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- In 1924, Alpha Chapter celebrated its fiftieth birthday at convention time. In 1932, Beta Chapter will have the same indescribable experience; and this will be an occasion of more than local interest since the founding of Beta on June 7, 1882, marks for Gamma Phi Beta the beginning of national importance, national influence and national responsibility. Accordingly, it is a celebration for all the sorority.
- The observance of this event will be held in Ann Arbor on April 30 and May 1, and all members of Gamma Phi Beta are invited to share the reunion, the festivities and the inspiration. Miss Grace Anderson, 715 Forest Avenue, Ann Arbor, Michigan, is chief Information Bureau and will respond to all inquiries of those who are interested and who wish to attend.
- On APRIL 30 the banquet will be held; and how splendid it would be to have an unbroken circle on that night. And how?
- Let every chapter light a candle for Beta Chapter, and with the lighting offer this simple wish:
- To Beta Chapter—The first link in our chain of sisterhood! May the fine traditions of her past be exemplified in her present and may they inspire her future!
- AND, in tribute to the days when college women understood and appreciated Latin, shall we sing Gamma Phi Carissima by Honta Smalley Bredin of Beta, a former president of the sorority!



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# Messages From Our Founders

I

From Helen Dodge Ferguson Dear Gamma Phi Beta Sisters:

Would that it were possible to extend orally my greeting, with thanks for the many delightful courtesies so lavishly bestowed on our sorority birthday and during the holiday season and the entire year with the assurance that all were sincerely and gratefully appreciated. I am thinking much about our splendid band of women, so widely scattered, and wondering what the year has brought to each individually. Have fond hopes been realized or blasted, cherished possibilities brought to fruition or disappointment, and most important of all, has advancement been made in the wonderful life that shall tell for a long eternity? "Heaven is not reached by a single bound" but little by little, "round by round."

These are trying times which test to the utmost both individuals and nations, but if all things earthly fail, we know that we have a sure foundation, a cleft rock which offers refuge and safety for time and for eternity. Let us strive to make the utmost of the time allotted to us; then shall "life, death, and eternity be one grand, sweet song."

"What blessing can I wish you— Save that the joyful calm of Christmastide Should wrap your hearts so close that never fears

Of this world's care or grief can enter in, But only love to keep you pitiful, And faith and hope to keep you strong and true;

A Happy Christmas and a Glad New Year I wish for you, and may God's encircling love Enfold you always, till his tender hand Shall lead you safely home to love's own land."

Very sincerely and lovingly yours, Helen Dodge Ferguson

 $\Pi$ 

From Frances Haven Moss

Many thanks for all the kind remembrances on Founders Day. The many telegrams, letters, and flowers, and last, but not least, the beautiful book cover with Gamma Phi's emblem on the side, from the Grand Council, followed by the banquet dinner at Omicron's house, made the day one to be treasured fondly in memory as long as life shall last.

If you will only cherish that kindly

consideration for the happiness of others, Gamma Phis will always have a place in people's hearts, and the world will be the better for their being in it.

My best wishes for the success of all worth-while endeavors of the various chapters, alumnæ as well as active. Gratefully yours in Pi Kappa Epsilon,

FRANCES E. HAVEN MOSS

#### III

And from personal letters, the Editor quotes several paragraphs of particular interest to all members of the organization. From Mrs. Ferguson's letter:

"The holiday season marks the anniversary of the home going of my dear and only brother, Rev. James W. A. Dodge, D.D., of the New York Conference who passed away in the prime of life. He was ever my help and inspiration, and rendered immediate aid in the formative period of our sorority. Professor Smalley-whose daughter, Bessie, was one of our girls who passed away some years ago-was ever a friend of the sorority (a term which he first applied to our organization and which has been borrowed far and near by all grades of schools in their organizations) died some months ago, leaving only one member of his family, a son."

And from Mrs. Moss' letter we print:

"You ought to have been here Wednesday when the telegrams and letters were coming in. The first thing, a

messenger boy arrived with eight in his hand and he showed me how I could sign the receipts diagonally and not have to write my name so many times. One who had been delivering last year and came back to the house to ask me if I really was one of the founders of that big, fine sorority around the corner on Nevada Street, accosted me with 'Now this is your big day again!' And still another mystified boy asked me if they were all from relatives; and I was not quick-witted enough to say, 'Yes, they are all from sisters!' About forty-five letters and messages came from all over the United States and Canada, and I felt like the Englishman who had been looking over our university, 'It is all so big it is bewildering.'

