver, to use its equipment in order that we may take more girls at a time and keep the Camp in operation an extra two weeks. We sincerely hope this offer will be renewed another year.

The picture on the preceding page gives a wee idea of Ascension Camp. This Camp was built by the congregation and their friends; and as the dormitories, recreation halls, spring houses, etc., were built as memorials it naturally follows they were made as near ideal as possible.

The Camp is twenty-five miles out of Denver on the highway, yet screened from it by a natural bulwark of lovely old rocks. Back of the rocks is a tract of gently-sloping land, scarred on one side by a little ravine and the whole thickly wooded. The Camp consists of a bungalow, two dormitories with showers, and a tiny arts crafts house, aside from the main Lodge. These buildings are all fully equipped.

KITTIE LEE CLARKE, *Chairman*





# Editorials



AT THIS particular time, freshmen all over the land are experiencing for the first time an active membership in Gamma Phi Beta. Generally speaking, they still are upheld by the exaltation of initiation; they still are expecting the finest and truest and best; and we wonder if their faith will linger when there comes the first realization that harmony does not always abound, that, unfortunately, sorority politics and sorority pettiness oftentimes exist, that the human element is manifest in many transactions. We believe that there is a fineness of spirit which will survive, a feeling of responsibility among upperclassmen which will make the transition a happy one, an effort on the part of the chapter to evolve, as far as possible, such an atmosphere of sisterliness, appreciation, co-operation and idealism that the belief of the initiates will not be dispelled.

—Γ Φ Β—

SO-CALLED hell week is fast disappearing; and the sorority world is endeavoring to present to the pledged member a period of probation that is consistent with the dignity of the college woman, that will be a memory not of foolish tasks, humiliating experiences and ridiculous situations but of splendid and constructive preparation for the larger life. Kappa Alpha Theta substitutes a Courtesy Week in which the pledge concentrates on a detailed study of the organization she has chosen, stresses rather than neglects her college work, and takes every opportunity to show a heartfelt courtesy to those around her. One chapter of Kappa Delta has inaugurated a very impressive way of fitting its freshmen for the beauty and solemnity of initiation—the presentation by the pledges of a pageant which symbolizes the history of the sorority.

Why not, also, a Courtesy Week for the college chapter—a week in which upperclassmen may show a friendliness and interest in those whom they have chosen for initiation; when the spirit of sisterhood may be beautifully proved by personal attentions and personal friendliness? Why not, also, a spectacular presentation by the chapter of the various and varied epochs and achievements of the order? Truly, the initiation will be a very wonderful and a very memorable experience with such a prelude.

A recent glimpse into freshmen opinions and standards has given the writer an understanding of the freshman viewpoint. Gamma Phi Beta is a very shining goal toward which they strive. They are willing to sacrifice, to labor and to dream; they quite expect to do their part in chapter life; but they *do* expect consideration along with discipline. Attitude is an overworked word during the pledge period, and the freshman attitude is usually a matter of comment and criticism. Turn the tables and discuss the *chapter* attitude. For there are various methods of exacting obedience; there are various ways of enforcing discipline; and there are various procedures that insure confidence and affection from the freshmen. Freshman training, freshman duties, freshman subservience, of course; but not to the accompaniment of a domineering spirit, a desire to impose servitude. Kindliness, friendliness, and a cheerful sympathy are three very necessary characteristics, if the younger members are expected to develop into fine, capable, and understanding upperclassmen.

—Γ Φ Β—

"AN ADVENTURE in friendliness" is a term sometimes applied to National Panhellenic Congress; and the term was exemplified in a beautiful and inspiring fashion at the recent gathering in Denver when 726 women gathered together at the banquet which is always the most impressive function of the Congress. It was a bit breath-taking and awe inspiring to know that each of these 726 women true to the Greek letter symbol that she wore, at the same time was true to the symbols of those who were her companions; that all groups were striving for the same goal; that, to the woman of today, no avenue is closed, no opportunity is withheld, no advantage is denied. As our speaker drew the contrast between the woman of other ages and the recognized citizen of today, and traced the growth of woman's power throughout the years, we realized the privileges and responsibilities that have come to us as sorority members. And why? Because we have our ideals and are working toward them; and this very ambition refutes the statement that ideals are old-fashioned, that they have no place in the busy, overcrowded life of today. Ideals are a necessary factor in the everyday routine, for one must have the vision; and even if we do not attain the heights toward which we strive our lives are better, fuller, and richer for the effort.

—Γ Φ Β—

DR. RAY LYMAN WILBUR, president of Stanford University, and supposed to be antagonistic to the cause of fraternities, recently made an outstanding address to the Interfraternity Conference in which he

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# Announcements



## *Omission of Chapter Letters*

OWING TO THE substitution of the directory for the May number of the magazine, there will be no place for the chapter letters requested by the editor before she was informed of the Council's plan. These letters will be omitted entirely and, perhaps, may be used in the fall issue.

## *Province Conferences*

THE SEPTEMBER issue will contain detailed accounts of each province conference.

## *Reading the Chapter Letters (We Advise)*

That those who are interested in unique and attractive parties should read about:

The celebration of Founders' Day by Alpha and Syracuse.

The powder puff tree at Xi.

The rainbow scheme of Tau.

The dance decorations of Alpha Delta.

The cabaret dance of Alpha Epsilon—also its muffin worry.

Winnipeg's golf dance.

That those who are checking up on chapter activities should know that:

Beta claims the winners of an archery tournament.

Gamma has had the basketball championship for three successive years.

Epsilon for the third successive time has won homecoming cup for the most attractive house; also a cup for high sales in campus publicity; and a second place trophy in University Play Contest.

Eta blithely and unconcernedly entertained—only 800!

Theta, for the second successive year, won the scholarship cup.

Lambda won a prize for recognition in sorority sales contest.

Omicron was second in sorority division of Y.W.C.A. Doll Show.

Chi is soon to own a colonial home.

Psi has a new chapter room.

Alpha Epsilon won a \$100 offered to the sorority bringing the most people to register at a local bank, and acquired first prize in selling forget-me-nots.

Alpha Zeta's scholastic record is highest of all fraternities and sororities at the University of Texas.

Alpha Theta is second in scholarship at Vanderbilt University.

Alpha Iota is shining in its shining new home.

Alpha Mu is leading in every Rollins activity.

That those who are wondering about Gamma Phi pulchritude and popularity should itemize:

Rho's array of beauty and personality.

Alpha Delta's Queen of Arts and Science.

Alpha Zeta's beauty queens.

That all alumni chapters and associations should note:

Ann Arbor's renovation of the Beta house.

Baltimore's theater benefit and waffle supper.

The joint luncheon of Berkeley and Stanford.

Cleveland's Christmas party for everyone.

Kansas City's style show and also its muffin worry where everybody wore a dress she had worn in her first year at college.

Los Angeles' Sunday night suppers.

Madison's reference library for Gamma.

Nashville's plan of having four active girls at every alumnae meeting.

New York's wealth of personals.

Oklahoma City's Handkerchief Box.

Vancouver's hope chests, commission plan, and revenue from the sale of old paper.

Austin's fine scheme of binding *THE CRESCENTS* for Alpha Zeta.

Winnipeg's idea of the ineligibility of a member until half of her yearly fees are paid.

## Editorials

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said: "If the college fraternity is to make good it must make good because it gets in harmony with the essential facts of associated life, of adolescence, and of young manhood. If you don't find out what those facts are and harmonize what you are doing, as our democracy goes forward, you will lose step."

Does this not give us an impetus for our own work in Gamma Phi Beta? A wider vision; a more concentrated effort; a wiser and saner viewpoint; a co-operative spirit with university administrators; a constructive program; a definite service; and a steady development.





# Chapter Letters



## DELINQUENT COLLEGE CHAPTERS

MU—Mary Lee Richmond.

PI—Katherine Yoemans.

ALPHA BETA—Constance Baugert.

ALPHA GAMMA—Cecilia Hawkins.

ALPHA XI—Opal Wallace.

## ALPHA—SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

### *Pledges have their first Founders' Day*

The past month at Alpha Chapter has been filled to the brim with activity of all kinds. Perhaps most important was the celebration of Founders' Day by a buffet supper for active and alumnae members. After the supper, sketches depicting the founding of Gamma Phi Beta at Syracuse and a reproduction of one of the first meetings was given. Helen Dodge Ferguson sent regrets that, due to ill health, she could not be present.

During the week preceding Christmas vacation a party for fifteen poor children of the city, a Christmas dance and a party for members at which each girl was presented with a ten cent "meaningful" gift were all held at the chapter house.

CATHARINE BARTELS

### *Engagement*

Dorothy Jones, '30, to Mr. Howard B. Tolley, Beta Theta Pi, '28.

### *Marriage*

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

## BETA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

### *Pledges eager for campus activity*

Here the term is almost over and the dreaded finals are upon us again! It has been a very busy and, from our viewpoint, a very successful term. We find our pledges very eager for campus activity; and we were very proud of our twins, Georgina and Frances Merrill who won the archery tournament for Gamma Phi. Margaret Gray distinguished herself by admission to Portia, debating society; while Mummies invited Georgina and Frances Merrill, Gladys Diehl and Margaret Gray to membership.

Our pledge class has been increased by the addition of Fra Loomis, Marjorie Burdett, Beverly Armstrong, Marian Schmidt and Charlotte Hedke.

A traditional event, and one to which we all look forward is our Sophomore Party. We had not realized the versatility of our sophs until we were entertained by the most novel of stunts. The dance given by the active chapter in honor of the pledges marked the month of November, and again we felt a

thrill of appreciation for our enlarged house with its additional facilities for "partying."

Beta Chapter was most happy to have as its guest for a few days Bertha Schneider, director of Province Two. Miss Schneider brought us much in the way of inspiration and counsel.

Just before the holidays came the senior party for all underclassmen. Peanuts and olives reigned supreme.

Katherine Chase, '30, has been awarded the honor of membership in Phi Beta Kappa.

Our annual Christmas frolic was the last affair before the holidays. Geraldine Hogan proved a jovial Santa Claus and remembered every one of us.

The chapter is happy to announce the initiation on January 11 of the following: Margaret Gray, Esther Wey, Eleanor Robson, Beverly Armstrong, Carol Wheeler, Fra Loomis and Marjorie Burdett.

HELEN P. BUSH

### *Engagements*

Virginia Brown, '29, to Mr. Bruce Brown of Chicago.

Ruth Mary Pittelco, '29, to Dr. Vernon Hart, Phi Chi, of Ann Arbor.

### GAMMA—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

#### *Popular pledge disfigures the third finger of her left hand*

Gamma Chapter is experiencing the usual let-down after Christmas vacation; but regardless of final examinations, it will doubtless recuperate in the anticipation of the junior prom. "If winter comes"—and spring in Madison is truly a joy—second semester cannot be far behind.

The last few weeks before the holidays were spent—hilariously—in secret shopping tours in search of a gift for one's roommate, in enjoying the Yuletide spirit created by crowded stores, Christmas trees and jovial classmates and in desperate resolve to write that long-delayed term paper during vacation.

Our annual Christmas dinner was a huge success—beautifully decorated tables, a sumptuous feast, and novel presents for each of us. Our housemother, our cook, and our waitresses had outdone themselves; and we showed our appreciation by hearty cheers and enthusiastic singing. The dinner was followed by a gay slam party with absurd but pointed gifts. During the preceding week-end, we gave our Christmas formal at which, good music, an enticing buffet supper, and attractive decorations contributed to the success of the evening.

We have pledged two charming girls since our last letter—Barbara Waldo from Michigan and Eugenia Stagdale from Missouri. Thus is our number pleasantly increased. It seems, however, that we are to lose one of our most popular pledges—Jane Martin of Middletown, Ohio, who entered the university last February and announced her engagement a few weeks before the holidays. She is wearing a gorgeous diamond ring and seems most anxious to settle down to blissful domesticity. The happy pair will reside in Beloit, Wisconsin, where Jane's future husband has established himself in business.

Gamma's basketball team seems to be on its way to another championship. For the last three successive years we have held the title, so we are duly proud of our prowess.

Gamma announces with deep regret the death of Catherine M. Meyer of Oakdale, Illinois, on January 1 from pneumonia. Catherine was initiated in 1919, was a stunning girl and very prominent in activities. Only last year she returned to do graduate work at Wisconsin and joined with Madison in its Gamma Phi work.

MERCEDES JELSNA



## DELTA—BOSTON UNIVERSITY

*Pledges are most important news item*

Our most important news in this letter is of our pledges. Two days after the frantic period of rushing was over, we pledged nine girls. The following four were repledged: Frances Annis, Ruth Baker, Katherine Johnstone, and Charlotte LeClaire. The new pledges are Mariam Brown, Anna McPhee, Louise Neal, Dorothy Shober, and Elizabeth Webber. Charlotte LeClaire is the president of the pledges and successfully leads their meetings each Monday noon as well as their other activities.

Delta has already experienced two yearly traditions in 1929-30. First, Grandmother's Party which took the form of a jolly wienie roast over the fire on the hearth; and then the Christmas Party which is a happy memory to all—even to the rosy-faced Santa Claus whose visit took us all quite by surprise.

On Sunday, January 5 Delta girls entertained for tea the girls of Pi Sigma Tau, a local sorority at the Boston University College of Business Administration, founded by an alumna of Delta, Pauline Sawyer.

ETHEL DE MILLE

## EPSILON—NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

*Another cup for freshmen to admire*

When I was a freshman, in 1926, I thought of the year 1930 as being very remote, a distant, fabulous time when I'd be twenty-one, and when I'd graduate from college. By that time I'd know a great deal, about people, and books, and life in general. Now here it is, 1930, and I've still a great way to go on the road to knowledge and understanding. I know that I've taken only the first steps, and ahead are things more interesting and significant than any I have yet known. That is just my thought for the New Year. This being a senior is apt to make pleasant thoughts come very often. But now I must do a little reminiscing about some things that happened last year.

Chicago Alumnae Chapter gave a reception in the house last October 20, in honor of the Gamma Phi Beta international officers who are around Chicago. Elizabeth Davidson Barbour, grand president; Lillian Thompson, national Panhellenic delegate; Gladys O'Connor Borland, chairman of inspection; and Charlotte Robertson White, secretary of Central Office. It was attended by many prominent members of other fraternities and sororities, members of the Northwestern University faculty, and friends of Gamma Phi.

The week-end of November 16 was homecoming, as busy and exciting as usual, and for the third time in succession we won the silver cup for having the most attractively decorated house. Frances Poe and Virginia Dibble deserve most of the credit; their plans were so artistic that we could not help winning. We shall soon be compelled to put in some extra cubby holes in the library to hold all our loving cups. We have added four this year to our collection, the homecoming cup, two cups for high sales of campus publications, and the second place trophy in the University Play contest, when Gamma Phi and Sigma Alpha Epsilon presented Barrie's *The Twelve Pound Look*, with Josephine Fawcett and Barbara Schmidt as the two feminine leads.

Speaking of dramatics, Dorothy Fae Cain has brought Gamma Phi some very favorable publicity by her performance of the juvenile lead in *The Young Idea*, which had its first performance in America at the Northwestern University School of Speech. It had been played before only in England, and Dotty is the first American girl to be cast in the rôle of Gerda. Dotty is a senior in Speech, and a member of Zeta Phi Eta, professional and social sorority.

For a few short days in December Epsilon was hostess to Bertha Schneider, director of Province Two. Even though she was here so short a time, we have

felt her influence ever since. It is inspiring to be visited by one who can understand chapter problems, and give valuable criticism and suggestions; and we are sure that under her guidance we shall try even more earnestly to attain the perfect combination in activities, social life, and scholarship.

We are very proud of Reeda Sexton who has recently been elected to Mu Phi Epsilon, honorary musical fraternity, and Eugenia Scott, who has been pledged to Theta Sigma Phi, honorary sorority for women in journalism. Reeda is also a member of Ro Ku Va, honorary scholastic fraternity.

The evening before Christmas vacation began we held our annual Christmas party which is rapidly becoming a chapter tradition. First of all we have a turkey dinner; then we gather around the Christmas tree in the living room, while Santa (this year it was Frances Livermore) distributes singularly appropriate gifts to everyone. This year there was even more festivity than usual, with balloons popping to the tune of music from the brand new radio, a Christmas gift to the chapter from our Mothers' Club.

When we came back from Christmas vacation, we still had our formal to anticipate. It was a dinner dance, on January 10, at the Vista del Lago, up in No Man's Land, north of the city. Of course it was better than ever—our parties always seem to excel any others we have had in the past, and the memory of this one is still very vivid, a glamorous impression of music and fun and Spanish atmosphere.

Just the other day we received something very interesting in the mail, a sheet of music which turned out to be a popular piece, *Upside Down in Love*, the song hit from the *Brownbilt Footlites*, which is being featured in New York. It was composed by Anne Phelps, Epsilon, '30, who is now living in Larchmont, New York. We are all hoping that Anne will be back to visit us in the spring. If she does, we know that she will sit down at our piano again, and coax some of the notes from it as only she can do!

HELEN LENEHEN

### Engagements

Elizabeth Jean Towne, Epsilon, '27, to Dr. Frederick Melges.

Alice Rettig, '29, to Mr. Leon Emmert.

Nellie Weston, '28, to Mr. Stanley Ullrich, Sigma Nu.

Helen McClarnan, '30, to Mr. William Sanders, University of Illinois, '23.

### ZETA—GOUCHER COLLEGE

#### *Clever stunts by freshmen*

Although rushing seems in the dim distance now since exams are looming on an alarmingly near horizon, we had such a successful season, that I could write on and on about our enthusiastic and altogether wonderful group of pledges. But I'll only give you their names and let our many other sisters guess just how fine they are. Our future Gamma Phis include Mary Burnet, Ann Corckran, Peggy Carnwath, Helen Dawkins, Mary Belle Haggerty, Jean Kneip, Louise de Journo, Kay Sappington, Evelyn Self, Jean Schilling, Helen Temple and Jean Waddell.

The fall house party at Country Club Inn, Bel Air, Maryland, furnished an unusually good opportunity for a real get-together, get-acquainted sort of time. We lounged before big log fires, sang, ate, danced, congratulated ourselves on the twelve new faces beaming in our midst and thoroughly enjoyed the two days. The freshmen displayed many and varied talents in the stunts presented and I haven't the slightest doubt but that in a very few years we shall see some familiar names in the bright lights of Broadway.

The pledges gave us one last grand party in the rooms before we all scattered for Christmas vacation and everyone decided it was the best she could



ever remember. Santa Claus, in the person of Helen Turnbull, one of our most recent and beloved alumns, gave out the presents, reading each verse as the proud and excited recipient stepped up to receive her regard for being a good and obedient child of Santa's Gamma Phis.

Two of our newly initiated members are Louise Crooks Young, and Mary Hamilton. We are so happy to have them.

Zeta welcomes Alpha Nu and Alpha Xi and wishes all the chapters the best and most successful of year.

NELL JONES

### *Marriages*

Evelyn Considine, '29, to Mr. Thomas Kirby.

Matilda Linthicum, '31, to Lieutenant Lawrence A. Vickrey, West Point.

### *Birth*

To Mr. and Mrs. Earle Thomas Fiddler (Margaret Martsof, Zeta, '14), a daughter, Elizabeth Jane Fiddler, on December 30, 1929.

## ETA—UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

### *"We pledged twelve nuggets"*

As the semester comes to a close, we look back upon a very successful year. Rushing was all that could be desired as Virginia DeCamp was a most capable rush captain; and we pledged twelve nuggets—Barbara Mount, Sally Small, Beverly Durbrow, Catherine Clark, Katherine Hengenin, Mary Elizabeth Whitmore, Betty Weston, Jerry Spaulding, Carlotta Young, Ardath Busby, Jean McWhirter and Mary Belle Webb. No one could possibly gather together a finer group of girls, and they have no end of spirit.

Our formal tea in October was very lovely. About eight hundred people met our new pledges, while after the tea, our formal was given—a lively affair with splendid music.

We have initiated into Gamma Phi Beta five outstanding girls—Betty Borst, Marjorie Boeckman, Mary Elizabeth Whitmore, Barbara Leet, and Carolyn Seivers.

Football season is always a busy time. The rallies were attended by all of us, and in November came the Women's Rally in the Greek Theater in which the Gamma Phis took a very active part. Mildred Long, Dorothy Dow, Betty Borst, Betty Weston, Marj Sanford and Edith Johnson all participated; and everyone said that Mary and Edith in their little skit were the hit of the evening. On November second the house closed for the week-end because most of us went down to Los Angeles for the University of Southern California versus University of California game. Several of the girls stayed at the chapter house in Westwood and came back most enthusiastic about it. After seeing this beautiful new abode of our Alpha Iota sisters we are talking about a new home for ourselves.