In the evening I went over to Omicron house to their banquet where they had a box of lovely white rosebuds for me and where I made them a little talk on the early days, telling them all I could remember, especially about Helen, our other founder. They have a lovely group of girls, forty-two in the house and seven in the Twin Cities, and some of the alumnæ were there, too. We have worked together so many years that some of the latter seem almost like daughters. And I must not forget that Alpha Chapter and Syracuse sent me a box of lovely pink carnations. I am quite the envy of some of my neighbors. It surely touched me very deeply to be so kindly remembered by the chapter where I had such happy days so long ago."



# The Vanishing Folk Lore of the Ozarks

By Frances Barbour, Phi

(Frances Barbour of Phi Chapter, whose home is in the heart of the Ozark district, has made a special study of folk lore, was a member of the Missouri Folk Society, and has contributed to several ballad anthologies. At present, she is one of the faculty of the Southern Illinois State Normal University at Carbondale, Illinois, and last year, during a leave of absence, she worked toward her Ph.D. degree at London University. She is a modest person and is loath to tell of her achievements, but her interesting article betrays not only her ability to write but her deep knowledge of her subject.)

NUMBER of years before the radio introduced us to American ballads regaling us nightly with "The Wreck of the Old 97" and "The Death of Floyd Collins," such songs were known only in the isolated backwoods regions of America. Indeed, one's great-aunt might know a thoroughly delightful ballad-a lineal descendant of English folk song-which she could be persuaded to sing when she was in an accommodating mood. But neither the radio ballads nor the occasional lyric outburst on the part of a great-aunt can give one the full flavor of folk song in its native haunts-folk song as a common means of recreation, as much a part of the life program as the neighborhood movie.

If you should be curious as to where and what are the native haunts of folk lore, I should direct you, for instance, to Pulaski or Phelps County, Missouri. And yet such directions would be of little worth now. Very soon after the first decade of this century most of the people of this region, who for generations had extracted a bare subsistence from the rocky "hollers" of the Ozarks. began to learn from Sears-Roebuck catalogues and summer tourists that there were desirable commodities to be had in exchange for money, and they straightway began to emigrate to places where this money might be had in exchange for a more reasonable amount of labor. Only a few of the original mountain people remain. The ancestral cabin has given place to the filling station or the hot-dog stand. The hot-dog stand furnishes money for admission fees to movies, which are now only half an hour's drive away at Rolla, Waynesville, or Dixon. So there is no longer any reason for people to gather of an evening to entertain themselves by singing ballads. Indeed, a romantic elopement or the perfidious betrayal of

a maid in folk songs could not compete with the wiles of the sinuous and glittering virtuoso of the cinema or the daring exploits of urban racketeers. So, in order to show you the native haunts of folk lore, I shall have to ask you to go back in time to the first decade of the century—to the era of the quilting party and the square dance.

At that time an isolated mountain community was entirely dependent on its own resources for entertainment. So it seized upon even the most commonplace occurrences as occasions for neighborhood celebrations. If a housewife had pieced a quilt and had it ready for the quilting frame or if a man had a few hogs to butcher, the whole neighborhood was called in to help with the work and make it a jollification. Some women or men, as the case might be, worked at the stipulated task to justify the assembly, but most of the guests simply threw themselves into the spirit of the holiday with a gusto that we can hardly comprehend. A wedding was made to furnish two days of entertainment-on the first day the wedding celebration at the home of the bride, on the second, the "infair," an occasion of identical sumptuousness, at the home of the groom. But perhaps the most picturesque of such neighborhood celebrations was a dance. Invitations to a dance were sent broadcast by word of mouth, and it is astounding how thorough a job rumor can do in a community hungry for variety! Fiddlers and a guitar player were engaged (it was understood that their remuneration was to come from voluntary contributions of the men). Women, both hostess and guests, baked dozens of pies and cakes and roasted whole flocks of chickens. Then at about four o'clock in the afternoon, farm wagons began to rumble onto the scene of action, fathers and mothers occupying seats and innumerable children sitting in hay on the wagon floor. The neighborhood swain dashed up on a spirited horse, perhaps accompanied by a young lady on another. She, however, was more likely to come with her parents, packed in hay in the wagon bed along with her little brothers and sisters. Very soon the little children were put to sleep in beds and pallets in all the available rooms, and quite early in the evening the real festivities began—and lasted till the guests could drive safely away on the uncertain roads after daylight the next morning. Meanwhile, the fiddlers squeaked out "Arkansas Traveler" or the "Hoy-Kay Waltz," and everybody from six to sixty appeared from time to time, swinging or jigging through the intricate figures of "Cheat or Swing" or "Bird in a Cage." Frequently, dancing gave place to such singing games as "Little Brass Wagon" or "Old Dan Tucker"; and a bald-headed farmer with tobacco-stained beard, his feet flexible enough in the soft felt "stockings" of his felt boots, would go swinging among the ladies to the rollicking song