The big game between Stanford and California brought its usual excitement; and we celebrated at an informal which the underclassmen gave in honor of the upperclassmen. As finals creep upon us, we begin to think of next semester when we shall enter a new year of happiness together, all striving to gain something definite from our college life whether it be a diploma or a broader outlook on the world.

ELIZABETH GIFFIN

### *Marriages*

Christine Graves, '29, to Mr. James Roland Hedge.

Arlyse Fraser, '31, to Mr. Carl W. Reinking.

Ila Wilcox, '30, to Mr. Charles H. Overfelt.

Janet Byrnes, '29, to Mr. Allen Faye.  
 Frances Johnson, '29, to Mr. Robert Swain.

## THETA—UNIVERSITY OF DENVER

### *Pledges share the engagement candy*

Well, well, now who would believe that it will be springtime when you read this? The flowers will be blooming, the birds will be singing, candy and cigars will be more plentiful, and lazy young men on the front porch will be more persistent; whereas, for the past month my nose has been bright red all the time (due to the cold weather), my whole diaphragm (I'm registered for physiology) has been frozen, and even my vocal chords have been somewhat affected. The more I meditate, the more I think I should go down to Alpha Mu and pay the dear sisters a visit.

At this present time we are all swamped with examinations and working hard to do the semester's work the last three days before the finals take place. I suppose finals are only a just retribution, however, for a good time at Christmas.

From the moment our books were thrown aside for Christmas, until they were picked up slowly after Christmas, we had a glorious time. First, in order, came the Christmas dance where everybody felt awfully childish with two Christmas trees and a Santa Claus who gave us all the most embarrassing presents. We all had quite a surprise at this dance when Blanche Taussig announced her engagement to Arthur Cowperthwaite.

New Year's Eve, when Elizabeth Smedley was home, her family gave the chapter one of the loveliest parties of the season. Dancing, singing, cards, charming favors, and luscious food were features of the evening.

The Sunday after New Years we all went out to the Lodge for our Christmas party held for just the chapter.

Some weeks ago nine of us went out to help the National Western Stock Show do a little advertising. We had our pictures taken at numerous stock, sheep, horse and rabbit farms, and then ended up for dinner in Colorado Springs. The photogravures were fine and they have attracted quite a good deal of attention on the campus, but I am rather hurt because the picture in which I was holding on to a bull, turned out to be too large for the paper; and, as it had to be a choice between the bull and me, they cut me off and left the bull.

Blanche Taussig gave the chapter (and others) a lovely buffet luncheon during the Christmas holidays, and imagine our surprise, upon going there, to find that our "loan" from Tau Chapter, Virginia Woods, had been married two days before Christmas!

The Christmas season came to a joyful close with a bridge party that Eunice Fisher and Liberty Ewing gave for the chapter. The only difficulty was that nobody wanted to go home.

In a philanthropic way we gave two big Christmas baskets to the poor, while a number of the girls in the chapter went to the city auditorium Christmas morning and helped the Denver Motor Club give food and clothes to the poor.

Our activities of the past month have been quite varied in their nature. Marion Findlater and Lucille Albright were initiated into the Philosophical Academy; Liberty Ewing was elected secretary of Alpha Zeta Pi, honorary romance language fraternity; and Lucia Young was one of the few delegates to the Alpha Zeta Pi national convention at Christmas time. Lucia Young was also pledged to Kappa Delta Pi, the honorary educational fraternity. Mary Elizabeth Fouse was chosen chairman of the senior prom committee, and Jose-



phine Robinson was made manager of the Pioneer ski club in the approaching national ski meet to be held here.

Last Monday we had one of the most unique presentations of an engagement ever scheduled in this chapter. Our "Boots" Olinger came back to us with a lovely solitaire from Francis Van Derbur. The occasion was especially festive with our Lindsey Barbee there too—shall we say to present the engagement? Lindsey had written a *very* clever little announcement in the form of a play entitled, *The Romance of Two Crescents and a Star* and this title was due to the fact that Mr. Van Derbur is a Kappa Sigma. The candy, of course, was the cleverest, ever, in the shape of two hearts with "Boot's" picture on one and Van's on the other.

The weather is getting colder and colder, dear sisters, and I am getting chillier and chillier; so, perhaps I had best stop and put a piece of wood on the fire.

PEGGY MOSELEY

#### KAPPA—UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

##### *Pledges not yet announced*

Rushing is over, but the CRESCENT deadline is two days before the announcement of pledges; and so the names of the freshmen will have to be news for the spring number. But what with "Pullman" luncheons, 'n Russian dinners, 'n gallons of tea, 'n tons of sandwiches, our hopes and expectations (plus a little advance information) makes us very sure, not to say a little "snooty," about the girls who are to walk up our steps on Friday.

Gamma Phi starred at the Fraternity Pledge Night Revue when the three choruses that entered at our Nite Club repeated their performance. Alice Russell who had thrilled the same audience with a tuneful lament, sang of *The Right Kind of Man*—accompanied by enthusiastic cheers from the audience.

On the Sunday after pledging Katherine Taney Silverson is giving a tea in honor of the new members. This is an annual affair and alumni and actives alike are looking forward to the occasion.

The house has recently acquired some new furnishings—draperies; rugs whose general tone is somewhere between very tarnished copper and a deep dark rust; and upholstery for the davenport and a large heavy chair. The chapter is quite impressed! And we hope that our visitors—freshmen, mothers, dates, 'n others (some of you who read this now, perhaps) will think they are as nice as we do.

CATHERINE GAINES

#### LAMBDA—UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

##### *Pledges give stunts for the Dads*

Lambda has been successful again in the athletic field, for we had the winning team in the volleyball intramural contest. As a result of this, two more girls were initiated into W.A.A.—Dorthea Towne, and Margaret Crabtree. Dorthea Towne also made the first team for the all-University women's volleyball. Helen Molstad was elected the intramural chairman which position gives her a place on the executive board of the W.A.A.

Our informal was the big event of the fall quarter; for between the efforts of Louise Brady and the florists the house was turned into a veritable garden. With the odor of fresh spring flowers pervading the house, we almost forgot for the evening that it was drizzling rain outside.

Early in November we entertained the fathers at our annual dinner for them. Even the fathers from out of town made a special effort to come, and it was a regular reunion, as many of them were students at Washington to-

gether. All the old Washington songs were unearthed, and we learned much about the good, old days. During the evening the pledges entertained them with singing and original stunts.

Homecoming week-end was unusually busy this year. On Saturday morning the "big sisters" took their "little sisters" to breakfast at the Wilsonian Hotel and we all received huge chrysanthemum corsages to wear to the Stanford game. After the game the alumnae and active girls from out of town dropped in for tea.

Lambda is very happy to announce the pledging of Jean Wilkinson from Claremont, California. She is the daughter of Belle Wilkinson, who was a member of Mu Chapter.

Emily Hall and Marcella Crabtree, both pledges, turned out for debate this year and were very successful, winning several debates from different sororities. Emily Hall was also pledged to the Athena debating club which is a high honor for a freshman girl to receive.

Another room in the house is to be refurnished—the den. This is a Christmas present from the Mothers' Club. They promise that it is to be the coziest room in the house, and among other things they are acquiring is a lovely new bridge table with chairs to match.

Another Christmas surprise was a prize of twenty-five dollars from Fraser-Paterson Department Store for receiving recognition in the sorority sales contest.

Lambda is rejoicing with Margaret Meany Younger over the recovery of her father, Professor Meany. He was seriously injured last fall in an automobile accident and has been in the hospital for several months. Professor Meany is the oldest and most loved professor at Washington. We are extremely happy to be able to welcome him back.

EDNA EIKENBARY

### *Engagement*

Anne Hill, Lambda, '30, to Mr. Albert John.

### *Marriage*

On November 5, 1929, at Seattle, Washington, Virginia Wester to Mr. Drayton Ford Howe.

## NU—UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

### *Seventeen out of twenty pledges ready for initiation*

Everyone came back for winter term, happy and more than glad to be here. This is really the best indication of all that fall term was a success from every standpoint.

If Homecoming was one of the biggest events of fall term to the campus in general, the Founders' Day banquet which celebrates our chapter birthday and which always comes at this time was of immediate interest to us. It was good to have so many alums back, especially since they were all so very complimentary in regard to the house, our new pledges, and everything in general. To have people who have been out of college for a long time, still so very proud of their chapter makes one realize what a very important and lasting thing is the bond of a sorority.

When everyone came back from her Christmas holidays, the most important topic of conversation was *grades*, and the question of the hour was "How many points did you make?" From the reports given, Nu should be holding her own near the top of the grade list when the official report comes out. Seventeen of our twenty pledges made their grades for initiation, but more than that! Several of them made enough points to be an example to their sister upperclassmen.



At the beginning of this winter term two more girls were pledged—Joy Herbert and Helen Owens, both of Portland. Our pledge class is truly an exceptional and happy one. Just to be around them is to realize that in their capable hands Nu will take her rightful place as leader among the outstanding organizations on the campus.

Hardly enough can be said of the interest and help of both the Portland and Eugene Mothers' Clubs. They seem to discover our most urgent needs and to give graciously and promptly. Besides presenting us with much-needed dishes and dish towels, the Portland Mothers' Club gave us fifty dollars with which we are having made a beautiful fireplace bench. The Eugene Mothers' Club also gave us fifteen dollars with which we bought an upholstered foot-stool; and from the Eugene alums we received ten dollars which bought us a lovely hand-blocked wall hanging for our livingroom.

Already the girls are caught in the spirit of the winter term rush, both work and play. With Saturday classes, a full social calendar, an initiation, and our formal all coming very soon, one wonders when there will be time for it all. But college would not be college if one had time to do all the things one should like to do—and busy happy girls make a stronger better chapter, which is ever the goal in Gamma Phi Beta!

MARIANNE SPEER

## XI—UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO

### THE SHIP AT XI

*Setting:* The little gray house on the hill.

*Time:* Fall semester, 1929.

#### ACT I

"Da da daddle da!" moaned the saxophones. "Swish, swish," swept countless feet across the hardwood floor. "Our pledge dance!" chorused eighteen hearts. "Our pledges!" beamed fifteen maternal smiles. "Are we happy?" "Can'tcha tell?"

#### ACT II

"Here's to Gamma Phi! Drink her down, drink her down!" Glasses high in the air, binding the sistership of alums and actives. Toasts followed by gay chattering and reminiscing. "Remember when you were president, Marybelle, how excited you were when you received the telegram announcing that our charter had been granted and how we all nearly . . ." "Will you ever forget that night, Kit, when we thought we were surely going to be initiated into the Dill Pickle Club?" demanded Ola. "Catherine was a perfect scream perched up on top of the silliest looking buggy. Honest, I thought . . ." "We had stoves in every room and the steadies used to come up to build the fires for us!" cried Maude, while everyone chimed in with, "Let's sing 'Peanuts and Olives Too!'"

Bright dresses floating, whirling, or gliding by. White hands on dark suits dangling flimsy handkerchiefs and dance programs. "It's grand to be back—," laughed Helen. "I'd forgotten how much fun we really used to have," sighed Florence. "Xi," flickered the tall green candles on the mantel, "is twenty years old."

#### INTERMISSION

Meanwhile, Linn Cowgill became president of the Spurs, national sophomore organization while Ardith Mellinger was not only initiated into Phi Upsilon Omicron, home economics honorary, but was also elected secretary of the home economics club. Our heads went up when we learned the Marguerite McMahon and Agnes Ramstedt had been chosen as members of Sigma Alpha Iota, national music fraternity. Regna Campbell, Marguerite McMahon, Linn Cowgill, Beryl Davis, Agnes and Ruth Ramstedt took it upon themselves

to represent Gamma Phi in the glee club. Agnes Ramstedt was also selected for the varsity mixed quartet.

Helen Lucas promised to become a star athlete when she immediately made enough points to join the Women's Athletic Association. Our aspiring actresses, Willie May Roberts, Lorna Moore, and Katheryn Hart proved their worth by participating in several one-act plays, while Bertha Moore and Mary Murphy took part in the first-all-College three-act play. As preparation for the on-coming combat with the cruel cold world, Marjorie Weber and Kathryn West turned out for, and made the women's rifle team.

#### ACT III

"Keep your eyes closed!" "Don't look until we tell you to!" ordered the Frosh who having failed to erect a workable stage curtain could think of nothing better than to have us play asleep for awhile. "All right now!" There in an honest-to-goodness wild west saloon . . . bar, bottles, and all . . . our pledges garbed in yellow, pink, and blue oilcloth skirts or chaps danced to the chorus of *Pony Boy*. Whereupon began the unfolding of the amazing musical romance of our Nell, Two Gun Jod, Villiane Sneakenze and Alec Smart—comic element furnished by Iron Tooth Jake.

Downstairs to eat! Hamburgers! Hot Dogs! A powder puff tree growing in the corner, blooming a brand new powder puff for each Gamma Phi. Upstairs again to see Rolly and Polly the twins and Twinkle and Twinkle the stars from New York perform. Bags of candy! Doughnuts—for those who had a spare space! Ice cream cones—any flavor—chocolate going fast! About forty very badly aching tummies. . . .

"Silent night, Holy night . . ." serenaded the youngsters. "Merry Christmas!"

#### EPILOGUE

Back from vacation . . . armed with new resolutions and new clothes . . . and most startling! Seven new full fledged members of the Long Haired Club . . . the secret of their convincing buns . . . switches!

MARY MURPHY

#### OMICRON—UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

##### *Already thinking of next year's pledges*

In less than a week from the time of writing, examinations begin on this campus, and the girls of Omicron Chapter are already beginning to outline textbooks and to study intensively for the finals. Gamma Phi Beta's scholastic standing must be kept at fourth place, if not raised to first, second, or even third.

On December 14 we held our annual formal Christmas dance, and as usual it was a great success. Holly and Christmas trees are especially appropriate decorations for our house, and the two evergreen trees on the terrace in front of the house so lend themselves to colored lights that passersby exclaimed at their beauty.

On the same day as our formal, we won second place in the sorority division of the annual Y.W.C.A. Doll Show with our scene, *Radio Television in 1933*. So you see, that day was an especially eventful one for us.

Evelyn McCutchen, our commerce senior, was recently elected president of Phi Chi Theta, honorary commerce sorority for women. And several days before, Frances Payne, Jeannette Smallfeldt, and Frances Knight were initiated into the organization. Evelyn has also been chosen as the student to represent the commerce school on a debate committee composed of one faculty member and one student from each college.

Betty Petru was chosen as one of twelve campus beauties in a contest



sponsored by a local confectioner and also served on the junior prom committee. Speaking of committees, Margaret Otis is one of the members of the committee for the Panhellenic formal to be held February 22.

Margaret Leach and Virginia Hall attended Ax-Grinders Ball, a dance sponsored by Sigma Delta Chi for "them as rates" in campus activities. "Peg" is financial secretary of Woman's League, and "Gina" is on the Y.W.C.A. commission. Peg, who is freshman mother, graduates in February, so we are losing one of our most valuable girls.

Soon, we suppose, Omicron will have a long list of new initiates to announce, and before we know it we will be pledging a new freshman class. Time *does* pass so quickly!

BERTHA ENGER

### Weddings

On November 29 in Kirkwood, Missouri, Geraldine Turner, '28, to Mr. Robert Lowell Williamson.

On December 28 in Chicago, Margaret Jane Hoskin to Mr. Raymond Gordon Travis.

### RHO—UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

#### *Pledges give Christmas party*

Here we are, enjoying another good old Iowa winter and trying to settle down to hard work and lots of it. So much of interest has happened since the last CRESCENT letter, that it is hard to know where to begin, so, perhaps, it would be best to mention first of all the grand Christmas formal, given by the pledges. The house was decorated with mistletoe and holly, and the orchestra sat in a huge lighted wreath.

Exams are the next thing on the schedule for the University of Iowa, and Rho is really studying and trying very hard to bring up the scholastic standing. Then, soon after exams, comes initiation, to which both actives and pledges are looking forward. It seems that the greatest news of all year is the news that another group of pledges will soon become sisters in Gamma Phi Beta.

Rho has started the year with its usual share of honors. Polly Thompson of Miami, Oklahoma, has had her picture in all the leading newspapers of the middlewest and southwest, due to her striking resemblance to the movie actress, Norma Shearer. Polly Thompson and Florence Deaton both have placed among the highest fifteen in the University beauty contest. Bernetta Kunau is entered in the personality contest, the outcome of which determines the queen of the Military Ball.

Rho also has been shining in the dramatics field with Anne Bradfield and Virginia Wingert both taking leading parts in University plays. Alice Van Law, who is back with us this year as a graduate student, directed a studio play, *Dust of the Road*.

Dorothy Clark, one of our pledges, has been appointed organization's editor of the Iowa yearbook, the *Hawkeye*. All of our pledges are doing much to make us proud of them, and we feel that everyone of them will be a worthwhile addition to the chapter. But even with so many promising new girls, we grieve to see the old ones leave us, and it is hard to realize that Helen Wilkinson will graduate in February.

GRETCHEN CARLSON

### Marriage

Marianne Dawson Coffee, Rho, '28, to Mr. Edward Franklyn Payne of Boston, Massachusetts.

### Birth

To Mr. and Mrs. John Kloop (Dorothy Mutz), a son.

## SIGMA—UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

*Pledges gain campus honors*

With finals only two weeks off we have all settled down after a glorious Christmas vacation to some hard studying. We are determined not to let Sigma lose her high rating in scholarship.

Although we have been studying hard all semester we have not let it interfere with our good times together, and we *have* had some good ones! We held our annual Polly Party for the freshmen the middle of October and it was a lovely affair.

Of course, the football season was very exciting; and while Kansas did not win all her games, she had a good season and we are looking for the championship next year. We were so happy to entertain our sisters from Phi when Washington University played Kansas. The big game of the season with Missouri University was our homecoming game—and it certainly was an exciting day. Not only were many of our alumnae back with their husbands and families, but also, many of the Alpha Delta girls visited us that day. Jeanne Blanchard and Marjorie Frink, two of our art students, turned our house into an old medieval castle with towers and coats-of-arms; while the whole town of Lawrence had a festive appearance because everyone was all decorated for the game.

One of the loveliest parties of this year was our Founders' Day banquet on November 11. Many of our alumnae were with us to help us make it a real celebration.

We all enjoyed the lovely Christmas affairs that were held here just before the holidays; but we had the best time at our own kid party and Christmas dinner. All of us, even our most dignified seniors, attired in socks and short dresses, came down to a real Christmas dinner of turkey and plum pudding with all the accessories; but after dinner Santa Claus himself came to see all the children of Sigma, and brought each of us a Christmas present.

The end of the semester means the graduation of our president, Paula Cost; and our new leader is Louise Corn of Kansas City.

In the midst of our good times and college work, we have not forgotten our activities, and our pledges have worked hard for Gamma Phi Beta. Dorothy Henderson, and Therine Kilgore were in the annual University fashion show; Therine Kilgore and Lois Moon made the junior hockey team; Marjorie Osborn was elected treasurer of the freshman commission of the Y.W.C.A.; and Helen Heaston was chosen vice-president of the freshman class. Not to be outdone by the pledges, the upperclassmen have been doing many things too. Lucile Henderson made the rifle team and the junior hockey team; Virginia Crawford was in the fashion show; Mary Teresa Donovan and Virginia Crawford are on our humor magazine staff, *The Sour Owl*; Constance Ross has been elected to Quill Club; and Amanda Wulf was chairman of the music committee for the all-University Christmas tree entertainment.

CONSTANCE ROSS

*Engagement*

Paula Cost, Sigma, '30, to Mr. Louis Graves, Delta Tau Delta, University of Kansas.

*Marriages*

Merle Fair, Sigma, '26, to Mr. William Carr.

Ruth Van Riper, Sigma, '29, to Mr. Martin Dickinson.



## TAU—COLORADO STATE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

*Tau has initiation*

Tau Chapter takes pleasure in announcing that the following girls will be initiated on February 22: Mary Bliss, Greeley, Colorado; Doris Burnett, Fort Collins, Colorado; Joyce Dooley, Akron, Colorado; May DuBois, Fort Collins, Colorado; Ruth Fenn, Fort Collins, Colorado; Virginia Klingner, Wray, Colorado; Barbara McBroom, Colorado Springs, Colorado; Lucile Torleumke, Oberlin, Kansas.