Old Dan Tucker's down in town, Swinging the ladies all around. First to the right and then to the left And then to the one that he loves best—

Singing here was only incidental; but it could be an adequate means of entertainment for a whole evening. Invitations to "singin's" circulated in the same way as invitations to dances, with the same astounding returns. The host of a singin' must possess an organ, and he added thereto as a means of entertainment the hymn books which he bor-

rowed from the school house. Again, at a singin' you found guests of all ages, though, for some inexplicable reason, a singin' was more apt than a dance to draw only the young folks. Someone played the organ by ear to accompany the most amazing four-part renditions of the hymns-four-part arrangements which, by the way, were entirely intuitive. A good firm nasal melody would ramify and divide into elaborate variations and demi-semiquavers, and a resounding bass contingent would always pound home a vigorous rhythm. The peak of the evening's entertainment was not reached, however, until hymn books were laid aside, and, from the midst of the ensuing repartee, came the suggestion that someone sing that song about "The Gambler's Farewell" or the "pore girl who pined away and died because her lover deserted her and never returned." Cov protest on the part of the person solicited would always be overruled; if he found that, after all, he did not remember the whole of it, he would receive aid and comfort from another member of the party, and, in spite of any mishap to the less colorful middle stanzas, the song would reach its tragic climax in triumph. Everyone seemed to have some particular song of his own with which to do his turn, and before time came for loading the wagons, and mounting horses to be off, a very complete community repertoire of folk song would have been displayed.

Most of us whose palates are accustomed to a more highly seasoned fare in the matter of entertainment would find it hard to comprehend the eager interest of these groups in the ballads that they heard. The reception of the most spectacular Ziegfeld revue by a

modern audience cannot compare with the intense eagerness with which the ballad audience followed the moving misadventures of their song heroes, their lips slightly parted, eyes glowing in the fire light, bodies unconsciously swaying with the rhythm of the song. If a singer forgot his song, not a beat in the music was lost before one or two listeners unconsciously supplied the missing part and carried the song forward. Variations in incident or even in phraseology might become a matter of heated discussion.

Such interest was frankly an interest in the story which the song told and not in the excellence of the performance. If a ballad told a good story, it was a favorite. And successful narrative theme might be said to be the one common attribute of the numerous types of folk songs popular in the Missouri Ozarks in 1910. Practically every type of folk song could be found in that community repertoire: the relatively modern melodramatic or sentimental song such as our old friend, "The Wreck of the Old 97"; the modern variant of an old English ballad theme; the quaint later English ballad-like song adopted unchanged into the Missouri repertoire; the really old English ballad, which, despite corruption, strangely persisted almost unchanged. All these I have called folk song from the point of view of the people who sang them. They were equally a vital part of their aesthetic and social interests.

The melodramatic sentimental song, however, is, strictly speaking, not folk lore at all, because it began by a written version and has been transmitted by written version as well as by word of mouth. Perhaps the most gruesome song of this type was "The Gambler's

Farewell." And even though the words may cause a shudder, please keep in mind the fact that its doleful tune enhances its horror tenfold!

My father was a gambler, he learnt me how to play,

My father was a gambler, he learnt me how to play.

to play, Sayin', son, don't go a-beggin' when you hold the ace and tray,

When you hold the ace and tray.

#### Refrain:

Hang me, oh, hang me, and I'll be dead and gone,

Hang me, oh, hang me, and I'll be dead and gone,

I wouldn't mind the hangin', it's bein' gone so long,

It's layin' in the grave so long.

They took me down to old Fort Smith as sick as I could be,

They took me down to old Fort Smith as sick as I could be,

They handed me a letter sayin', "Son, come home to me,"
Sayin', "Son, come home to me."

My father and my mother and my little sister makes three,

My father and my mother and my little sister makes three,

They all come up to the gallows to see the last of me,

To see the last of me.

They put the rope around my neck and drew me very high,

They put the rope around my neck and drew me very high,

And the words I heard 'em sayin' was, "It won't be long till he'll die,"

It won't be long till he'll die."