The initiation banquet is to be held at the chapter house. The toasts of the evening are to be carried out with the idea of a rainbow, and the object is to find the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow—or perfection in Gamma Phi Beta. Each color is to stand for some one thing and a toast is to be given for each: Red—Courage, Green—Inexperience, Violet—Remembrance, Orange—Flame of Affection, Yellow—Happiness, Blue—True Blue, and last the Pot of Gold. Decorations, tapers, flowers, and programs all will carry out the rainbow idea.

It is also our pleasure to have Mrs. Barbour with us at that time. Mrs. Barbour plans to take part in the initiation service and to be present at the initiation banquet. We feel that this is a great honor and hope that Mrs. Barbour will enjoy her visit with us.

EMMA WILLIS

## PHI—WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

*Pledges entertain pledges of other sororities*

The last three months have been busy ones for Phi Chapter. The actives have been occupied with classes, meetings, college activities, football games, and social engagements; while the pledges, still a little bit "green" in the ways of college life, have been faithfully discharging their duties to both active chapter and college. The sorority room, located in the one-year-old Women's Building, is always the scene of much activity and forms a little axis about which our college life revolves.

Each week of college was marked by some important event, but there were some more outstanding than others. The rummage sale, the first given by our chapter for years, was an interesting experience to most of us. Automobiles stacked high with old coats, hats, dresses, suits, shoes, furniture, and what not, made their way to an old building in the poorer section of the city, and there the contents were unloaded. On the appointed Saturday, actives and pledges, reinforced by faithful alumnae and mothers, took their stand in the building and eagerly awaited customers. People came and went, and when the day was over, we felt triumphant as we counted over our day's profits. Although the sum was not great, we felt that considering the unseasonable weather and the initial effort, the result was satisfactory.

A few weeks later, these same girls were gathered in the Gamma Phi room as hostesses at a tea for the mothers. When most of the mothers had arrived, our president took charge and told them that we had brought them together for the purpose of forming a Mothers' Club. Nominations were made, officers were elected, and soon the group of mothers became an active organization with enthusiastic plans for the future.

Another tea of a different nature was given by our pledges. The guests included the pledges of the other sororities, Dean Williamson, Mrs. Sieg, who is in charge of the Women's Building, and others. The tea table was very pretty with its bright candles and shining silver, and the pledges were perfect hostesses. The active chapter felt very proud of them on this occasion.

Shortly before homecoming we held an initiation for Verna Weis, Edna

Russell, and Ruth Mundt. We warmly welcomed them into our midst and were fully as proud as they of their newly acquired pins.

Homecoming was, as usual, a great event. Since Washington University had as its guests Governor Caulfield, his wife, and daughter, we felt even more pride in displaying our Alma Mater. After the exciting game, we held open house for fellow students, faculty, friends, and visitors.

On Founders' Day we joined the St. Louis alumnæ in a supper meeting; and after our supper we gathered in the room to hear Charlotte Robertson White, who was visiting St. Louis at the time, read the impressive Founders' Day service.

After these events there was a period of comparative quiet during which we made plans for our holiday season. On the Monday before college closed, four girls locked the door of the room until time for active meeting, and then at four o'clock they opened it to reveal a pleasant surprise in the form of a beautifully decorated Christmas tree which was kept gayly lighted all through the week.

On December 23, the pledges gave a dance to the rest of us. The place chosen was a little private club in Webster Groves; and there, in a large newly decorated room, we danced to the tune of a fine college orchestra. We were glad to have as our guests at that time, Helen Hawkins of Alpha Delta; Marion Brokaw of Epsilon; Alice Brokaw formerly of Phi, now of Epsilon; together with many alumnæ of the St. Louis Chapter.

Two "cozies" were given during the holidays; one by Hortense Stone the day after Christmas, and one by Blanche Pollock on January 2. It was great fun to come together at these times and to talk over the holiday festivities.

Now we are back at college busily finishing up little odds and ends of work before the semester ends and before the coming exams; and we hope soon to be able to welcome many new members into Gamma Phi Beta.

MARIAN DAVIS

## CHI—OREGON STATE COLLEGE

### *Seven pledges make average*

This is a most surprising and disturbing world! Just the other night after we had held our post-mortem on Christmas vacation festivities, we all resolved to forget frivolities for a while and devote our undivided attention to the pursuing and grasping of knowledge. Alas! The following morning found a soft white universe with its irresistible temptations of tobogganing and snow fights so—can't you guess what has happened the last few days. We decided to be unselfish and devote some of "Study Time" to the appreciation of nature's sports. Forgive us! but when I tell you this is the first time that many of the girls have ever seen snow, perhaps you will understand our enthusiasm.

Seven of our pledges made the necessary average, and even at this early date they are beginning to show the signs of despair and uncertainty, so characteristic of down trodden pledges waiting and hoping for initiation.

Now that the winter term is here, the young gallants and ladies have turned their interests to the all important discussion of the clothes problem, for this is the time on our campus, when the most important formal functions of the year are held. The days of rest for the tuxedos and formal gowns are over for a while.

Three of the girls from the south did not return this quarter, but they will be with us again spring quarter. Even Californians admit that the only place to be in springtime is Corvallis. Writing of spring, reminds me that there are "rumors" of marriages in the near future.

Such a busy quarter as this is! We are already practicing for our Stunt Show to be given in March. This year it is to be taken from the Arabian



Knight stories and we surely hope we shall be allowed to keep the cup for another year. Then, the third year, and it will be ours.

Our annual Fashion Show is to be given March 12 at the Whiteside Theater. Every year it is becoming more popular and is given exclusively by the Gamma Phis, the proceeds from which will be devoted to our new house.

The honor of being elected state president of the Associated Women Students, was bestowed upon Grace Colburns, at a meeting held in Eugene. Grace Colburne and Evelyn Gaiser were members of the combined University of Oregon, University of Washington, and Oregon State College dance committee, which was given in Portland during the Christmas holidays. Evelyn was also on a sophomore cotillion committee. Irma Hoech was appointed secretary of the *Beaver*, the O.S.C. annual, and on the program committee for the senior ball. Grace Anita Beem was chosen to assist on the committee for senior class day. She and Lucille Van Loan were hostesses at the Memorial Union tea.

Our castle-in-the-air is coming into realization. The plans are completed and work is to start in May. Just to give you an idea as to its appearance we'll say that it is to be strictly colonial with colonial furnishings—the most feminine house on the campus. And it is to have a white picket fence around it too!

As I sit here chattering, serious business is being conducted in the region of the President's domain. Our scholastic standing is in process of calculation by those usual and cruel processes of addition and subtraction. The results? The sign *In Conference*, tacked on the door, makes us a little timid about interrupting official proceedings, so we shall promise to enlighten you next time.

MIRIAM M. MORRIS

## PSI—UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

### *Pledges successfully trained*

When we all came back to college after the Christmas holidays, ready to settle down to the routine of college life—imagine our surprise to learn that Alice Browne, one of our active members had decided to be married. More thrilling than ever, she was married in our chapter house, and what a pretty sight it was! All the Gamma Phis in evening clothes—the house a bower of flowers—and Alice in white satin and a long trailing veil, coming down the stairs with her attendants, three of whom were sorority sisters. Then to cut the cake and, most fun of all, to run outdoors in the snow throwing a handful of rice at the happy couple. This is the second wedding we have had in our house, and after seeing how beautiful it has been, one feels that it is an ideal place for a wedding.

Another surprise! We have a new chapter room, which, although it is just in the making, can be used, and is much nicer than our old one. It is on the third floor; and Eli Mahier, the well known artist and Gamma Phi, is going to help us with the mural decorations. We already are very proud of the lovely mural above our fireplace, which is some of Eli's work, and with her help we expect to have a very attractive room for our circle on Monday nights.

Another addition to our happy family is Kiti, a little five weeks old Pekinese that Maxine Williams brought back with her from vacation. Kiti is quite a favorite around the house and we are training him to be a watch dog.

The new system of freshman training, we are using to great success with our pledges, and the meetings are conducted in a more business-like and orderly manner than ever before. Two of our freshmen, Virginia Douglass and Katherine White are pledged to Sigma Alpha Iota, the honorary musical fraternity on the campus. This organization also has Frances Atwater, another Gamma

Phi Beta as its president. Another honor, which pleased us a great deal, was that of ranking second highest in scholarship among the national sororities on the campus.

On March 8 the Gamma Phi Beta province convention is to be held in Norman. This is also something new, as it will be the first time we have had the privilege of entertaining any national officers.

Scattered here and there among the more important events are small parties given by the pledges for the members, and by the members for the pledges. Before the Christmas vacation we had our annual party, and Frances Massey, one of those girls who has an original thought for every occasion, had a poem written for every girl as she came up to receive her gift. Then there was the party for the poor children—the Thanksgiving party—and lots of things to encourage that feeling of friendliness and comradeship among the Gamma Phi Betas.

With so many things happening, the correspondent is not a bit worried this time concerning what to write about, but what to leave out; so right here will come that little word—*Finis*.

KATHERINE KLEIN

### *Marriages*

On August 4, 1929, Marie Meeks, '28, to Mr. Thomas Churchill, Sigma Nu.

On January 7 at the chapter house, Alice Browne to Mr. Floyd Raupe.

### OMEGA—IOWA STATE COLLEGE

#### *Freshmen in line for Vodvil*

Another quarter after a most enjoyable Christmas vacation has begun; and everyone is back in college with greater enthusiasm than ever to go out for activities, honors and scholarship.

First of all, we must tell you about our formal dinner dance at the Sheldon-Munn Hotel which we gave on January 11. It was a great success, for there were about sixty couples and the orchestra could not have been better. Our favors were black leather cigarette cases with the Gamma Phi Beta crest on them.

We regret that Caroline Hoch, one of our pledges, is not in college this quarter because of ill health. We also miss two of our seniors of last quarter—Anne Abelle and Emily Jammer, for both graduated at Christmas time. Anne is teaching home economics at Dolliver, Iowa; and Doris Erurie has returned to our midst after spending last quarter at Merrill-Palmer in Detroit. Omega also announces the pledging of Katherine Watson of Marquette, Michigan.

There are always many activities during the winter quarter, and Vodvil, to be given February 23-24 is the most outstanding event. Tryouts for choruses were held last week, and if the judging is done as in previous years, Gamma Phi Beta will be well represented in the performance. Alice Cooley is supervising the selling of the tickets, and Gertrude Barth has charge of the programs. Many others of the chapter are helping with costumes and staging.

LOMILA HOPPER

### *Marriage*

On December 25, 1929, at Ames, Iowa, Frances Martin, Omega, '32, to Mr. Don Caswell, Sigma Chi.

### *Births*

To Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Lanning (Virginia Buck, Omega), on October 5, 1929, a daughter, Sarah Anne.



To Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sebren (Zella Tomlinson, '28), on November 5, 1929, a son, Harold Tomlinson.

To Mr. and Mrs. Redwood Fisher (Helen Schultz, Omega), in October, a daughter, Jacqueline Jean.

To Mr. and Mrs. John Parker Greig (Winogene Wonder, '28), on June 4, 1929, a son, John Parker.

#### ALPHA ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

##### *"Nine splendid pledges"*

*The world is so full of a number of things,  
I'm sure we should all be as happy as kings.*

And we, who are waiting so expectantly, on the threshold of 1930 feel in our bones that we are to be happier than any mere kings. For, ahead of us there are all the joys of college life in Gamma Phi, with nine splendid pledges to help us along.

The rushing season seems like a dream now, something that happened away in the dim recesses of 1929, and we can hardly realize that we were lucky enough to get Merle Storey, Beth Bertram, Kay Mills, Margaret Huston, Alison Shiell, Eileen Harris, Lois Tedman, Eleanor Clappison, and Audrey Bradley. Lois Tedman has marked literary ability, and Margaret Huston has leanings towards the stage. We don't know about the others as yet, but we have our strong suspicions that they are just hiding their talents. Audrey Bradley has since gone to live in California, and we miss her very much.

Before Christmas, we held a very successful subscription dance at the Royal York, and later on we held a combined rummage sale with the grads which perhaps should not be mentioned in the same breath; but it also brought us in some money to swell our funds. Then came the deluge of Christmas exams, and shopping, and all the various activities of the long holidays.

The New Year means settling down to hard labor, but there are many exciting things that just can't be put in the background. Initiation comes quite soon now, and we are usually almost as awed and thrilled by it as the pledges are. Our formal dance looms up for the end of February, quite far away, it is true, but near enough for many heated discussions on the subject of new frocks, etc. It looks like a busy season, and we hope to have much news for the next letter.

SHEILA THOMSON

#### ALPHA DELTA—UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI

##### *Freshman wins lead in musical comedy*

What a wonderful season we Alpha Deltas have had! Not only have we maintained our precedent of holding a major part in each dramatic production, but, lately, have won the lead in the musical comedy staged by the School of Journalism. Virginia Stillman was chosen to play the part of the heroine in the production, *Glory Hallelujah*, and her lovely voice coupled with her attractive personality easily made her the star of the cast.

Another of the freshmen, Frances Rush, had the part of Sister Maria Jesús in *The Cradle Song*. Just recently, Claire Jones has been elected to the honorary Spanish society, Sigma Delta Pi; while Peggy Lewis is now a member of Zeta Sigma as are Gene Sturke and Helen Hawkins. During Arts and Science Week, we acquired even more honors with Marguerite Atteberry's election as Arts and Science Queen.

After our Christmas party on December 14, there was no doubt in anyone's mind that the dance had been not only a huge success but the prettiest affair

of the year. Hundreds of white paper strips were hung from the ceiling, giving the effect of countless icicles; while two enormous Christmas trees added to the festive appearance. The wall brackets which were adorned with silver and green paper in the shape of fir trees gave forth such a lovely glow that even the snowman in the corner of the hall looked happy and festive.

GLOVER RUTH HILL

#### ALPHA EPSILON—UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

##### *Gamma Phi trio broadcasts*

*Tune in, all you Gamma Phis, on the "Gamma Phi Beta Half-Hour" over radio station, KVOA, Tucson, Arizona. The Alpha Epsilon trio will entertain you with a group of popular selections. The members of the trio are Margaret James, Alice Knowles, Zana Lamb, and accompanist, Betty Light. And may I take this opportunity to introduce another Gamma Phi who will tell you a few things about the wonderful chapter here in Tucson? Here she is!*

"Oh, girls, so many exciting things have happened! First of all, we won a hundred dollar prize offered by the Consolidated National Bank to the sorority who brought in the most people to register at the opening of the new bank building. Alumni and parents joined members and pledges in eager co-operation, and the contest raged furiously—for we weren't the only ones who wanted and needed that hundred dollars! Now the "strains of sweet music" emanate daily and nightly from the Gamma Phi house: we took the prize money, added contributions from each girl and purchased a combination radio and electrola!

Margaret Nachtrieb, our province director, came from Berkeley to spend several days with us. There were luncheons, dinners, teas and meetings to occupy her time, and after she left Tucson, Margaret went to Phoenix where she was entertained by the alumnae association. This was Margaret's last official visit to Alpha Epsilon, but there is a certain little orchid and green



*Alpha Epsilon Chapter House*



room which will always be ready for her whenever and as often as she chooses to make us a social visit.

The sale of flowers on Forget-Me-Not Day found the town-girls occupying various positions on the main streets of town, with a money-box in one hand, forget-me-nots in the other, and their faces beaming with smiles. It was another competition between sororities, but one milder in form and more noble, perhaps, in motive; and—at any rate, Alpha Epsilon won first prize for the sorority selling the most forget-me-nots.

At the Co-ed Prom, an annual masquerade dance from which the masculine sex was excluded, the pledges from the various houses and the girls from the dormitories put on skits. Our pledges took third prize with some clever silhouette representations.

In November, the pledges entertained us royally at a cabaret dance. The chapter house was transformed into a gay night club, with many-colored balloons, confetti, serpentine, and gorgeous arrays of autumnal leaves serving as decorations. Tables and chairs were placed throughout the rooms for the convenience of the dancers, and colored boys took charge of a "check-room," and announced the arrival of each girl's escort. The central idea of the dance was maintained throughout the evening, and everyone—there were about seventy-five couples in attendance—was in a festive mood.

We are most happy to announce the pledging of Hortense Lindenfeld, a very artistically inclined little girl from Tucson.

The annual Muffin-Worry was a big success, with the pledges, of course, entertaining the members. We certainly had ample opportunity to observe the versatility of our protégées in their capacities as comedians and musicians, and chefs and artists as well! They put on vaudeville acts, sang, and even produced a "real" orchestra which was comprised of everything from dishpans to cheese-graters, and which—surprisingly enough—played recognizable tunes from the latest jazz-hits! Impersonations of the various members were so realistic, so much in character that we were kept in screams of laughter from one appearance to the next. And the banquet was lovely: the long table lit by candles, clever little muffin place cards at each plate, a huge golden paper muffin as the centerpiece with "fortunes" for the members concealed beneath it, and our pledges beaming happily, if somewhat wearily, upon us! Then when the last laugh had died away, when the last whisper was stilled and everyone was in bed, the pledges serenaded us from beneath the windows of the sleeping porch. It was the *coup d'état* of a perfect evening!

The Christmas holidays afforded a fortnight's vacation, which was somewhat anticlimaxed by final exams a scant three weeks later. Speaking of Christmas, our alumni from all over the state and our parents were so generous with gifts that now we can really say our house is completely furnished.

On January 11, members and pledges were joint hostesses to a New Year's dance—a very informal one.

And, by the way, our trio really does broadcast over the local station! It has been received with a great deal of enthusiasm and we're as proud of it as can be!"

*This concludes the "Gamma Phi Beta Half-Hour." We are now signing off until next time.*

MARJORIE HUGHES

### *Engagements*

Alice Ryan, Alpha Epsilon, '30, to Mr. Dudley Crawford, Pi Kappa Alpha, University of Arizona, '30.

Veronica McDonald, Alpha Epsilon, '30, to Mr. William Conley, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, University of Arizona, '30.

### Marriages

Dorothy Attaway, Alpha Epsilon, ex-'32, to Mr. Michael Viola, Phi Delta Theta, '30.

Okla Carson, Alpha Epsilon, ex-'28, to Mr. Paul Stormont, Globe, Arizona.

Johny McCabe, Alpha Epsilon, ex-'28, to Mr. John Clarke, New Mexico.

### ALPHA ZETA—UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

#### *Rush week abolished*

"Wuxtry! Wuxtry! Co-eds Don Bathrobes to Play in Snow! Wuxtry! Paper, lady?"

The inquiring alumn, caught in the 6 o'clock traffic, glanced at her copy of the evening paper. There it was, blared in seventy-two point type across the front page of the *Austin Statesman*. Second, third paragraph down, the alumn's eyes widened, then she laughed. The "sistren" were at it again! The story read:

"Out at the university neighborhood they're celebrating Austin's Big Snow in the best way they can—they're getting all dressed up . . . and if you don't believe they've contracted some novel ideas on the subject of dress, look about you!

"For instance, there are the Gamma Phis, who discovered the snow blanket sometime around midnight last night. They were supposed to be in bed, but the chance was too good to pass up; so they donned heavy bathrobes and tripped out into the snow banks in their high-heeled 'mules,' determined to wreak vengeance upon the casual passerby.

"And 'rumor hath it,' as someone has put it, that the A.T.O.'s, who live across the street, are sporting black eyes, brought about by well-delivered snowballs; but of course we refuse to gossip about the matter."

For those of us who had never seen snow before, the four-inch depths were untold delights . . . until Grace (of Kansas) and Sylvia (of Chicago) told of the delights of snow where *they* come from. (And it's a joy to have June Nagel of Saint Louis with us!)

If the inquiring alumn happened to be amused by the reporter's account of the Gamma Phi—A.T.O. snow fight, she has been delighted time and again this term by the honors that the girls of Alpha Zeta has gathered unto themselves. First of all, there's Lynn Woodward who was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. Lynn is working on her Master's degree, is an assistant in Philosophy—and lives at the house. Then there is Courtney Ward, the Mississippi lass, who is president of Littlefield Dormitory this year. (Littlefield Dormitory is primarily for freshman girls, so when an upperclassman is asked to live there it's quite an honor, to say nothing of being president!) We hate to say "I told you so," but Court is more than fulfilling the prophecies made for her during her pledge-days. She's all sorts of things in W.A.A. organizations. Flossie Weymouth and Gin Decherd—well, they pretty nearly run the glee club. Gin is manager again this year; and she and Flossie are both on the University quartet, the other two members being a Theta and a Pi Phi. A few of Flossie's other contributions to Alpha Zeta's activity record are Y.W. junior cabinet, junior class council, vice-president of P.D.C.

Eva Beth Sellers is the pride and joy of the Texas Students' publications as well as of the chapter. Just at the time of her election as the first woman managing editor of the *Longhorn* (literary) magazine, it was combined with the *Texas Ranger* (comic). Whereupon Eva Beth's duties have been double; and her cleverness has been increased accordingly. She's poetry editor of the *Longhorn*, conducts the burlesque Ranger Radio Hour, and has had several of her jokes clipped by national magazines already.



Mary Helen Cockrum, Lynn Woodward, and Marcita Bailey, Zeta, are our candidates for beauty page. Suffice it to say that in *Diantha's Diary*, a much-read column in the Sunday society section of the Austin paper, the following comment appeared:

"Marcita Bailey, candidate for the *Cactus* beauty page will certainly give the other candidates a run for their money. A beauty page without Marcita will be a veritable happy hunting ground for Paris with his fateful apple, since to 'outlook' Marcia, would be a feat for immortal Helen herself."

And speaking of Helen, Helen Hamilton is living in the house again this year, working on her Master's in French, and "secretarying" to Dean Moore. Eloise Miller, rush captain and campus co-ed, is *head* of the dramatic art department of the University Conservatory of Music, if you please! Grace Sanderson is the very efficient president of the Y.W.C.A. this year and the third Gamma Phi to hold that office in a period of five years. Grace is all sorts of other things, too—vice-president of Mortar Board, *Orange Jacket*, Sidney Lanier; well, nearly every important thing in the activity section of the yearbook.

Then, since September, we have entertained at dinner a few of the national officers of other sororities: Miss Addie Munday of Kappa Delta; Miss Elizabeth Roff, national marshal of Delta Delta Delta; Mrs. H. J. Lutchter Stark, national president of Pi Beta Phi (who is the first president of any Greek letter organization from Texas); and Mrs. Pettibone of Alpha Xi Delta. It gave us particular pleasure to entertain the last, since she is a personal friend of Mrs. Barbour. Needless to say, we are looking forward with a great deal of eagerness to entertaining our own national president as well as Mrs. Smith.

It seems that our party honoring our mothers and dads has set a campus fashion, for the Pi Phis, Tri Delts, and Kappa Deltas have asked us if we mind their following suit. It was a keen party, as all of them are with Mrs. Hawkins at the head. Then, Halloween night we entertained our patrons and patronesses with a "whoopie" in keeping with the occasion. At our Christmas party we were especially honored in having both Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus to officiate. The Mothers' Club increased our house fund with a substantial gift, and the alumns showed their usual thoughtfulness in giving us a bound set of the CRESCENTS. One of the gayest events of all was our house dance with a rhythm-making darky getting the ivories (as well as our feet) into many queer contortions.

The Founders' Day banquet was held in the Marie Antionette room of the Stephen F. Austin Hotel this year. When Gamma Phis get together, there's no end to the songs they'll sing, and to the good times recalled with the entrance of each dearly beloved alumna. Sparkling on the breasts of several of the girls were pins of Kappa Alpha, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Kappa Sigma, Delta Sigma Phi, Sigma Nu, Pi Kappa Alpha, and so on through the Greek letter alphabet. (No wonder the Balfour organization is fond of Alpha Zeta!) We have heard that Winnie is sporting a Phi Kappa Psi pin, but we haven't seen her since last summer, so the verification is forthcoming.

And the marrying and giving in marriage! Margaret Chamness is now Mrs. Cecil Commings of Baytown. They had a most original honeymoon in Old Mexico, though some say that Margaret remembered to take all of her trousseau *except* her dresses! Cecil is a Sigma Chi. Mary McDonald is living in Houston since her marriage to Jack Mobley, Delta Kappa Epsilon. Dorothy Johnson, pledge of '29, was married during the holidays to Dawson Snideman, Chi Psi. They are living in Chicago.

There's a tradition on the Texas University campus that the captain of the track team marries before the year is out. This year Frank V. Mondrik, Phi Kappa Psi, improved upon the tradition in wedding Danna Bramlette of

Alpha Zeta. They are living in Austin now, since Frank is assistant to the head of the Department of Journalism.

In spite of all our hilarious plans and politics the regents abolished rush week at the opening of the fall semester. Sororities were allowed to pledge only one or two of a limited list of eligibles. Our prizes are Bessie Kilgore of Goliad and Ruth Baker of San Antonio. Bessie is not only president of the honorary chemistry sorority, but a chemistry instructor as well. There's to be somewhat modified rush week February 18, 19, and 20, with a tea each day from four to seven, and dinners from eight to eleven. We're ever so enthusiastic and optimistic over the prospects.

With all these excitements, some people wonder when the Alpha Zeta girls ever find time to study, but it seems that they do. (Yes, we've saved the best 'til the last!) Our scholastic average is 6.54, the highest of any fraternity or sorority on the campus! *Gossip's* comment is worth quoting:

"Announcements of the scholastic averages of the sororities of the campus places Gamma Phi Beta in the lead scholastically. Alpha Epsilon Phi is running them a close second. Alpha Epsilon Phi has long held the lead in scholarship and are rather surprised at the touch of scholastic high life some one seems to have given Gamma Phi Beta."

It does happen in the best of families!

VIRGINIA MONTAGUE

## ALPHA ETA—OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

### *Actives wash dishes for pledges*

As I so ably predicted last time, Alpha Eta has been in the social lime-light since acquiring part of a house. We just had to show off to the faculty and let them see that we could be dignified at times. So we entertained them all at a tea. Judging by the length of time some of them stayed, they appreciated our dignity.

Then we went to another extreme and gave some of the cutest little news-boys a Christmas party. Everyone had a good time—the girls more than their guests.

Our pledges felt the social cry and so entertained other sororities with a breakfast bridge. For once, the actives willingly washed dishes and acted as the underdogs.

Every two weeks we have had some sort of a cozy where we all can meet and talk together without the hammer's gentle rap of reminder.

We came back from Christmas vacation with marvelous resolutions, especially in a scholastic way. These were soon banished in preparation for our winter formal dance; and those on the campus who were not so fortunate as to attend, envied our having the dance in the Hotel Allen. Huge modernistic flowers of gaudy colors were about the walls with collegiate silhouettes and balloons.

And now our dancing days are over and we must hie ourselves to the books and become earnest Gamma Phis.

Before vacation we pledged Mary Jo Stafford of Marion.

Mary Edwards had the leading rôle in *The Queen's Husband*; she also was initiated to Theta Alpha Phi and now has a part in the Theta Alpha Phi presentation, *East Lynne*. Several of our girls were elected to Story Teller's League—Mary Lou Freeman and Edith Kylin; while Lois Shilling was on the Student Chest Committee.

And now that this letter is written, the scribe must begin her efforts to help our scholarship. We all are hoping that by the time we come out from the seclusion of our books this rainy weather will have stopped.

DOROTHY LACOUR



### Marriage

Aileen Simmons, '25, to Mr. Chester R. Miley, Sigma Nu, University of the South, on September 2, 1929.

### Birth

To Mr. and Mrs. Marion Mason (Antionette Main), a son, Roger Leonard.

## ALPHA THETA—VANDERBILT

### *Dean of Women congratulates chapter on freshmen*

The fall term has been crowded to the brim. No one seems to have time to do anything. Yet it doesn't take a close observer to see that Gamma Phi has accomplished some things on the campus this year. We are holding our reputation for scholarship. The Phi Beta Kappa chapter of Vanderbilt invited to its banquet the members of last year's freshman class who had made a Phi Beta Kappa average in grades. Out of nine sorority girls there were three Gamma Phis—Rebecca Culbreth, Helen Fisher, and Mary Elizabeth Dale, and it has been announced from the Dean's office that Gamma Phi Beta came second in scholarship during 1929. Mary James Crockett and Kitty Montgomery have been elected to Bachelor Maids, an organization of representative junior and senior girls. Helen Fisher and Rebecca Culbreth were chosen for Lotus Eaters, a similar organization for the sophomore class. Elizabeth Beasley and Dorothy Sweeney have been elected to Co-Editors, an honorary literary group, from the freshman and sophomore classes and Dorothy Sweeney was elected secretary-treasurer. Out of five girls making Chi Delta Phi, a national honorary literary fraternity, there were three Gamma Phis, Elizabeth Lackey, Josephine Cooper, and Louise Dorr. Josephine Cooper has been appointed to the staff of *Three Bishops*, a literary magazine edited by the students in advanced composition. Mary Elizabeth Dale, Josephine Cooper, and Elizabeth Lackey are working on the staff of the *Hustler*, the weekly newspaper of the University. We have splendid prospects for our basketball team and the tournament is about a month off.

Since our last letter, we have had open house for the freshmen, and we have had the pleasure of having with us for a week-end during December Nina Gresham, our province director. Her visit was certainly profitable to all of us, bringing us so much closer to the vital national spirit of Gamma Phi. When our Dean of Women had lunch at the house last month, she congratulated us on our freshmen. They're really a fine lot, and we intend to initiate them within the next few days. Alpha Theta wishes to THE CRESCENT and all Gamma Phis everywhere a year marked by earnest endeavor rewarded with happy success.

MARY ELIZABETH DALE

## ALPHA IOTA—UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT LOS ANGELES

### *Many gifts for new home*

One of the most important occurrences in the experience of Alpha Iota has been the visit of Margaret Nachtrieb, our province inspector. We enjoyed having Margaret with us, and are looking forward to her next visit when we may show her the results of her advice and guidance.

We have two new pledges—Bonnie Lamb and Vivian Crooke.

Bobbie Svarz, one of our clever artists, is making a name for herself on the campus. Bobbie is art editor of the *Southern Campus*, the U.C.L.A. year-book. She is also art editor of the *Claw*, the college humor magazine.

Our pledges have also been active on the campus in Y.W.C.A. work and on the *Bruin*, our newspaper, and the yearbook. Jeanne Brey and Peggy Knupp have been admitted to the glee club, while Winifred Bennett was elected to the Manuscript Club, and had several of her poems published in the *Literary Review*, the U.C.L.A. literary magazine.

Our alumnae have been doing wonderful things for us. On November 11, the Los Angeles alumnae entertained the active chapter at our Founders' Day banquet, with pink carnations for favors and crescent place cards. Grace Adele Berry was toastmistress. November 16, the active chapter held homecoming for Alpha Iota alumnae. December 16, the alumnae and Alpha Iotas held their annual Christmas party at the house and many beautiful presents were received, including lovely books for our library and much-needed linen and silver.



*Alpha Iota Chapter House*

Hazel Plate, Iota, who has done so much for our chapter, again played Santa Claus when she gave us a house party at her cabin near Big Bear Lake, one of the highest mountain resorts in Southern California. Needless to say, we all voted it the best house party we had ever known.

Three boxes of candy have come to the house recently; announcing the engagement of our president, Aileen Taylor, of Pat Chatfield, our house manager, and of Peggy Bowen. Peggy's box came on meeting night, and the Betas serenaded us outside the chapter room.

The pledges entertained the active chapter at a formal dance at the house January 4. The rooms were festively decorated with bamboo stalks and balloons.

Rush week is not far away, and Alpha Iota extends to all her sister chapters best wishes for the coming rushing season.

JANE MARTIN

### *Engagements*

Peggy Bowen, '30, to Mr. Donald Davis, Beta Theta Pi, '30, U.C.L.A.  
Aileen Taylor, '30, to Mr. Vernon Dodds.



Lucille Berry, '28, to Mr. Peter Whitehall, University of Manitoba.  
 Elinor Chatfield, '30, to Mr. Robert Campbell, Phi Delta Phi, '30, U.S.C.  
 law school.

#### ALPHA KAPPA—UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA

##### *"Six of our fortunate pledges became Gamma Phis"*

There was something tremendously inspiring about the visit that Alpha Kappa has just enjoyed from Mrs. Barbour. Not only did she bring to Alpha Kappa news of her southern sisters, but enthusiasm and earnestness, and a desire to improve and work a little harder for Gamma Phi.

On the afternoon of Mrs. Barbour's arrival, the pledges entertained at a tea, to which all the girls pledged to sororities in the university were invited. In the evening Mrs. Barbour conducted an initiation at which six of our fortunate pledges became Gamma Phis. They are, Vivian Kyle, Genevieve Irwin, Clare Doupe, Helen Magill, Alice Poole and Betsy Tarr.

The following afternoon the active chapter was at home in honor of Mrs. Barbour, to all sorority members on the campus. In the evening the alumnae and actives held a dinner at the Fort Garry Hotel. Although Mrs. Barbour was with us only a short time, Alpha Kappa felt that she had made a real friend in her president.

Six girls from here went to Fargo for the installation of Alpha Omicron chapter. It was a glorious week-end from all reports. Alpha Kappa would like to take this opportunity of extending her very best wishes to Alpha Omicron.

The annual production of the University of Manitoba dramatic society is well under way, and we are proud to say that two of the four girls in the cast are Gamma Phis. They are Margaret Nicks and Lorraine Code, the president of our chapter. The play itself is ultra modern being a representation of the world of the robots. Alpha Kappa will take particular interest in the actions of these mechanical people.

Not only are our girls represented in the field of dramatics but we have Betty Andrews, Corinne Saunderson and Betty Gilman who are enthusiastic members of the glee club.

Our annual Mothers Tea was held early this term at the home of Evelyn Reyecraft. It was a lovely affair, and gave an opportunity to the mothers of our pledges to become acquainted with Gamma Phi Beta.

We are busy planning our formal dance, which is to be held this year in the Fort Garry Hotel. With Constance McKenty as convenor for the party, it is expected to be one of the most enjoyable Alpha Kappa has ever given. We shall tell you more about it in our next letter.

MARGARET CLARK

#### ALPHA LAMBDA—UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

##### *Thirteen pledges a lucky number*

Outside, the whole world is shivering; and the blue, snow-capped mountains stand out clear and icy against the rosy sunset sky. But all is not cold; for the hearts of our Gamma Phi girls are warm and glowing with love and happiness, since we have just initiated thirteen pledges into Gamma Phi Beta. Our new members are Margaret Baynes, Marian Cassellman, Bessie Cheeseman, Jean Cameron, Margaret Clarke, Helen Maquire, Zora McNab, Marjorie Patterson, Dorothy Phelps, Mary McCaque, Peggy Stearman, Jean Withbeck, Enid Wyness.

Beatrice Locke, our province director, was able to be with us for initiation

and we were so pleased, as she always has been so willing to help us and is so appreciated by our new chapter.

We have had an interesting and varied social program during the last few months. On November 13, we held an informal dance at Betty Buckland's home to which our alumnae turned out in full force. On December 19, we gave a bridge party to which our mothers and fathers were invited; and, aside from being a social affair, it was also a gratifying financial success. We devoted almost all the proceeds from the bridge party to Christmas cheer.

On December 29, there was a tea at Ruth Henderson's home in honor of Doris Woods who returned from teaching for the holidays and for Dorothy Patterson who was home from the University of Toronto. On December 30, the pledges and actives enjoyed a hike to the Roost, Buckland's camp in the mountains where we ate wienies and rolls, apple pie and coffee successfully defeating all plans for reducing.

Now that initiation is a thing of the past, we are beginning to think of the new rushing period ahead of us. It promises to be an exciting one, for we hear that one of our locals has received its charter from Kappa Alpha Theta; and this makes all the sororities international with the exception of Alpha Gamma, a new local formed just before Christmas. We understand that Alpha Gamma Delta is colonizing here and that the group will receive its charter in the spring.

MARGARET FINLAY

## ALPHA MU—ROLLINS COLLEGE

### *"Full-fledged active members"*

Alpha Mu is at present spending her time in napping, sun-tanning, and various other forms of relief from exertion. Spring is upon us; Founders' Week is over; and we have adequately fulfilled our quota of marriages for this season.

Ione Pope and Estelle Pipkorn both gave us the slip recently and became Mrs. Ellsworth Bassett and Mrs. Ralph Drought, respectively. Both were married without giving the sorority sisters the benefit of a little entertainment, but in spite of this outrageous neglect on their part, the chapter came across with the usual showers as well as the "Welcome home,—all is forgiven" attitude. We wonder if this will become a tradition!

We really mustn't neglect Founders' Week. Some of the highlights of the occasion were as follows: First, Emma Lowd, our province director and true friend, favored us with a visit. Unfortunately most of it was spent in bed with a bad cold, but that was just to show that she intended to be in the swim. Colds are quite popular this year—even in Florida.

Secondly, Rollins honored itself by conferring an honorary degree upon Thomas Alva Edison. We feel very, very proud because Rollins is only the second college from which Mr. Edison has accepted a degree. And maybe you think the senior Gamma Phis aren't tickled to be members of the class of 1930—Edison's class! We even cherish the discarded electric light bulbs which have a tendency to accumulate at the back of the sorority house.

Thirdly, Honorable Cornelius Pugsley who has long been one of Alpha Mu's staunch friends, presented Rollins with a new girls' dormitory! All the fair sex are busily engaged in a contest to pick out the one best room in the new building. It seems to be quite a problem. Incidentally all the senior girls seem to have secret ambitions to become its Mother Superior.

Speaking of gifts, we are tremendously thrilled to realize that Rollins has passed the first million milestone in her campaign for a larger endowment. And we'll tell you another secret! All loyal co-eds here have determined to



make the supreme sacrifice, marry their million, and then hand it over to Rollins. That's what we call college spirit!

We must tell you about the stream of celebrities who have been gracing Winter Park since the last CRESCENT material went in. Included in it is Sir Wilfred Grenfell who convinced us that Labrador is an ideal place to spend a summer vacation in unselfish service. Then there is Richard Halliburton who had his cane temporarily borrowed by a Rollinsite. And can you imagine! A Gamma Phi received the blame until the circumstantial evidence was satisfactorily disproved. Next comes Joseph C. Lincoln who can spin many a yarn about the home folks on Cape Cod. William Lyon Phelps, the beloved "Billy" of Yale, also gave Rollins the once over and confided to a Gamma Phi that he considered it the college paradise! And then there is always Corra Harris, the novelist and professor in "Evil" at Rollins. Don't tell us that you haven't heard of our innocent little Course in Evil! After having our picture in the *New York Times* and after being the victims of various wise cracks—as the echo from Denver, for instance—we should be cut to the quick if the rumor hadn't reached all of you by this time. Just the same, it's a mighty fine course even if it doesn't have any lab work connected with it as yet.

Then there's Ray Stannard Baker who is better known under his pen name, David Grayson. And there's Suemas McManus from Ireland who has quite convinced us that there still are fairies. Sometimes when there is a fire to be built at the Gamma Phi house and we realize that our pledges are no more, we wish that we had a little fairy around our house. Perhaps Suemas will import a half dozen from the Old Country for us.

We could go on indefinitely adding to the list of real folks who make Rollins the grand old party which it continually is. If any of you doubt these seemingly exaggerated statements, we refer you to our first Gamma Phi transfer, Gwen Heilman from Northwestern. She became a rabid Rollins booster within a week.

With the election of our own Frankie Arnold as president of Phi Beta, the musical fraternity here, we carried on another of our traditions. It seems as though every president of Phi Beta is also a Gamma Phi. The charm has only been broken twice in the long history of the fraternity. We want Frankie to know we are proud of her!

And we're also proud to announce as full-fledged active members Mary Lee Korn, of Olean, New York; Nancy McIntosh of Pleasantville, New York; Janet Cadman of Orlando, Florida; Katharine Goss of Dunedin, Florida; Jean Jackson of Springfield, Ohio; Marguerite Libbey of Cleveland Heights, Ohio; Deborah Williams of Rockford, Illinois; Ruth Jean Phillips of Denver, Colorado; Myrabeth Reece of Arcadia, Florida; and Vivian Douglas of Bronson, Michigan.

At the banquet which followed initiation, we were fortunate in having as our guest Mrs. Dinsmore of Alpha chapter. As she knew all four of our founders, served on the committees to choose the carnation and to invent the whistle, she had many memories to share with us. As Mrs. Dinsmore is staying at Altamonte Springs, only a few miles from us, she has been over to the house for tea several times and we feel very happy to have discovered such a wonderful friendship through Miss Lowd.

We must hurry and close this letter now as we are going to raise a little whoopee tonight. You see President Holt is coming over to the house to play the piano for us while we have a song fest. And do we ever discover close harmony on such excursions. Well! Prexy wasn't on the Yale glee club for nothing. So now we must go and scrub a lot of oranges, polish up our sharp knives, and scour the town for all the Tom's Toasted Peanuts that it contains. We are all Little Tommy Tuckers and so sing for our

suppers (midnite), and at the same time, we're going to concentrate on Prexy's favorite foods—peanuts and oranges. Too bad it couldn't be olives!

STELLA WESTON

### ALPHA NU—WITTENBERG COLLEGE

#### *Pledges give house dance*

So many things that my mind is a jumble and my pen can't keep up with the review of Alpha Nu events.