A relatively modern variant of the really old English "Daemon Lover" is "The House Carpenter." In incident it is identical with its English forebear; it differs only in the transformation of the protagonist from a mysterious daemon (whose horns and cloven hoofs the lady notices too late) into a commonplace human seducer. Certain other manifestations of the supernatural have also disappeared.

"I once could have married a king's daughter.
And she would have married me,
But I have crossed the deep briny ocean
All for the love of thee."

"If you could have married a king's daughter, And she would have married thee, You need not have crossed the deep briny ocean

All for the love of me."

"If you could have married a king's daughter, I think you are to blame, For I am married to a house carpenter And I think he's a fine young man."

"If you will leave your house carpenter
And come along with me,
I'll take you where the grass grows green
On the banks of Liberty."

She pickèd up her dear little babe And gave it kisses three, Saying, "Stay at home, my dear little babe, Keep father company."

She went into her dressing room
And dressed all up so gay
Just for to leave her house carpenter
And sail on the raging sea.

"And what have you got to maintain me upon And keep me from slavery?"

"I've seven ships in harbor and on sea And seven more on land And three hundred of bright boatsmen To rise at your command."

She pickèd up her dear little babe And gave it kisses four, Saying, "Stay at home, my dear little babe, Whose face I shall see no more."

This lady had not been a-sailing on deck
For more than two weeks or three,
When she was down at the bottom of the boat,
Weeping most bitterly.

"Oh, do you weep for your silver or your gold, Or do you weep for your store, Or do you weep for your house carpenter You left on the other shore?"

"I neither weep for my silver or my gold,
I neither weep for my store,
But I do weep for my poor little babe
Whose face I shall see no more."

This lady had not been a-sailing on deck
For more than three weeks or four,
When there sprang a leak at the bottom of
the boat—
Her weeping was heard no more.

The third type of folk song that I have mentioned was the more modern

and hence more formal English song which has been preserved intact by our Missouri mountain folk. Such is "The Quaker Wooing," whose charm you can only faintly guess unless you know the quaint plaintive melody of the man's part in the dialogue and the frisky measure of the girl's spirited replies.

"Maiden I have come a-courting, Heigh-hum, heigh-hum, heigh-ho; Not for pleasure nor for sporting, Heigh-hum, heigh-hum, heigh-ho."

"Then you may sit and stir the fire,
Ding-tum-a-ding-tum-a-deigh-dey-oh;
For I think that I'll retire,
Ding-tum-a-ding-tum-a-deigh-dey-oh."
(The refrains are repeated in each stanza.)

"I've a ring and forty shilling, And you can have them if you're willing."

"What care I for rings or money, I want a man that'll call me honey."

"Must I give up my religion, And become a Presbyterian?"

"You go home and tell your daddy That you did not find me ready."

"Must I go without one token, Must I go with my heart broken?"

"Cheer up, cheer up, loving brother, If you can't catch one fish, catch another."

The strangest of all the types of ballads that our Missouri folk sang was the really old English ballad that had somehow persisted to hold a place in their affections despite its fragmentary nature and its corruptness-corruptness sometimes to the extent that passages have become practically unintelligible. Yet fragments which remain represent points of high interest in the story, and for these spirited incidents the fragments have been cherished. Such a ballad is "Pretty Polly," one of the very old variants of the "Blue Beard" theme. In order that you may understand the story fully, I shall have to piece out the missing parts by information gleaned from a study of versions of this same ballad found elsewhere.

A handsome and clever villain has won the affections of a rich young lady and has persuaded her to elope with "some of her father's gold, and some of her mother's fee, and two of the best nags out of the stable." This fragment begins at the point where they reach the sea shore and the villain reveals his true perfidious self.

"I have drowned here six fair ladies And the seventh one you will be.

"Take off those costly robes you wear And fold them here by me, They are too costly and too fine To float on the salt, salt sea."

In this case, however, the villain has met his match; she pleads with him to turn his back while she complies with his request, whereupon

She picked him up quite manfully
And plunged him into the sea,
Saying, "Lie there, lie there, you false-hearted
man,
Lie there instead of me,
Your clothes are not too costly and too fine
To float on the salt, salt sea."

She mounted on the milk-white steed And led the dappled gray, And rode unto her own dear home; It was three long hours till day.