First, and perhaps most important, was the formal initiation services for twenty-two Tau Delt alumnae and three from the active chapter on November 8, the Friday of homecoming week-end. It was our first initiation and we rather trembled with fearful anticipations of outrageous errors; but, with Bertha Schneider to advise, the services proceeded rather more smoothly than we expected. Pledging was in the afternoon, at which time we gained two new members: Ruth Chryst, Germantown, Ohio; and Jane Ulrich, Farmersville, Ohio.

A banquet was held at Woodlawn Lodge after pledging; then we returned to the house for initiation. We are happy to have with us in bonds of Gamma Phi so many alumnae, and this week-end will always hold happy memories.

Monday, November 11, was celebrated by Alpha Nu with a formal Founders' Day banquet at the Springfield country club. Some of the alumnae remained for this day, and I doubt if ever Founders' Day has held more grateful remembrances than were found in the hearts of Alpha Nus at our first celebration.

November 22 our freshmen entertained the active chapter with a house dance. The pledge dance has been an annual event, and this year proved no exception to the tradition that it is a delightful one.

Thanksgiving and then Christmas. They seemed to come at the same time, yet the two weeks between them were crammed. First, junior play try-outs, with Martha Gardner, Marion Gebby, and Virginia Brown retained on the squad after the first elimination; then our formal supper dance at the Springfield Club; and, last, our Christmas party featuring an entertainment by the preps, and a gift bag. The house was made the more attractive by a Cogswell chair from the actives and a lovely lamp from the pledges. A happy time for us, but we did not forget others, and a family of seven in London were provided for by the Wittenberg Gamma Phis.

In two new organizations on the campus is Alpha Nu represented: the mixed choir with three members from this chapter; and Sigma Pi Sigma, the national psychological fraternity with five charter members, two of whom are officers—Julia Ross, and Bunny Malone.

We've been back over a week, and midyear exams loom large on the horizon. At our next meeting there will be held an election of officers for the second semester. But of that you will hear more later.

VIRGINIA BROWN

### ALPHA OMICRON—NORTH DAKOTA STATE COLLEGE

#### *The first chapter letter*

The first activity which we entered, following our installation was the *Bison Brevities*. This is a musical revue, sponsored by Blue Key, in which all the organizations on the campus take part. Each organization that wishes, enters an act, and from these entries nine acts are chosen. We were fortunate enough to be one of those chosen, but not fortunate enough to win the first prize cup. Our act, however, received much favorable comment. It was a



four part "song and dance" act, modeled after different well-known advertisements. For example, one part of the act used for its base the Smith Brothers Cough Drop advertisement; while two girls dressed as "Trade" and "Mark," respectively, did a comic song and dance.

Basketball was the next activity to claim our attention. We were forced to give up the three-year trophy, which we won in 1929, to the non-sorority team, the only team which we failed to defeat.

Aside from the *Brevities* and basketball in which the group was represented, individuals have been busy with various other activities. Our modern "Susan B. Anthony," Doris Sommer, has a prominent place on the Women's Senate. Philanthropic Lois Minard is a member of the Y.W.C.A. Board. Some of our more graceful sisters are working hard on the spring dance festival given by the women's athletic department. Those not so graceful are giving their time to riflery, dramatics, and glee club.

Nine of our girls are starting a Gamma Phi Beta glee club under the direction of Mrs. Eli Weston, a Gamma Phi alumna. Though we are hoping they will not practice within hearing distance, we are optimistic as to the results they may achieve.

We are looking forward to next fall, when we will be established in our new house. This is the former home of Dean and Mrs. Bolley, and is a much larger and more charming home than the one we now occupy.

Mrs. Hanks, our chaperon, who has been so truly a "mother" to us, is returning to us for another year.

At present, all our thoughts are concentrating on our eight sisters who are graduating this spring, and who will, we are sure, be enthusiastic members of our alumnae group.



# Alumnæ Chapters



## DELINQUENT ALUMNÆ CHAPTERS

*Chicago*—Josephine MacRae

*Toronto*—Beatrice Menzies

*Detroit*—Mrs. Bert Spurrier

*St. Paul*—Mrs. G. N. Ruhberg

*Spokane*—Mary McKenna

## ANN ARBOR

### *Renovation of house, chief interest*

The great interest of the fall just past was the renovating and alteration of the chapter house which has met with such decided enthusiasm from the Ann Arbor alumnæ, as well as from all others who have been through the rejuvenated house. Credit is due Mrs. Ella Anderson, Epsilon, the housemother and Mabelle Leonard Douglas who personally supervised and directed the changes.

We have had one luncheon meeting so far this year at the home of Eleanor Sheldon Myers, Kappa, and two supper parties. The one at Edith Winslow O'Neill's, Gamma, had Jeannette Walters Wannamaker, Alpha, Marion Dickinson Show, Beta, and Florence Pittlecoe Davenport, Beta, as assistant hostesses. There were seven of the husbands as guests that evening. The next meeting was at the new Michigan League Building where we were the guests of Rose and Grace Anderson and Mabel Randall. Miss Rose Anderson is hostess of the league, and the Ann Arbor alumnæ are proud to see how well the affairs there proceed under her capable direction.

Our rummage sale of last March proved such a financial success that we had another one this fall. Some of the proceeds went to defray the expenses of our convention delegate, Jeannette Wannamaker.

It was a very great pleasure to have a chance to meet and talk with our province director, Bertha Schneider of Columbus, and to hear her explain the policy of expansion to which Gamma Phi Beta is now committed. Pansy Blake is to be at one of our alumnæ meetings this spring, and we shall be greatly interested in hearing of new plans and viewpoints.

We shall have our sixteen fine new freshmen as our guests for the next meeting, the third week in January.

EDITH WINSLOW O'NEILL

## BALTIMORE

### *Theater benefit*

The theater benefit, held on December 6 at the Guild Theater where *Officer 666* was presented, brought out a very good house and was well supported by the active chapter.

Since the last letter, there have been two meetings: one in November to plan for the benefit, and one in January at the home of Mrs. Henry Treide. We had



a very enthusiastic meeting; and in spite of very foggy weather, a great many of the "sisters" turned out. We are now looking forward to Miss Lowd's visit in February and to the province conference to be held here in Baltimore during April. Among other things, we have planned for a waffle supper to be given some time in February.

After the meeting at her home Mrs. Treide showed us some delightful movies of her trip abroad this past summer which brought back vivid memories to those who had "been places and done things" and made everyone else very eager to visit the quaint old English towns and lovely cathedrals.

BERNIECE RYAN

### *Personals*

Helen Turnbull, Zeta, '29, is doing work with the Baltimore Family Welfare Society.

Frances Pryor, Zeta, '28, is spending the winter in Europe.

Margaret Denmead, Zeta, '29, is again teaching the second grade at the Calvert School.

Evelyn Considine Kirby, Zeta, '29, is part time secretary to Dr. Raymond Haven at Johns Hopkins University.

Harriet McCurley, Zeta, '28, is teaching kindergarten in Baltimore, and Katherine McCurley, Zeta, '29, is chemical secretary for the National Canners Association.

Helen Dodson, Zeta, '27, is assistant statistician for the Maryland State Department of Education, and assistant in astronomy at Goucher College.

Mary Helen Baker, Zeta, '26, is field worker for Dr. Raymond Pearl of the Institute of Biological Research at Johns Hopkins University.

Marion Day De Graff, Zeta, '24, is business manager of the Goucher *Alumnæ Quarterly*, and Katherine Treide, Zeta, '17, is managing editor of the same magazine.

Anna Boardman is secretary in the export department of the Davison Chemical Department.

Frances Burkhalter, Zeta, '27, is doing family welfare work in Savannah, Georgia.

Caroline Smith, Zeta, '07, has taken a position with the Institute for Tropical Diseases in San Juan, Porto Rico.

Berniece Ryan, Zeta, '26, is again at the Park School as head of the physical education department and as Dean of girls.

### *Marriages*

On October 5, 1929, Dorothy Brown, Zeta, ex-'25, to Mr. Reginald M. Smith.

On December 26, 1929, Grace Stauffer, Zeta, '26, to Mr. William Franklin Hager.

### *Births*

To Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Jex (Irene Rife), Zeta, on December 17, 1929, a son, Henry.

To Mr. and Mrs. Earle Thomas Fiddler (Margaret Martsolf), Zeta, '14, on December 30, 1929, a daughter.

### BERKELEY

#### *Joint luncheon with San Francisco*

Now that the holidays are over, we can all settle down with renewed interest to a season of *alumnæ* meeting and duties. We are most anxious for our first session which will be held January 14 at Charlotte Moore Angell's home.

There have been various rumors about a rummage sale for this spring as this method is about the most profitable means of raising funds. It is a joy to have an excuse to discard clothes and knick-knacks we are tired of especially when it is so beneficial.

Last semester on November 23, the Berkeley and San Francisco alumnae chapters held a joint luncheon at the Clift Hotel in San Francisco the day before our Big Game between Stanford and California. It was a huge success. We sang our rival songs of course, and there was such an air of excitement and anticipation for the following day.

College opens next week so our interest will turn towards the new members whom Eta will pledge. We are always invited to assist at some of the rushing functions and it is a pleasure to know we are wanted at such times. Marion Kennedy, president of Eta, has been doing everything possible towards making the alumnae members feel at home in the chapter house.

Many new members have joined the association and this year will be a very interesting one. New members mean new ideas.

Initiation will be held February first. We are already thrilled at the prospect, and as yet, we are not certain as to the number of pledges who will become active members. The banquet will be held in the evening at the beautiful new Claremont Country Club and we hope for a record attendance. What fun it is to meet old friends and new!

NORMA PERKES HILLIS

### *Personals*

Elizabeth Brock, Eta, '30, has been taking a post graduate course at Smith College.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Legge (Katherine Boole, Eta, '26) are planning to drive to Berkeley next summer from Montreal.

Mrs. Richard Vaughn, one of our most active members, will leave Berkeley soon to spend several months in Sacramento.

Helen Thomas, Eta, '25, is instructing in the State Teachers College at Chico, California.

Mr. and Mrs. Royal Bruce Burnett (Louise Hill, Eta, '26) are living at Cambridge, Massachusetts, where Mr. Burnett is attending Harvard University.

Mr. and Mrs. James Stewart (Clara Whiting, Eta, '30) are living in Petaluma, California, where Mr. Stewart is in business with his father.

### *Engagement*

Elizabeth Dempster, Eta, '28, to Mr. Alexander Whitehead, University of California, '30.

### *Marriage*

In November, 1929, at New York City, New York, Miss Elizabeth Thomas, Eta, '24, to Mr. William Furth, University of California, '23. Mr. Furth is a newspaper man and Mrs. Furth has a prominent singing part in the *Silver Swan* now playing in New York City.

### *Births*

To Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hurff (Erica du Pont Berne, '29), on Thanksgiving day, 1929, a daughter, Erica. Mr. and Mrs. Hurff have been residing in Manila since their marriage in May, 1928.

To Mr. and Mrs. William Monahan (Elizabeth Walters, Eta, '26), on October 23, 1929, a son, William Junior.

To Mr. and Mrs. Philip McCombs (Clareda Allen, Eta, '26), summer, 1929, a boy, Allen Philip.



## BOSTON

*Hints for Gamma Phi refreshments*

Boston Alumnae Chapter held its annual Christmas party at the Hotel Brunswick, Saturday, December 28, from five to eight. The Old Guard turned out in its usual strength to entertain the Delta girls. We had a delightful time meeting old friends and new.

Sunday, January 5, Delta chapter gave a tea at the Co-operative House, one of the girls' dormitories of Boston University. We had sandwiches in the shape of crescents, divinity fudge with Gamma Phi letters, and of course, peanuts and olives. I have not been able to discover who was responsible for the arrangements, but I offer her (or them) my admiration and appreciation. So much work deserves public commendation.

Betty Macy Kauffman is appearing in print quite often. Look for an article on *The Lure of Old Pewter* in an early number of the *Ladies' Home Journal*. Betty has contributed several articles on the home and interior decoration to the *Modern Priscilla*, *House Beautiful* and other magazines of the same nature.

Emma Lowd sponsored a supper sale of gifts at the Food Craft Demonstration shop early in December. The proceeds went to the alumnae chapter treasury.

VIRGINIA E. TURNBULL

*Personals*

Cougetta Vanacore, for some years a teacher in the high school in Manchester, New Hampshire, has been appointed to the high school in Brookline, Massachusetts. This brings Cougetta to Boston and we hope to see her often at alumnae affairs.

Martha French is chairman of the building committee for the new public library in Center Harbor, New Hampshire.

Doris Russell, whose marriage took place January 18, received a most delightful wedding gift from her uncle, Walter Russell the well-known portrait painter. Mr. Russell presented his niece with a portrait of herself in oils. An article in the Boston *Traveler* of January 7 described the gift. Mr. Russell painted portraits of the Roosevelt family during their time in the White House, and has recently finished a painting and bust of Thomas Edison, now showing at the 56th Street galleries in New York City.

*Marriage*

Doris Russell, Delta, '26, to Mr. Frank Charles Haddleton, at Milton, January 18. They are living at 6 Elliot Circle, Milton.

*Births*

To Mr. and Mrs. Albert M. Stolte (Lucia Rider, ex-'26), a son, December 27, 1929.

To Mr. and Mrs. Clarence G. Newton (Ailsa Sinclair, '25), a daughter, October 11, 1929.

To Mr. and Mrs. William Angevine (Helen Crosby, ex-'26), a son, September, 1929.

To Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Kauffman (Elizabeth Macy, '20), a daughter, Marcia, August, 1929.

## CHAMPAIGN-URBANA

*Planning for province conference*

Not a great deal has transpired since our last letter with Champaign-Urbana as a group, but this is a very busy community so each member leads a most

active life. Our November meeting was held November 11 with Mary Spencer Somers in her "doll-house" apartment. No words would describe its cunning and attractive qualities—you should have been there. Some of us had attended the Founders' Day banquet at the chapter house and had heard Mrs. Moss tell again in her own charming manner of the life at Syracuse in the days of 1874. Ruth Keefer Mathews has again consented to guide us as president and Mary Burnier was elected secretary in place of Jennis Barry, resigned. Jennis assumed her new duties last fall as dramatic director and secretary of the University Presbyterian Foundation.

We held no December meeting but will meet in January with Jennis, instead of with Marie Hostetter who is ill. Marie will finish her semester in the library school and then will go to Chicago for treatment. We shall hope to have her back with us before long fully recovered.

Just now we are interested in the coming conference of the province to be held in St. Louis the last week-end in February. Nina Gresham as director and Marian Scott, secretary, are preparing the program while Phi and St. Louis alumnae have arranged many interesting and pleasing details for our comfort and entertainment while in St. Louis. Every group in the province seems very enthusiastic and we are hoping for a most successful conference. The director of the province spent a very pleasant Thanksgiving vacation with Alpha Theta and Nashville chapters.

Winifred Garland, Omicron, '29, is teaching at her home in Dubuque, Iowa, this year.

Margaret Jane Hoskin, our Peggy, was married, December 28, in Chicago to Mr. Raymond G. Travis. They will live at 7123 Bennett Avenue.

Friends of Augusta Krieger Ekblau will be glad to know that she is much improved in health and if possible will go this spring with her family to Europe.

Esther McVay has given up her teaching in Denver and is spending the year at her home in Barry, Illinois.

The sympathy of the entire chapter is extended to Frances Leonard Rayner in the death of her mother this last fall in Rockford, Illinois. Frances serves faithfully as treasurer of our Omicron corporation.

NINA GRESHAM

## CLEVELAND

### *Charming Christmas luncheon*

Two regular monthly luncheon meetings, one at the Women's City Club and the other at the Allerton, where we had a Christmassy party with a small tree and toys for everyone present, and one real holiday celebration have been the program at Cleveland since the last letter.

Mary Lyons Dibble with an able committee was responsible for a most delightful luncheon at the Cleveland chamber of commerce on Friday December 27. We particularly enjoy the Christmas party when the girls are home from college, and just the feeling in the air is festive; but the one this year was a special gala occasion as we also entertained the mothers of our active girls and pledges and as many of our own mothers as we could induce to be in town. The chamber of commerce is an attractive place for a luncheon and the actives helped along with some Gamma Phi songs between courses. There was a short program following. Ruth Hier told our guests a little of the growth, ambitions and ideals of Gamma Phi; Miss Selby, Mary Lou's sister sang charmingly two groups of songs; and Marcia Converse Bower gave a lovely piano number.

Mildred Dimmick was home for the holidays and reported that she has a leave of absence from DePauw and is planning to spend the second semester doing special work at Columbia University.

Florence Adams has moved back to her apartment after spending some



time at the Aintree Club which she found delightfully English with horses to ride and grilled kidneys for breakfast.

Just now everyone is skating around on a rain, sleet, snow and freeze combination; but that will soon disappear and we will be back to normal.

MARIAN DEMING HERR

## COLUMBUS

### *Meets in Alpha Eta chapter rooms*

The December meeting of our chapter was held at Delaware on Tuesday evening, December 5. After having dinner at Bun's Colonial Tea Room the group proceeded to the Alpha Eta chapter rooms, which have recently been very tastefully furnished, for the business meeting. It was good to get back again into rooms that have Gamma Phi associations, and we were especially pleased to have with us some of the members of our group who are residents of Delaware and who have been unable to attend the meetings when they have been held in Columbus. It is always a pleasure to get through our meetings in direct touch with more members of our chapter and to continue our part—even though it is a small one—in the thoughts and affairs of Gamma Phi. The January meeting is to be a dinner meeting in Columbus at the Deshler-Wallick on January 14.

As a part of our observance of Founders' Day telegrams of felicitation were sent to Mrs. Moss and Mrs. Ferguson, and we have been much pleased to have from them notes of acknowledgment and greeting in their own handwriting.

Mrs. Warren Sisson (Margaret Robison, Alpha Eta), during November was traveling through the southeastern states.

Mary Farnam, Gamma, who has charge of the school cafeteria at South High School, is also one of the teachers of Home Economics in the Columbus Evening School.

Mrs. Charles E. Morrow (Gertrude Sponsler, Sigma and Omicron) visited in Champaign at the time of the Illinois homecoming.

Early in December, Bertha M. Schneider, Omicron, the efficient chairman of our chapter as well as director of province II, visited the active and alumnae groups of Detroit, Ann Arbor, Chicago, and Evanston. She reports most delightful visits with all. In Detroit, in addition to her meeting with the alumnae group, she also had the opportunity of visiting in the homes of Mrs. Ralph Otwell (Helen Coe, Omicron), and Mrs. Robert Lattin (Mary Barry, Omicron).

Mrs. Phillip H. Salmon (Carolyn Archbold, Alpha), and her family spent the holidays with relatives in Parkersburgh, West Virginia.

SADA ANNIS HARBARGER

## DALLAS

### *"Grows each month"*

At our first meeting last fall we elected the following officers: president, Dorothy Shaw Cochran, Upsilon; vice-president, Charleene Shaw Cochran, Alpha Xi; recording secretary, Christine McCracken Coffee, Alpha Xi; corresponding secretary, Lucile Franklow Rendall, Alpha Zeta; treasurer, Alice Signaigo Rice, Upsilon; CRESCENT correspondent, Lois Thompson McCulloch, Alpha Xi.

Our alumnae association grows each month. It now includes: Lucille Shaw Barrett, Alpha Xi; Allys Field Boyle, Theta; Joyce Cate, Alpha Xi; Helen Holmes Carpenter, Omicron; Margery Wingert Earle, Zeta; Elizabeth Noyes Ellis, Sigma; Ethel Signaigo Everts, Upsilon; Frances Jones Mitchell, Phi; Nettie Turner Griffin, Alpha Zeta; Edith Sylvester Magarrell, Phi; Anna Campbell Moore, Upsilon; Mary Jo Mouzon Peuifoy, Alpha Xi; Estaleen Woods, Alpha Xi; Janet Carter, Alpha Zeta.

Our regular meetings are held the second Monday of each month, at the Dallas Athletic Club at ten thirty. Luncheon follows.

If any chapter has alumnae living in this vicinity who have not affiliated with us, please notify our president, Mrs. W. R. Cochran, Motor Route C, Lemmon Avenue Road, Dallas, Texas.

The alumnae are in close contact with Alpha Xi, and are always ready to lend a helping hand. Our part consists chiefly in doing the entertaining and in helping to rush. As there are no sorority houses at Southern Methodist University, it is necessary for all meetings to be held in homes, and the alumnae are indeed happy that they have been able to open their homes to Alpha Xi for this purpose.

The following notice appeared in a Dallas paper:

"Pearl Wallace Chappell, president of the Dallas Academy of Speech and Drama, reading her own poems to eds and co-eds of Southern Methodist University, furnished the program given by Decima girls honor senior organization, in student assembly in McFarland Auditorium. Pearl Chappell is a member of the Gamma Phi Beta sorority and the Texas Poetry Society.

Reading a number of her poems on home, nature and beauty, Mrs. Chappell was enthusiastically received by the students."

We are certainly proud to have Pearl wear the crescent.

With enthusiastic and loyal officers and members, the Dallas Alumnae Association is looking forward to a year full of pleasures and accomplishments.

LOIS THOMPSON MCCULLOCH

### *Personals*

Edith Sylvester Margarrell has moved to Fort Worth. She will come over for the monthly meetings, so we do not lose her entirely.

Estaleen Woods is attending the College of Industrial Arts at Denton, Texas.

Edwina Duer Williams, Alpha Zeta, is visiting here with her mother, Mrs. Reg Taylor.

Helen Holmes Carpenter spent the holidays with her mother at Kerrville, Texas.

### DENVER

#### *New officers—New resolves—New plans*

On the evening of November 2, Gamma Phi daddies graciously agreed to tuck the children in, while the mothers sallied forth to the night meeting at the home of Margaret Packard Taussig. There was a gratifying showing, not only of mothers, but of the younger set, who sacrificed dates, and of school teaching alumns, who forgot test papers awaiting them at home. Indeed the experiment of an evening meeting was so successful that more are promised as occasional substitutes for the Saturday luncheons next year.

The Christmas party for Theta girls, a tea at the home of Louise Robinson Wyatt, was a most happy occasion, giving opportunity for the alumns to get better acquainted with the new crop of charming freshmen.

Edith Garrigues Lavender concluded a most profitable year as president of Denver Alumnae at the December meeting, a luncheon at the home of Mabel Brown Holt. Probably the outstanding achievement of Edith's administration has been the stimulation of interest in our nearby active chapters, both Tau and Theta. The Denver University girls are particularly warm in their appreciation of the new gas furnace at the Lodge, made possible by the help of the alumns.

The new officers, inspired by our peppy president, Chellie Stevens Wright, started off with fresh enthusiasm and brand new resolves at the January meeting, held at the home of Jane Butchart. Jane's mother, by the way,



graciously furnished the luncheon herself, turning over all our half dollars to the ever receptive treasury.

At this meeting Katherine Glendenning gave a report on the Tau budget, astonishing everyone present with the remarkable accomplishment of the fifteen Denver girls, graduates of Colorado Aggies, and the Fort Collins alumnae, co-operating with Tau chapter, in putting over the new chapter house campaign.

Conspicuous among Denver Alumnae New Year resolutions are these six:

(1) All to work with the zeal of Tau alumnae; (2) To be better godmothers to both Theta and Tau; (3) To have an omniscient, all-efficient Ways and Means Committee to solve all financial problems behind the scenes; (4) Not to harass every meeting with the discussion of money-making schemes; (5) Greater sociability; and (6) Larger paid membership—all new graduates, more "old girls."

PRUE B. FAXON

### *Birth*

To Mr. and Mrs. Paul Milton Davis (Constance Whitney, Theta), on January 21, 1930, in Denver, a daughter, Elizabeth Lindsey.

### DES MOINES

#### *November days are gay—not gray*

Some may say, "November days are brown and gray," but to us Gamma Phis in Des Moines one Saturday at least of that sombre month was a happy one. We were entertained at luncheon by Nelle Fishol; and although we were not able to complete plans for the proposed benefit bridge, we enjoyed the camaraderie and the fine hospitality of our hostess.

The first Saturday in December found us the guests of a delightful luncheon at the home of Mary Bell Nethercut; and at that time, the following officers were elected: president, Mary Bell Nethercut, Gamma; vice-president and corresponding secretary, Minnie Rice, Omega; treasurer, Nelle Fishol, Omega; recording secretary, Helen Johnson Cummings, Rho; financial chairman, Sadie Whitney Mishler, Rho; Panhellenic representative, Mildred Nutting Leibold, Theta; extension chairman, Sarah Shute Kraetsch, Epsilon; social chairman, Ruth Emery Doolittle, Rho; CRESCENT correspondent, Agnes Helmreich, Omicron.

May we add that we all took pleasure in discussing the fine speech made recently by Sarah Shute Kraetsch at the annual Panhellenic dinner?

AGNES HELMREICH

### FARGO

#### *Installation of Sigma Theta near*

The Fargo alumnae chapter desires to take this opportunity to express its deep appreciation for the work and co-operation of officers and chapters that made Sigma Theta possible for Gamma Phi Beta.

We are prouder than ever of the Sigma Theta group. The scholarship average for the first term surpassed that of the Kappas; and five of the girls head the average of the college—Helen Jensen, a pledge, at the top with a ninety-five!

Our president, Alice Gall Bower, is no less than a wonder. Under her efficient leadership and inspirational guidance, we have worked all fall and are still working for the coming installation. As much as possible has been finished before the event, and all plans have been perfected. Installation dates are Friday, January 31, Saturday and Sunday, February 1 and 2.

We await the coming of Mrs. Barbour and Alpha Beta chapter to install.

A buffet dinner is arranged for Friday evening, after which pledge service will be held. All day Saturday will be devoted to initiation—luncheons at noon and a formal banquet in the evening. Sunday morning a model chapter meeting will be held and a tea will be given in the afternoon by the N.D.S.C. for all of us and for representatives from all other groups. After installation, our number will be greatly augmented, for about forty of the Sigma Theta alumnae are to join us as members of Gamma Phi Beta.

Julia Brekke from Iowa has joined the chapter. Virginia Lovell Haggart and family have gone to Florida for the balance of the winter. Mrs. Finnegan has a small daughter.

FLORENCE S. POLLOCK

## KANSAS CITY

### *Homecoming—Style Show—Mothers' Tea—Founders' Day— Breakfast Bridge*

I feel that I must speak about the actives before becoming submerged in alumnae affairs. Many of us were at Lawrence this fall for the homecoming game, and what a homecoming it was for us at the Sigma chapter house! If all alumnae who have ever written articles in the various sorority publications on how actives should or should not treat returning alumnae, could have been there that day I am sure they would have felt that there was just what they had wished for. The house looked lovely, the buffet luncheon was delicious, and the girls most charming.

Our November meeting was held at the home of Cordelia Bruns Jennett. After luncheon, a style show which had been arranged by Anna Lois Voights Barnes was given. Two exclusive Southside shops furnished the gowns and hats, which were modeled by Louise Saltmarsh Baltis, Anna Lois Voights Barnes, Dorothy Washburn Dana, Caroline Harkrader Paxton, La Verne Bronaugh Stover and Hester Warkentin. Each alumna was privileged to bring a guest for the style show, which everyone thought most entertaining. Orders could be placed that day at a liberal discount. One of the models, who looked particularly stunning in every costume, was offered a position by the manager of one of the shops! However, we feel that her husband and two babies will keep her from a career for a while at least.

Early in November a tea was given at the home of Kathryn Allen Woodward for all Gamma Phi mothers in Kansas City. This was a most delightful affair. Founders' Day was celebrated with a dinner at the Riviera Hotel, at which Laura Frances Cottingham was toastmistress and Helen Rhoda Hoopes, Sigma and Lawrence, was the guest speaker. All of you who were at convention know just how entertaining Helen Rhoda's talks are, and this one was particularly effective. There were thirty-five at this dinner. We hope to make this an annual affair of the Kansas City Alumnae Chapter.

The December meeting, followed by luncheon and bridge, was at the home of Dorothy Washburn Dana. Plans were discussed at this meeting for outfitting a high school girl who was recommended to the chapter by the Kansas City Board of Education as being very deserving of help. A breakfast bridge was given December 31 at the home of Doris Shoemaker Rosenkrans for all the actives who were home for the holidays. This is one of our annual parties and is always greatly enjoyed both by the actives and alumnae. Our last meeting, on January 4, at the home of Allis Haren, was followed by a Muffin Worry, one of Sigma's traditional parties. In honor of this, each of us wore a costume she had worn her first year in college, and we could scarcely eat out toasted English muffins and orange marmalade for laughing at the strange assortment of skirts to the floor, at, below and above the knees, trains, high laced shoes, spats, long kid gloves, and every imaginable kind of hair dress, from boyish bobs to curls tied with ribbons!

FLORENCE MAE INGHAM



### *Personals*

Ruth Mary Weeks, Beta and Kansas City, instructor at the Paseo High School, was elected president of the National Council of Teachers of English at its recent meeting here. She succeeded Rewey Belle Inglis, Minneapolis, of the University of Minnesota. Helen Rhoda Hoopes, Sigma and Lawrence, of the University of Kansas, was chairman of one of the sections. The president-elect, Ruth Mary Weeks, is one of the best known educators in Kansas City. She has the unique distinction of having her whole family listed in *Who's Who*, herself, her mother and her father.

Doris Roebke, Sigma, of Holton, Kansas, is visiting her sister, Mrs. William Volker.

Georgia Frances Hall, Sigma, is now living in Cherryvale, Kansas.

Anita Winchester Stokes, Upsilon, of Mayfield, Kentucky; Kathryn Brueck, Sigma, of Paola, Kansas; Minerva McEwen, Alpha Delta, of St. Joseph, Missouri; and Esther Platt, Alpha Delta, of St. Joseph, Missouri, were here for the wedding of Grace Saltmarsh Noel, Sigma and Alpha Delta.

Edna Oakes Burt, Omicron, recently returned from Chicago where she has been visiting friends.

### *Marriages*

On September 7, 1929, at Kansas City, Missouri, Gladys Siemon (Alpha Delta, '25), to Mr. John Hinkle Crouch (Phi Delta Theta, Southern Methodist University). Mr. and Mrs. Crouch are at home at 615 East Armour, Kansas City, Missouri.

On November 8, 1929, at Kansas City, Missouri, Grace Lorell Saltmarsh (Sigma, '24, and Alpha Delta), to Mr. George William Noel (Phi Gamma Delta, University of Oklahoma). Mr. and Mrs. Noel are at home at 6844 Rockhill Road.

### *Births*

To Mr. and Mrs. Cecil R. Prettyman (Elizabeth Gunn, Alpha Delta, '24), on November 12, a daughter, Dianne Barclay.

To Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Dillon (Geraldine Galligan, Tau, '26), on December 1, a daughter, Doris Marie.

To Mr. and Mrs. George Clay (Thelma Carson, Sigma, '24), on December 14, a son, Edward Mayol.

## LOS ANGELES

### *Sunday night suppers*

The spirit of Santa Claus crept into the heart of every alumna Gamma Phi and each Alpha Iota girl who met one Monday evening some two weeks before official Christmas at the new house in Westwood. When you come to visit us there you will see some of the visible tokens of individual and joint love of our sisterhood.

And speaking of the new house brings to mind the many ways by which it is being furnished and paid for. One very happy method is by means of Sunday night suppers to which we can bring the family and friends. These, one of which is to be held Sunday, January 12, at Marie Kuhls, are delightfully informal with moving pictures and stunts to entertain. Another way in which we combine business and pleasure is by means of bridge groups, three tables in a group meeting once a month and each member paying one dollar except the hostess who serves tea. This month Sadie Greening, Beta, and Fried Hansen, Epsilon, have combined and will entertain the Los Angeles and the Hollywood groups at a one o'clock luncheon on Tuesday the fourteenth.

The big event of the month is a benefit card party to be given at the new

house on Saturday the twenty-fifth. Veda Reese, Alpha Iota, the new vice-president is in charge and has her committees working at top speed. Nell Brooker Mayhew, Epsilon, has donated a lovely colored etching as a grand prize and will also be responsible for a dozen beautiful book plates to be given as table prizes. Kate Frost, Alpha Iota; Gertrude Spencer, Omicron; Margaret Schirm, Alpha Iota; and Roscoe Bell, husband of Ethelyn Coffman, Lambda, will combine their various talents into the making of a delightful musicale to be given during the serving of tea.

GRACE PARTRIDGE UNDERHILL

### *Personal*

We are glad to welcome to our ranks Dorothy G. Osterman, Omicron, '29, who lives at 5001 Tenth Avenue, Los Angeles.

### MADISON

#### *Supper for actives and pledges*

If the advocates of southern expansion could only receive a note from us in January, what a number of new chapters would blossom in the land of sunshine and flowers!

We have had several delightful meetings since our last letter. We wish that all of you could listen in or, better still, attend one of our sessions. We do have such a good time and can be justly proud of the fact that no other alumnae group in town has so congenial a circle as has Gamma Phi.

We held our annual party for the active chapter and pledges on October 22 at Daisy Sullivan's spacious home. The food, the bridge, the prizes were all splendid, and we old girls felt that Gamma has one of the most attractive groups of girls—even if *we* had picked them. We hope that they liked us one-half as well as we liked them.

We held a very satisfactory rummage sale and realized a tidy sum which has been invested in reference books for the chapter house library. The girls gave us the list of the most necessary books in English, economics and the different languages; and we hope that the rewards will materialize in the form of higher scholastic standing for the chapter. Most of the chapter members are doing exceedingly well, considering the difficult curriculum at Wisconsin.

Sally Thatcher Johnson has a son born in November. Sally desires at least four children, so, perhaps, the next two will be Gamma Phi material.

BEATRICE BARNES TORMEY

### MILWAUKEE

#### *Success of rummage sale*

We are feeling proud as well as relieved and satisfied. Our rummage sale is over, and we cleared much more than we hoped to clear. Now, every Milwaukee Gamma Phi who has a new baby can be sure of a large bouquet of flowers!

Our alumnae chapter was most fortunate in having Alice Camerer present at the November meeting; and it was interesting to hear so many things about the last convention. We wish that we might have heard the music about which Miss Camerer was enthusiastic; and we are thinking and planning for the next convention which will be in our province.

ELINOR M. BLOODGOOD

### PERSONALS

Gretchen Ross Rosenberger has a baby boy.

Bernice Hoffman has just moved into her beautiful new home.



Virginia Vliet Dalton has gone to Newark and Washington for a six weeks' visit.

Isabel Kuehn and her husband are leaving for Biloxi and New Orleans.

## MINNEAPOLIS

### *Two unusual meetings*

What could be sweeter inspiration for a chapter letter than an afternoon spent joyfully with Gamma Phi "contract" enthusiasts at Carolyn MacDowell's! A joint meeting of the "luncheon" and "afternoon" bridge clubs (so called to cast a spell over that everlasting age bogié!) was held at Carolyn's home on December 27 with the "afternoon" club as hostess.

It has been a Kappa tradition for many years to have a Christmas party for the alumnae who are in town for the holidays; but in this hard-crusted life of sophistication who has cared for a nice, fine old thing like a reunion? Bing-bang for sentiment! Who wants any of it? Let's get down to business. Well, this was one of those good old-fashioned—how can I express it? *Smoker*—that's the word exactly. The kind that father used to attend when Alma Mater wished to swell the endowment fund. There was so much going on that I can only give you a snatch of it here and there.

Everyone was talking about Rewey Belle Inglis and how proud we should be of her. For the past year she has been president of the national association of English teachers, and presided at the last convention which was held in November at Kansas City. It is the first time in the history of the organization that a woman has held the office of president. Someone suggested, facetiously, that the Republican National Committee should be notified—But, seriously, Rewey Belle has been doing wonderful things at our university. Aside from writing the English text books in collaboration with another university professor, she has made herself felt on the campus in a most remarkable way. It has been her loyalty, together with her dogged perseverance, which has maintained a high standard of scholarship for our own Kappa chapter over a period of years. Through her interest and support of local Panhellenic, she has won a host of friends in other sororities.

Two successful alumnae meetings have been held since the last letter to THE CRESCENT. The November meeting at Carolyn MacDowell's was attended by about thirty-five; and a buffet supper was served followed by the business program. There was considerable discussion over possible fields for Gamma Phi Beta; and it was suggested that both favorable and unfavorable criticism of certain universities be sent to national.

The December meeting was held at the home of Elfrieda Smith, our adopted Lambda sister whom we so much enjoy. In spite of the occasion's being exactly one week before Christmas (a sure test of loyalty) it was a large and enthusiastic meeting. A delicious supper was served at small tables in the dining room which was large enough to accommodate everyone.

And now, before the "vital statistics" may we say "heigho" and an "early spring to all!"

RUTH EATON LANSING

### *Engagement*

Dorothy Davies (Alpha Beta and Minneapolis), to Dr. Robert Anslow of Detroit.

### *Births*

To Ruth Merritt Arnold in Los Angeles, a son.

To Grace Wilcox Keating in Salt Lake City, a son.

To Ottila Maier Gettchell in Minneapolis, a daughter.

To Peg Wiegand Burnam in Minneapolis, a son.

To Emma Lou Graham Burlingame in Duluth, a son.  
To Nell Halloran Feldman in Chicago, a son.  
To Mary Mosher Winchell in Baltimore, a daughter.  
To Hazel Strong Bishop in Minneapolis, a daughter.

## NASHVILLE

### *Splendid plan for meetings*

It seems that the alumnae chapter life has been "so full of a number of things," that it is hard to know just which of these to mention first. Membership, we think, might be a good place for a beginning.

All of the active alumnae made an effort in the early fall to reach every other alumn and thus we built up an enthusiastic membership. What is nicer yet, it has remained so, for our meetings have been attended by a large percentage of our girls. They are retaining the school girl enthusiasm as well as the famous school girl complexion.

We have our meetings at the chapter house on the third Saturday of each month; and after our meeting we have lunch with the actives. Recently we have arranged to play bridge in the afternoon. Two hostesses volunteer and arrange all the details.

All of the alumns who can do so remain after lunch for the game. Each time we have as our special guests four girls from the active chapter. By this method we hope in time each of us may at least call each of them by the proper name. But secretly we know that these contacts will do much more than this. We have enjoyed this program and we hope the Alpha Theta girls have done the same.

Since Beulah Leech, our president, expected to spend most of the winter in Denver, she asked the chapter to accept her resignation. To this office we elected Irene Langford Young who has served us so faithfully in every capacity since her freshman days. We pledge her our earnest co-operation.

In December a dark shadow fell over the chapter. Little Robert Turk Young, Jr., was taken ill. He was desperately ill for several weeks and then He who had sent him only sixteen months before called the little soul again to His bosom. Each of us extend to Irene and her husband her deepest sympathy.

We were so delighted to welcome Nina Gresham on her first trip to the sunny south. Although she was here during one of the coldest spells of weather, we hope that she found existing sorority conditions sunny. Miss Gresham met with the alumnae at a called meeting and we appreciate her helpful suggestions.

We decided that we should not have our usual bazaar, and, instead, we pledged enough personally to cover our budget. With our scattered and exceedingly professional membership we thought this plan better. Nearly all our local girls are engaged in some kind of professional pursuit and consequently cannot give the necessary time; and since this was the case it did not seem fair to put all the responsibility on those who had more leisure. We sold Christmas cards which yielded some revenue. In the past we have given benefit bridge parties but the personal contributions seemed a good workable method at present.

St. Louis is so comparatively close that we hope our local alumnae chapter will be well represented at the province conference to be held there.

Elsie Waller Sharpe recently got out a most interesting alumnae letter which contained several typed pages of items that would interest our Alpha Theta graduates. Truly it was a work of art, done as only Elsie could do it. We regret to say that we rarely directly or indirectly hear from some of our girls. We want everyone to get one of these letters and too we will be so glad to hear from each of you. A card or a brief note giving your last address (and name) would really be appreciated.

We hope that the Christmas season has contained enough brightness and



happiness to color 1930 in lovely hues. May success crown your every effort throughout this New Year.

MARY CECIL MORRISON

## NEW YORK

### *Meetings more than interesting*

Many of our expectations of the last CRESCENT letter have materialized. The business meeting at the home of Helen Codling Halsted had several outstanding features—the brilliantly gleaming lights of an ocean bound steamer sailing down the bay (seen over the roof tops of many lesser sky scrapers), a great quantity of business efficiently expedited, many new Gamma Phis who have come to join us, and refreshing punch.

Father Knickerbocker would hardly have identified himself in the scheme of our New Yorker Founders' Day banquet toasts, but our toastmistress, Louise Warr, need offer no apologies to *The New Yorker* for her *Talk of the Town*. Interspersed with songs and gossip, we heard *Shouts and Murmurs* by Lucille Miller; *This and That* by Ellen O'Gorman Duffy; *Music of the Week* by Marcella Henry; *Profiles* by Mary Lois Ruppenthal; *On and Off the Avenue* by Mrs. J. H. Herriott. Monday, November 11, 1929, completed another year of pleasant association and significant growth of Gamma Phi Beta.

If one is to continue with just the outstanding points, the music of Alfred Boyington, violinist, and Edgar Shelton, pianist, and the costume dancing of Judith Moore are the impressions lingering from the Gamma Phi tea at the Panhellenic House on December 1.

Cheery coal burning fireplaces, an impressive grand piano, artistic spacing of wall decorations, and interesting pieces of antique furniture made one realize why Eleanor Culton Hines and her husband have been so successful in their remodeling and decorating of houses in Greenwich Village. Her supper meeting also had delicious refreshments and Gamma Phi songs sung about that grand piano as added points.

The supper meeting at the home of Grace Burgard Holcomb in January had one special feature—the moving pictures of Ruth Russum Shearman, taken during her many interesting summer trips. We journeyed with her to New Zealand, Germany, and France. Not only are her pictures most interesting, but her manner of describing the unique features, added much to their charm.

We welcomed three new members to our group at this meeting, Oenia Payne, Gamma, who is new to our chapter, though her home is in New York; Mary Wing Phyte, Gamma, who has lately moved to New York; and Eloise Davison, who has the unusual record of being an active member for two years, and yet has never been able to meet with us before. Miss Davison's specialty is Home Economics, and she is the adviser of the National Electric Light Association, with the United States and Canada for her territory. Speaking at colleges and universities does not keep her busy, so she writes—and writes; once as Eloise Davison, and again as Nancy Tomlinson.

RUTH BURGARD

### *Profiles*

#### *(Mostly by MARY LOIS RUPPENTHAL)*

Hilda Grossman Taylor, Alpha, has had an exhibition of portraits in oils and pastels at Fieldston, New York, and at the Clayton Gallery, New York City. Edith Moulton Thorndike, Delta, with Dr. Thorndike, Professor of Educational Psychology at Columbus, probably the most famous name in the educational field, is enjoying a year's leave of absence in Chicago. Ellen O'Gorman Duffy, Iota, has been elected president to Barnard Alumnae.

Beatrice Pierce, Gamma, is one of the editors of *Pictorial Review*. Lousene Rousseau, Gamma, is the joint author of a High School speech text book, and has built up the college department of *Harper's* of which she is the promotion manager.

Letty Gay Carson is on the staff of the Institute Sunday Magazine of the New York *Tribune*.

Louise Warr, Alpha, is assistant principal at Washington Irving High School, an extremely high position for a woman to achieve in the New York City school system. Miss Warr is one of the founders of the New York alumnae chapter.

Bernice Bridgens Barnby, Sigma, is teaching home economics, dietetics and a bride's course at the Ballard School, Y.W.C.A. Veda Robins Cook is teaching in the Ethical Culture School. Marcella Henry, Theta, played in Colburn production of the *Yellow Jacket* and in the Theater Guild's production of *Faust*.

Theresa Guerini, Gamma, has played on legitimate stage here and in Boston. Margaret McClellen Herriott, Gamma, active in dramatics at Wisconsin, is now with the Princeton Players.

Alfreda Oakes, Sigma, played with DeWolf Hopper Company in *Student Prince* and last year appeared in the *Red Robe*.

Edna Stitt Robinson, Iota, is one of sixteen trustees of the Womens Home Missionary Society of Methodist Episcopal Church.

Fredericka Belknap, Iota, is head of the personnel department of the New Jersey College for Women at New Brunswick.

Josephine Gund, Pi, is secretary to the secretary Guggenheim Memorial Foundation.

Ella Cole Bohr, Alpha, has a tea room and book shop in Freehold, New Jersey. Mildred Peery, Pi, is buyer of women's coats at McCreery's.

Harriet Peery, Pi, is assistant buyer for women's dresses at Abraham and Strauss, Brooklyn.

Kate Helzer, Pi, is employment manager for women at B. Altman and Company. Harriett Ashbrook, Pi, is publicity manager for Coward McCauw Publishing Company. Helen M. McKee of Los Angeles, is studying journalism at Columbia. Constance Nuckles, Sigma, is studying at the New York School of Social Work.

Betty Sickels Salathiel, Sigma, is studying music in New York and is on the staff of the National Broadcasting Company.

Mary Ball, Nebraska, is in the personnel department of the Bell Telephone Company.

## OKLAHOMA CITY

### *Fifty dollars from a Handkerchief Box*

Here's a new country heard from—Psi alumnae to be exact. Just because we haven't written letters for THE CRESCENT for ages is no sign we haven't been doing things. For example, there's the fifty dollars that we made—by raffling off the Handkerchief Box. Of course the idea of the Handkerchief Box wasn't original, by any means, for the Delta Gammas used it in Tulsa only last winter, but after all who cares about being original when fifty dollars is to be made just like that!

Each alumna contributed a handkerchief, and tickets for the box were sold at the rate of ten cents each. The box was raffled off, in the august presence of a notary; and the "lovely array of handkerchiefs" went to the girl holding the lucky ticket. All very simple and erstwhile remunerative!

Myrtle Brazil Skillern, our efficient president, has many, many ideas for making money and in case anyone else needs a suggestion she is open to correspondence.

More people have been added to our alumnae association; more things have been done. Among them might be added that Mary Frances Hawk Graalman



and her husband of a few months appeared in the second Civic Theater play of the season. Of course all the best people were there and enjoyed them immensely!

Just because in this letter few names have been mentioned and fewer facts let us assure you the next letter will contain "instructive statistics concerning the advancement of Oklahoma alumnae chapter in Oklahoma City and the regions thereabout."

This, then, is somewhat of an introductory or a get-together letter, isn't it?

KATHERINE WEISIGER

## PORTLAND

### *Enthusiasm over Chi's new home*

Christmas is a thing of the past and the new year is here. What things are in store for us? Will we accomplish as much as we have the past year? Don't we all hope so—but let's not hope; let's DO.

Our Founders' Day was celebrated on November twelfth as the eleventh is such a hard day for all of us to get together. This year everyone enjoyed Founders' Day more than ever before. Instead of our customary hotel banquet, Beatrice Locke very kindly opened her home to us all and we had our banquet there. It was much more fun. The food was delicious and later in the evening we played bridge, with prizes 'n' everything. Mrs. Joseph Teal and Mrs. Walter Haynes (Mrs. Hamilton Weir) sent the most beautiful flowers in honor of the day. Let's have more banquets like this one.

With Christmas vacation came the girls from college and with them much gayety and entertainment. The Christmas luncheon this year was held at the Benson Hotel and many mothers, actives, and alumnae attended. Between Christmas and New Year the Nu chapter actives entertained with a very lovely tea at the home of Harriet Hofman. Several of our prominent alumnae poured, and from all reports it was very lovely and highly successful.

The alumnae from Chi chapter and the Chi chapter girls are thrilled beyond words to feel that at last their new house at Corvallis is passing from a dream into reality. The plans have been drawn up and accepted and the building will begin as soon as the girls move out in the spring. They expect to have everything in readiness for rushing in the fall. The house is to be built out of the old one but it will be so different that no one will ever suspect that it is one and the same. It will be a true Georgian colonial—large study rooms, sleeping porches and bathrooms and shower rooms galore. Next homecoming should be a great get-together for all of us. Chi alumnae are working hard to raise money and are at present very busy selling tickets to a dance that is to be given January twenty-sixth at the Columbia country club in Portland. This is only one of the many things that have been planned to help with the new house.

HELEN ANDREWS SMITH

### *Personals*

Leta Kiddle Earl has moved to Portland from Eugene.

Lucile Hollinshead is spending the winter at Santa Monica, California.

Mrs. Alva Grout has moved to Portland from Corvallis.

Mrs. William Porteous (Mary de Grandpre) spent several weeks in Seattle visiting her parents and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. William Norvell (Alice Freeland) have recently moved to Eugene, Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Theiring (Agnes Hesseldenz) are located in Pasco, Washington, where Mr. Theiring is in business with Mr. Hesseldenz.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Olsen (Mary Stewart) spent the Christmas holidays in California, going as far as Agua Caliente, Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fox (Vivian Orcutt) have located in Marshfield, Oregon.

Dagmar Skulason, who visited here this summer from Honolulu, has recently announced her engagement to a Russian plantation owner in Honolulu. They will be married in January.

### *Marriages*

On January 4, 1930, Virginia Zan to Mr. Francis Louis Mall.

On November 28, 1929, Josephine Price to Mr. Joe Price.

On November 23, 1929, in Santa Rosa, California, Helen Lee to Mr. John K. Comstock.

On November 26, 1929, in Fresno, California, Mary Porteous to Mr. Egbert Weeks.

### *Births*

To Mr. and Mrs. George T. Colton (Helen McCormick), a daughter.

To Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Frederick Haynes (Eloise Huggins), a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Peterson (Dorothy Cockerline), a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. Walter Thorsen (Virgina Pittock), a son.

### *Deaths*

The alumnae chapter wishes to extend much sympathy to Mrs. Lee Patterson upon the death of her father-in-law, Governor I. Patterson; to Mrs. Craig McMicken who lost her father at Christmas time; to Mrs. J. H. Fitzgibbon upon the loss of her mother; to Mrs. Chester Klink whose mother was taken so very suddenly; to Mrs. Hallett Clifford (Katherine Bridges) upon the death of her small son; to Mrs. C. L. Stidd (Beth Ketchem) upon the death of her sister.

## RENO

### *Successful Bazaar*

"I'll do any old thing, Gamma Phi, for you," acquires a new and different meaning when that any old thing happens to be shredding mounds and mounds of crisp lettuce, racking one's brains and taxing one's good disposition over food budgets or drying stacks of cups and saucers with five tea towels, spread over radiators to dry in hasty intervals. Of course, these were only the kitchen committee's impressions of our most successful Christmas card party and bazaar, which rode smoothly through to a triumphal climax last week at the chapter house.

Again the loyal alumni from far and near, especially that splendid group in Los Angeles, responded with contributions for the bazaar, and the town members loaned china, silver, linen, and their moral support. And now that it is over we can sit back comfortably in our own private boudoirs, or classrooms, for some of us are still pursuing that ancient and honorable profession, and feel proud of our increased bank account—which will go the way of all previous accounts, to help to pay the plumber's bill.

With the college semester drawing to a close, and looking forward to a delightful evening with the actives next week at their annual Muffin Worry, we feel that this year has truly been a big one for Alpha Gamma and Reno. We read in one of the daily papers today that again Gamma Phi has been especially honored in that our own Peggy Smith has been chosen as the most popular co-ed on the campus, and has been asked to officiate at the christening of one of the new Airline planes. Are we proud?

With rushing barred until second semester we have no present idea as to the season's outcome, but of course, we are all optimistic to the *n*th degree. Although alumnae are forbidden to assist in rushing personally and actively, we can safely



say that every loyal Alpha Gamma's heart will be with the active girls when they begin their campaign in January.

LAVERNE BLUNDELL

### *Personals*

Georgianna Boyer, Alpha Gamma, '17, who is now living in Los Angeles, spent the holidays visiting her parents in Sparks, and Gamma Phis in Reno.

Esther Brown Lough, Theta, now Y.W.C.A. secretary in Reno, is a most welcome addition to our alumnae chapter.

Loretta Miller, Alpha Gamma, '29, has a position as one of the assistant botany instructors on the campus.

Lois Bona, '28, is teaching in Reno Junior High School.

LaVerne Blundell, '28, and Edith Dowd, '28, are both teaching in Sparks High School.

## SAN FRANCISCO

### *Forty-two at the joint luncheon*

In October, we had our bridge party at Forest Hill Club, which was well attended and financially successful. Credit for this is due our capable chairman, Margaret Jackson Supple, and her committee. A raffle, at twenty-five cents a ticket brought enough money to pay the rental of the club house for the afternoon and, also, some other expenses.

In November, we did not meet on our customary second Tuesday but, instead, had a luncheon on the day before the California-Stanford game. This is the big game of the season in our section of California, and it means the homecoming of many alumni of both universities. So, the San Francisco and Berkeley alumnae groups had a joint luncheon at the Clift Hotel which was quite a celebration. What heartwarming pleasure to see again a Gamma Phi from whom one had been separated several years! There were many "Now, tell me about So-and-So" as forty-two of us gathered around the long table. Many of us met again on the following day when Mu held open house for all Gamma Phis who came to Palo Alto.

HELEN BRANT HOFFMAN

## SEATTLE

### *Membership increases*

Since the last CRESCENT letter which was filled with rushing news, we have followed our usual routine—that is, a business meeting on the second Tuesday of the month and a bridge club on the fourth Tuesday—with one exception. Our November meeting was merged with Founders' Day party on November 11 at the chapter house. This occasion is dear to our hearts, for it is not only a reminder of our four original Gamma Phis but offers to the alumnae the first opportunity of meeting and welcoming the new pledges as a group. The alumnae act as hostesses to the entire chapter at this party and there is always a good attendance.

At the January meeting, held on the day of writing THE CRESCENT letter, officers for the coming year were elected. We have great pride in announcing the following names that will form the executive board: president, Mary Terrill Seeholzer; vice-president, Isabel McCormick Preston; treasurer, Ethyl Whitley (Phi); recording secretary and CRESCENT correspondent, Doreen Kennedy Blake; corresponding secretary, Adelaide Allmond Linne; rushing chairman, Anita Merry Wheeler Glen. This promises to be a most harmonious and capable group.

Plans for a spring project are already under way as well as for the continuation of our membership drive. Last year, our membership increased from thirty to sixty-seven, and we intend firmly to keep to this new standard.

Beatrice Locke, province director, was a guest at the January meeting. We were glad to hear news from the province and, particularly, of the province conference.

CLARA TANNEY WILL

## SPRINGFIELD

### *First celebration of Founders' Day*

I have so many, many things for my letter this time that I hardly know where to begin. So it will have to be a case of "first come, first served."

That being *that*, I shall endeavor to tell something about the initiation which we of the alumnae held for former alumnae of Tau Delta Theta upon November 8 the day before the college homecoming. This time we felt to be most appropriate, since it would bring together a greater number of our old members than would otherwise be possible to assemble. We held the pledge service at the chapter house in the afternoon and initiation in the evening—not forgetting the delightful interim furnished by the equally delightful dinner, which we enjoyed at Woodlawn Lodge. The occasion was further enhanced by the presence of Bertha Schneider, who gave her much-appreciated aid to the completion of the ceremonies. It is, of course, impossible to describe the overwhelming emotions, which we all felt at this happy time, when our former sisters become still closer in the bonds of Gamma Phi. But, let it suffice to say that when the lovely ceremonies were ended, we had welcomed twenty-one new Gamma Phis into the mystic circle. These new sisters include the following in their number: Ruth Wigton Capewell, Lenore Albeck Harnley, Dolly Mae Spelker, Alice Beck Stubbs, Emily Swan, Eloise Thompson Shuttleworth, Margaret McKenzie, Grace Raup, Florence Gard Baker, Leah Schneider Kirby, Margaret McGregor, Katherine Kneisser, Mary Bramkamp, Helen Schonfeldt Rogers, Evelyn Emery McKenzie, Mary Peebles, Elizabeth Ricks Dressler, Dorothy Wilger Hayes, Elizabeth Harner, Margaret Hoover, Gretchen Crider.

The next date on our Gamma Phi calendar was Founders' Day. Since we held its celebration in connection with the active chapter at the Springfield country club, we shall not steal any of its literary thunder by describing it. But we must say that we shall look back upon our first Founders' Day celebration as one of the most joyful occasions of our so-intriguing existence as Gamma Phis.

Following this came Christmas with its round of social gaiety. The alumnae, after due discussion and consideration, gave the active chapter dishes and silver table service as a Christmas gift.

We also had a kitchen shower for the house, which netted many useful and decorative necessities. Then we had a Christmas party for ourselves, at which we exchanged gifts and also held a short business meeting.

The last event which transpired before the writing of this letter was a very smart dinner meeting at the apartment of Mrs. Walter Dressler on the evening of January 4. It was so delightful that we felt we had indeed started the New Year in quite the right manner.

So here we are at the dawn of a new year. All that we can hope is that it will hold as many joys as the old. All that we can foresee is that we shall profit more than ever by the experiences of the old year, in making the new year more glorious for Gamma Phi.

MARTHA E. K. TIMMERMAN

## ST. LOUIS

### *Weddings and business*

I once learned in a course in story-telling that the best way to focus the attention of a listless audience is to leap immediately into the exciting part of the story. So here I go and you may or may not believe what I shall tell



you. Charlotte Robertson is no more. We have now in her stead Mrs. Lester Arthur White. Having broken the hearts of all the eligible men in Saint Louis, and having become a little weary of our city, she was suddenly faced with the fascinating offer of a position in Chicago. About the first of September she packed up her bags and left Saint Louis looking for new fields to conquer. For two months all was quiet on the northern front then like an explosion of dynamite came the announcement of her engagement. Mind you she had never met the man before she left Saint Louis. As if the speed with which she accomplished her engagement were not great enough, she had the banns published and the witnesses gathered, and was married before another month was out, at the home of none other than our charming Grand President, Mrs. Barbour. The other members of the Saint Louis chapter are still looking sorrowfully at their feet and wondering why they move so slowly.

I know it is not quite proper to announce marriages in the main part of the letter but since I have announced one I may as well continue. "Among the delightful social events of the season" were the marriages of Miss Jessie Tyler to Mr. Charles E. Hermann, Miss Emilyn Arbogast to Mr. Harry Giessow, Miss Geraldine Turner to Mr. Robert Lowell Williamson, Miss Jeanette Lantz to Mr. Arthur Ocker, Miss Grace Kleykamp to Mr. Clifford E. Mueller. We wish them all happiness and the greatest possible amount of success.

Now to turn away from our subject of marriage to the subject of business. I find that our Saint Louis Gamma Phis are hard workers and responsible leaders. Beatrice Kotsrean was chairman of the decorating committee for the College Club Benefit Entertainment on which yours truly served as assistant janitress. Lucille R. Mueller, as chairman of the special meetings committee of the college club had charge of the supper party at the Chase Hotel which succeeded the entertainment. Both were given in order to raise the college club scholarship fund.

We still have another chairman of a college club committee. Virginia Black Livingston has been appointed chairman of the committee on dramatics. Likewise she has reviewed Don Byrne's *Field of Honor* at a meeting of the Fiction and Drama study group of the college club. In another field Charlotte Briner Kamp has been working just as hard for she was on the committee in charge of the Panhellenic Benefit Bridge, which like the college club entertainment, was given to raise money for a scholarship to Washington University.

The Ewing sisters are pursuing the fine arts as usual—Margaret is teaching dramatics at the John Burroughs School and Charlotte is interior decorator for Luchs-Orwig.

Emily Post's only rival, Virginia Sankey Morris, has left our chapter to follow her husband into the wilds of Tulsa, Oklahoma. The Saint Louis and Phi chapters are rather at a loss without her and are now planning some means of bringing her home in time for the annual banquet so that they can be sure that it will be done in proper fashion.

ELIZABETH BURDEAU

### *Births*

To Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Cole (Bessie May Rostron), a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. Max Muench (Beulah Rackerby), a daughter.

To Mr. and Mrs. Victor Hallauer (Helen Hanser), a daughter.

To Mr. and Mrs. J. Torrey Berger (Maude Beattie), a daughter.

### SYRACUSE

*No other chapter can boast so original a Founders' Day service*

Several events predicted in our last letter have taken place and have succeeded beyond our expectations. The November bridge party at the charming home of Florence Bailey Crouse was not only a delightful social affair but brought

more than double the amount of money needed for our Denver camp contribution.

While Founders' Day is long to be remembered! Jubilee supper was a fitting title for the celebration, for our mood was jubilant; and we met old friends whom we had not lured forth for years all of whom promised to come often now that they have rediscovered the joys of the sisterhood. Four active girls, dressed in the mode of 1847, enacted the founding of Gamma Phi Beta in very human and realistic fashion. Then Mary Whitford gave personal reminiscences of early days; and we who have heard of it before enjoyed it equally upon repetition; while the younger members are always entranced. But the highlight of the program was an early chapter meeting, more or less burlesque, enacted in costumes of the past by Mary Whitford, '81, (in the chair), Florence Palmer Baker, '81, Mary Safford Cuykendall, '87, Nellie Morgan, '89, Harriet Budd Wadleigh, '81, Kate Miller Cobb, '81, Alvia Horton Fish, '92, and Jeannette Atwell, '92. They say that their dialogue was all spontaneous, but it couldn't have been wittier if they had planned and memorized their parts. Imagine the discussion of possible new members—"Do you know Minnie Mason?" "I'm afraid she wouldn't do. She's no scholar and she's boy crazy!" And they had the cake plate which was to be Cora Willard's wedding present—the real article. And they ate peanuts and olives, too, right before our very eyes!

Our December meeting was a luncheon downtown at which we entertained as our speaker Dean Florence Nicholson, associate dean of women at Syracuse University. We were most interested and inspired by her views on Panhellenic relationships. We are glad that she believes the sororities are to be regarded as leaders in establishing ideal living conditions for women students.

The January meeting will be on the evening after this letter is mailed; so the news of the future must be saved for the next time.

DOROTHY COLLINS BROWN

### *Personals*

Mabel Boomer Hodder, '95, professor of history at Wellesley College and her two sisters, Bertha Boomer Brooks, '81, and Ella Boomer Howard, '83, are traveling abroad. They plan to spend the winter in Greece.

Emogene Day, '00, has just returned from France where she spent the summer.

Marion Edwards, '13, is principal of the upper school at Goodyear Burlingame School in Syracuse.

Mildred Fish, '14, has been appointed a member of the faculty of the Training School for Religious Workers in the extension department of the university.

Gladys Timmerman, '15, has been appointed Director of Branch Libraries in Syracuse University.

Harriet Bissell, '25, for two years has been supervisor of household arts in the schools of Orange, New Jersey.

Judith Timmerman, '22, and Gladys Timmerman, '15, with their mother have taken a bungalow at La Jolla, California, where they will remain for two months.

Norma Chapin, '27, is assistant publicity director of the Buffalo chamber of commerce.

### *Marriages*

On July 20, 1929, in Vienna, Austria, Mildred Reames Chase, '26, to Mr. J. Bernard Derfler of New York City. Mr. and Mrs. Derfler will make their home in Syracuse.

Ethel Rixon, ex-'29, to Mr. Howard Eckel. Mr. and Mrs. Eckel are living in Syracuse.

Alice M. Welsh, ex-'31, daughter of Ethel Wells, '06, to Mr. Willard M. Jenkins.



*Births*

To Mr. and Mrs. Gustav Lobrano (Jean Flick, '21), of Albany, New York, a son, Alexander Flick, on August 6.

To Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Spaulding (Helen Archbold, '22), of Syracuse, a son John Elliot, on December 19.

## VANCOUVER

*Commission plan on trial*

Latterly, we have been much occupied with the problem of money raising—especially as we realize more and more the great need of a chapter house on our campus. We have “done” formal bridges to a maximum and have raffled two hope chests; consequently, we are at present very enthusiastic about the commission plan suggested to us by Dorothy Hager. It has proved successful in Seattle, and, although our beginnings, are humble, they promise well. Five stores have agreed to give us discounts (varying from 5 per cent to 10 per cent), and we are planning to interview several other managers as soon as possible.

In addition to this, we hope to realize a nice little sum from the piles of paper we collected in December; and, also from the commissions on subscriptions to magazines or from their renewals.

Our meetings during the fall were distinctly varied in character. The first one took the form of a supper meeting down town, and we really succeeded in getting through a great deal of business. More hilarious in character was the roller skating party on University Hill one clear, frosty night in November. We had a few of the usual picturesque spills and enjoyed to the full the large quantities of pancakes, syrup and coffee provided for us at the nearby “Cat and Parrott.” The last meeting, in the Christmas holidays, was purely of a social nature, planned to honor the homecoming grads, the actives and the pledges. The entertainment was the feature of the evening and a mock athletic meet proved very popular.

In addition to the regular meetings there have been numerous rushing events, culminating in the reception given by Kathleen Farris. Bidding caused the usual furore and we had a real chance to become acquainted with our thirteen pledges when we entertained for them after the ceremony on October 22, and later when we met them again at the dance given by the actives in their honor. Initiation ceremonies are now very near at hand, and the arrangements for the formal banquet in the Hotel Georgia have been left with us. That safely over, we may have a little time to devote ourselves to several informal bridges which we plan to enjoy before we are called again to look over a fresh lot of prospective Gamma Phi Betas.

SADIE MARGARET BOYLES

*Engagement*

Elsie Relance, '25, to Mr. Dermot Davies, '27, University of British Columbia.

*Births*

To Mr. and Mrs. C. Stewart (Freda Wilson), a son, Frederick Robert.

To Mr. and Mrs. J. Smith (Helen Whiteside, '25), a son, David Whiteside.

## AUSTIN

*Eighteen members*

The Austin alumni are looking forward to a great year since there are eighteen of us here in the city—more than we have ever had before. Our meetings have been very delightful even though Jack Frost and Mr. Rain have invariably been uninvited guests.

We have been so happy to add to our last year's group our two nearest alumns, Loraine Deckerd and Mildred Ruckman; and already with their enthusiasm and interest they have become excellent officers.

"Old faithful," our dearly beloved Helen Boysen has left us for broader fields; but nevertheless, we are just as proud as can be that she holds a splendid position as an instructor in Louisiana State University. However, while Helen has left us others have come back to us, among whom are Dana Bramlette Mondrick and two of our charter members, Lela Reese Mattingly and Dorothy Hudson.—And that means much to us!

The Founders' Day banquet was a great time for Alpha Zeta alumns, for as many as possible could come back "home" for the annual event. Among those who returned at that time were Virginia Rutledge Stark and her "cherub Peggy"; Elsa Erler with her "more news about last summer's convention"; Mary Frank Smith water-bound from Crockett; Glynn Haddon Mitchell with her usual enthusiasm and individualities; Margaret Chamness with the news of her approaching marriage; Dr. Nannelle Gilkerson Blackwell who is now practicing in Amarillo; and Frances Ebeling, who literally "skidded" in from Marble Falls.

The actives have told you all about the banquet with its jewel-box idea, but there was other entertainment for the week-end. There was riding in the mornings; and the big Baylor football game, the muddiest of the season, on Saturday afternoon. That night Dorothy Ellen Shivers had a reunion of the whole "bunch" who stayed together at the house using bridge merely as an excuse. Her party scheme reminded us of the times we used to do things together—Dutching always. Her whole scheme was Dutch. (I've an idea that she got the little shoes, and so forth from Holland, last summer.) Anyway, the session was on way into the night.

Other delightful entertainments were given during the Christmas day. Jeffie Irwin Knipe and Helen Boysen each entertained with beautifully planned Christmas bridge parties. The annual Christmas tree was a sigh of relief to us alumns, for at last, thanks to our splendid president, Fannie Eisenlohr Twichell, we have given to the chapter that which we have long desired for them—all the CRESCENTS from the beginning of Alpha Zeta, beautifully bound in leather. Friends were indeed lovely and thoughtful of the girls at that time.

Among the holiday alumns were Dr. Maudie Marie Burns who has recently accepted a splendid position in a Brooklyn hospital; Aline Burns Hertz, Velma Irwin, Helen Boysen, and Margaret Chamness who was the sensation of the season because she is just another who has left the remaining few of us to sing—"The Wedding Bells are Breaking up that Old Gang of Ours." But in Gamma Phi Beta that can never be, for we are one.

Here's to the greatest year Gamma Phi Beta alumnae all over the United States have ever had!

DOROTHY HUDSON

### *Personal*

We extend sympathy to Frances and Helen Ebeling in the death of their father.

### *Marriages*

On December 23, Margaret Chamness to Mr. Louis Cummings. Mr. and Mrs. Cummings are at home in Bay Town, Texas.

Danna Bramlette to Mr. Frank Mondrick. Mr. and Mrs. Mondrick are at home in Austin, Texas.

### *Birth*

To Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Spence, a daughter, Josephine.



## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

*Fine social service*

Christmas and New Year's Day are apt to leave us a bit breathless despite our many resolutions; but, notwithstanding, the CRESCENT letter must go forward.

In the early part of December, Katherine Johnson Lipscomb entertained us at her lovely home, and as we sat around the tea table, we planned what we should do at Christmas time for those less fortunate than ourselves. We decided upon supplying a needy family in Virginia with a dinner and a few articles of clothing. I might add that as it turned out, Washington traffic was crippled a few days before Christmas because of a snow and sleet storm, and we were forced to send a check to the social worker instead of the more personal form of donation. However, we understand that the social worker bought shoes and galoshes with the money; and we are sure that she made it go much further than we ever could have done.

Ernestine Chubb, Omega, came from Frederick, Maryland for the tea. She is the home demonstration agent for Frederick County; and she reports a family of a couple of hundred children—more or less!—which she cares for, indirectly.

Harriet Shannon, Theta, has finished her training in the physiotherapy course at Walter Reed Hospital, and is now stationed there. Her work sounds interesting. In November, Harriet entertained at her "quarters," and everyone enjoyed it.

Dr. Jane Sherzer, Beta, has left for a trip around the world, and, probably, will be gone for some time.

At the last meeting held at Nona Doherty's apartment, there was a new member whom we were indeed glad to welcome—Marian Ross, Sigma, '24, who is associate editor of the *English Review* which is published by the Civic Education Service for high school use. She told us something of convention.

We have planned some fine meetings for the rest of the year, and we hope that 1930 will see an increase in our membership.

ERNESTINE H. ROLLS

## LINCOLN

*Complete address file*

With the first of another year, we find our newest circle of alumnae sisters permanently settled. Teaching has claimed three of them, sending Helen Slade to Tennessee, Neva Skinner to Underwood, Iowa, and Clarice McDonald back to the department of physical education in the University of Nebraska. Elizabeth Kline and Margaret Fulmer are seeking higher education—Bee at a secretarial school in Boston, and Peg in the Library School of the University of Wisconsin. The four remaining members have entered the business world. Mary Ball is in the personnel department of the Bell Telephone Company in New York City; Lorma Hawkins holds a similar position with Gold and Company in Lincoln; Virginia Crooks, also in Lincoln, is in the fur department at Miller and Paine's; and Pauline Clarkson, while working at a doctor's office, is living at home in Sioux City, Iowa.

Three of the class of '29 have been married recently—Mary Bronson to Mr. Donald Reed, now living in California; Katherine Norris to Mr. Frederick Bufet, at present in Omaha; and Dorothy Pugh to Mr. Louis Smithberger, at home in Stanton. Viola Peterson, ex-'31, has become Mrs. Curtis within the last month.

The few inevitable problems arising during the college year have been argued pro and con and settled to the best of our ability at the monthly meetings which have been made very enjoyable by a subsequent luncheon at the chapter house with the active chapter. These meetings, held on Saturday, have called

out a larger attendance than have previous meetings, and we are allowed to keep alive our old acquaintances and at the same time to gain many new ones. Elizabeth Raugh, ex-'31 is now attending the Art Institute in Chicago. Among the older girls with us this year are Sarah Chickering Reynolds (Gamma), who just this fall returned from a year in Belgium—Mr. Reynolds is now a member of the university faculty; Belle Farnum who is in the Lincoln schools after a year at Leland Stanford University; and Virginia Vorhees who returned to finish college after two years of teaching, and who will receive her degree in February.

Announcement has been received from Alice Hardy Landers of a son, and from Willie Rogers West, of a daughter.

Our address file is very complete. If you have lost contact with any of your old friends, write for their present addresses. Let your college friendships and connections live forever.

VIRGINIA CROOKS

## TUCSON

### *"Interesting little bits of news"*

Confidences over tea cups! How familiar and friendly an old custom—and what an enlightening one! So it happened one drizzly afternoon that she told me all the interesting little bits of news about our Tucson Association. Early last fall, there was an abundance of rejoicing over the fine caliber of pledges which Alpha Epsilon had selected, and now, all so soon, many of them will have proven their merits for initiation. The new chapter house, furnishings, and decorations received a huge amount of praise from all sides, including townspeople, parents and all visitors. The actives and pledges were clever, too, in their entertaining at a luncheon given at homecoming time, and everybody reveled in the merry-making. Another occasion which brought us together was Margaret Nachtrieb's visit to Tucson. It is always delightful and inspiring to have her come, and regrettable to bid her good-by.

Meanwhile, the alumnae association here thrives on rather frequent meetings at which all sorts of business-like plans are discussed and sometimes adopted. Minnie Mae Hudnall Baldwin has championed her little forces remarkably well this year. Mae's mother is the president of the Mothers' Club which has been so indispensable and generous in its efforts on behalf of the new house. One project of particular interest which is to be undertaken by Katie Carson Tolson is that of compiling an up-to-date directory of the names and addresses of all of Alpha Epsilon's members of "yesterday and today." Other alumnae who "belong" are Jeff Burton, who is the treasurer; Sara Van Deman, who acts as secretary, Nelle Miller, who is the invaluable adviser to the pledges; and Helen Nelson, who maintains her admirable duties as chapter adviser. Clara Brown has been very helpful and energetic in a program to enforce a really workable study table at the house for the pledges. According to this plan an alumna supervises the nightly study table, thereby bringing about more mutual interests and endeavors between our groups. Others who answer the roll call are Elsie Duncan Tucker, Marian Spencer Smith, Wanda Browning Falk, Genie Pendleton, Inez Thrift, Gwen Gillum, who is playing a very active part in local dramatics, Maureen Nelson, and Ann Houle.

This prolonged tea hour brought to light other gossip little bits. For example, we talked about all of the Globe girls who are teaching in that district and have been frequent visitors lately; Bonnie Wade, Dorothy Mercer, Catherine McDonald, and Okla Carson, who was recently married. Here in Tucson one often meets La Verne Rodee, who is teaching at Safford, Arizona, and Mildred Saelid, who comes over occasionally from Bisbee. Adele Tifal and her husband George Punttenney are frequently in town. One learns that Ethel Baxter and Tom Bates (Sigma Chi) are married and living in Michigan. Naturally, we wondered and talked about many others, but for brevity's sake, we must forego some detail for another letter.



Several plans have been made for many enjoyable gatherings for the future. Someone suggested that we have a Dutch Treat dinner with the mothers and a benefit bridge or a movie-benefit to be arranged in the early spring.

DOROTHY HOULE

## WICHITA

### *Founders' Day celebration*

CRESCENT letter due and at a distance! It would be much easier to tell you something of St. Louis and Phi—of the Panhellenic bridge last Saturday, with the ever efficient Charlotte Briner Kamp in charge of arrangements and of the three dear pledges who made the sale of candy irresistible. I could tell you of the meeting last Monday in the beautiful Gamma Phi Beta rooms in the new Women's Building. However, I dare not for I fear not only the wrath of my beloved Wichita but that of the St. Louis correspondent if I steal her thunder. May I tell you though that when five pounds of delicious candy appeared we all forgot diets and calories. Whose candy? None other than our Charlotte Bruce Robertson's—Mrs. Lester Arthur White now. We were all thrilled to hear how our new executive secretary was wooed and won in so short a time.

In Wichita we celebrated Founders' Day with a banquet at the Innes' Tea Room. So enjoyable and inspiring was the occasion that we hope to make it an annual affair. Laura Harkrader Campbell of Pratt and Elizabeth Limbird of Anthony were with us that night. Annamae Hampton, Katherine Huston and Verla Patton Rutherford went to Lawrence to attend the Missouri-Kansas game. Lucile Hildinger accompanied some of her high school pupils to Chicago where they attended sessions of the school publications conference.

On October 31 Robert Leo Fortier made his début in the world. His mother, Mabel Neal Fortier of Psi and Tulsa is one of our newer members. Tulsa's loss has certainly been Wichita's gain. Bob's arrival has caused Dickey Hay to share his place as "only boy" in our group of the younger generation. There are five little girls, all future wearers of the crescent, we hope.

We are looking to much activity after the holiday season as our faithful treasurer, Mildred Rule Olson tells us that finances are low. All the good sisters know what that means—work and more work. But come what may when it is for Gamma Phi Beta all work is but play.

ELIZABETH WAGENBRETH OWENS

## WINNIPEG

### *Fascinating "golf" dance*

If sheer multiplicity of activities guaranteed success Alpha Kappa alumnae would be assured of greatness. We have had a busy two months getting re-organized and revitalized after the summer holidays, co-operating with the active chapter in their rushing plans, and working hard to make our annual charity ball on the twentieth of this month a big success, both socially and financially.

We are hoping to have a really active alumnae association this year. Everybody is interested and enthusiastic. Our president is Vera Gunna Whittaker, who has stored up in her small, vivacious person enough contagious energy to inspire the whole chapter to put forth its best efforts—in addition to which she has a husband and lively little son to look after.

The question of alumnae fees has always been a burning issue with us, and this year we have resolved upon a new method of procedure, which promises success. A girl will not be considered a member of our alumnae association until she has paid half her yearly fee. In this way we will eliminate "dead" members, who are listed on the roll call and phone list, but who never attend

or contribute toward expenses. The results of this system so far have been most satisfactory.

We held our Founders' Day banquet on Tuesday, the twelfth, as Monday was Thanksgiving day here, and more than twenty-five alumns attended. One toast by Thelma LeCocq, '25, *To Alpha Kappa* caused hilarious enjoyment. She appeared as a very old, be-shawled, be-bonneted and be-spectacled Gamma Phi alumna, and in a quavering voice addressed her "grandchildren." Betty Gilman of '30, wearing baby clothes and talking nursery prattle, responded.

An atmosphere of tense excitement prevailed at the dinner, due to the fact that announcement of rushing results and pledging were slated for the fourteenth. Pledging has come and gone, and both alumns and actives are completely happy over the thirteen pledges we have wooed and won.

At the banquet we enjoyed a box of chocolates from Florence Echlin's fiancé. Florence is one of our six original members and a shining light in our sorority life. Felicitations are also in order to Edith Hawthorne and Dorothy Nourse, who, in accordance with the good old Gamma Phi custom which decrees that newly-engaged girls shall run around the table at a banquet, blushed and ran at our Founders' Day banquet.

As for weddings, Kathleen Belt Davidson is our newest bride, and has taken on her housewifely cares in a most attractive bungalow. We held our meeting at her home last Monday.

At the time of writing, we are pausing to take a deep breath of recovery and thankfulness after the whirl of preparation for our dance last Wednesday, before plunging into plans for our annual poor children's Christmas party. We are rejoicing that the financial success of our dance was such that we have plenty of money to give fifty or more kiddies a bang-up party.

The theme of our dance was golf. The programs were ball-shaped, and imprinted with the pattern of a golf ball. There were ten "holes" enumerated inside. Each dance was announced as "Hole 1," "2," and so forth, on a red golf flag placed on the orchestra platform, which was covered with green grass. Posters announcing various rules of "golfling" were conspicuously placed about the ballroom, and the room where punch was served was placarded the "Nineteenth Hole." The pride of our hearts, however, were the pencils, which were small golf clubs, and most effective.

We put on two novelty song and dance numbers. First, ten alumns, dressed in the bulky sport clothes of the "nineties," sang a song about the "Breezy, easy girls of '98," after which, by way of contrast, eight actives, in abbreviated red skirts, white sport shirts, jaunty berets and golf socks, and carrying golf sticks painted red, performed in a lively dance number.

It seems that with every year that passes Alpha Kappas are heard of in new parts of the world. Marjory Heeney, '28, has been offered and has accepted a position as secretary to Malcolm MacDonald, son of Ramsay MacDonald, Premier of Great Britain. Marion Bridgman, '27, and Mary Andrews, '27, are living in Geneva, where they are connected with the Canadian office of the League of Nations. Ruth Herriott, '26, is at Oxford. Janet Agnew is with the library of the University of McGill in Montreal, and Margaret Wade is taking a post-graduate course at the same university. Mary Doupe, '26, is physical instructor at Glen's Falls, New York. Beth Osborne is engaged in social welfare work in Philadelphia. Willa Gunn is in the office of the British Embassy in Washington.

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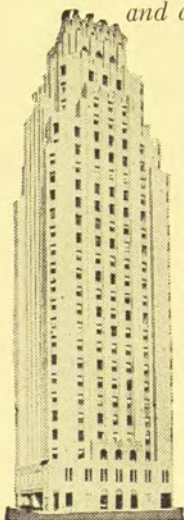
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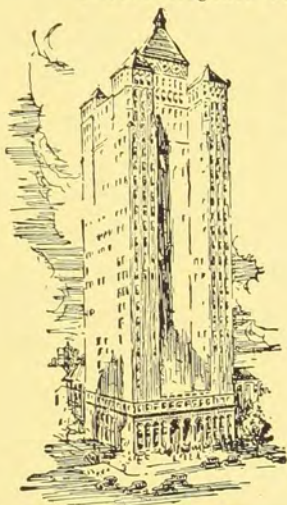


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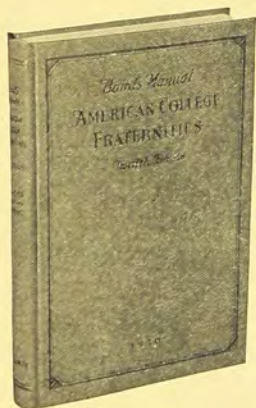
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