There she finds that her parrot is up, ready with a morning greeting, which she is afraid will awaken the household and betray her. As she has feared, her father is aroused and comes to investigate the noise. The loyal and clever bird explains that she has been awakened by the cat. Thereupon Pretty Polly says:

"Well turned, well turned, my pretty Poll parrot, Well turned, well turned," said she. "Your cage it shall be of the glittering gold, And the doors of ivory. "No tales, no tales, my pretty Poll parrot, No tales you will tell on me, Your cage it shall be of the glittering gold, And hung on you willow-tree."

All of these types of ballads were equally dear to citizens of Phelps County. They exercised no discriminating disapproval of the modern sentimental song or no preference for the charming and naïve relics of really fine old folk lore. With them the story was the thing, and in all cases the story was equally moving. For the person with pedantic interest in folk lore, however,

the Phelps County repertoire furnishes many forms of interest of which its owners were not aware. From their songs he can learn many fascinating things that happen to ballads in their long career among obscure, unlettered folk, and he can have emphasized for him again that important fact that human nature has always been and probably always will be the same—that the human appetite for a good story has always existed and always will exist so long as there are human beings.

# Wisconsin's Prom Queen

Louise Dvorak of Gamma Phi Beta

THE greatest social honor that can be bestowed by the University of Wisconsin has fallen to a member of Gamma of Gamma Phi Beta—Louise Dvorak of Berwyn, Illinois, and "Personality Co-ed" during Homecoming Week. She is described as tall, slender, with dark hair and beautiful dark eyes, possessing much personal charm, vivacity, dignity, and poise.

According to custom, the identity of the Prom Queen is kept secret until the Pre-Prom Dance; and on that occasion, a spotlight thrown on the steps of the Memorial Union ballroom revealed Miss Dvorak on the arm of the Prom King, Edwin Kinsley, a member of Sigma Chi. The huge crowd of collegians went wild with excitement; and amid enthusiastic cheers and approving whistles, the King and Queen entered the ballroom. The Queen wore a Vionnet model of turquoise blue crêpe trimmed with silver sequins, a blue turban, blue and silver shoes and long black gloves. Her corsage was of gardenias and lilies of the valley.

The Madison paper announces the event as follows:

MADISON, Wis., Jan. 9—The 1932 Prom Queen of the University of Wisconsin was revealed Saturday night at the Pre-Prom dance as Miss Louise Dvorak of Berwyn, Illinois.

Edwin Kinsley of Elgin, Illinois, the Prom King, made known his choice by leading the grand march in the Memorial Union hall with Miss Dvorak, a junior and member of Gamma Phi Beta Sorority. They met at the opening of the fall term.

Formal announcement of the choice of a Prom Queen for the dance February 5 had been awaited with interest by college students, and was broadcast throughout the state Saturday night.

# Gamma Phi Betas in Junior League

(To those chapter correspondents who were courteous and efficient in that they endeavored to supply the desired material in regard to Junior League, the Editor is most grateful. The article is incomplete on account of lack of co-operation; but the subject matter is most interesting and most enlightening.)

#### DENVER

HEN the Junior League of Denver was founded in 1917, it blossomed under the tender care of a group of sponsors whose enthusiasm was only equalled by their ignorance. There were even masculine members in those halcyon days! Journeys to New York and other cities soon resulted in reorganization and confirmation to the national ideals. The main work of the League has grown from an endowed ward at the Children's Hospital, through a twentybed Preventorium, to the financing and staffing of special health work in the Denver Public Schools. Income for League work has been derived from circuses, follies, bazaars, and what-not, up to the development of a very prosperous shop and tea room. There are classes in Social Service work; Visiting Nurse Clinical Assistants; Shop and General Motor Corps girls; Committees on Arts and Interests; Plays for Children; Citizens Relief; and untold others. It is assumed, both from local opinion and universal statistics, that the Denver League is one of the busiest, noisiest, and happiest Leagues in the national organization.

GAMMA PHI BETA MEMBERS
Helen Campion Mulvihill (Mrs Harry)—Theta
Helen Henry Benedict (Mrs. Mitchell)—Theta
Pattié Flint Graham (Mrs. Donald)—Theta
Mary Ruffner—Theta
Ruth Wilkerson—Theta
Lydia Day—Theta
Gertrude Thompson—Theta
Josephine Maroney—Theta

#### DES MOINES

The Junior League maintains a convalescent home for children and does work with physically handicapped children, functioning through the public schools. The League was instrumental in securing the gift to the city of Des Moines of the new \$3,000,000 School for the Physically Handicapped Child, the gift of Dr. and Mrs. David Smouse, former Des Moines residents, now of Los Angeles. This building in its beauty and equipment is the newest and finest of its kind. At present, the children are taken in taxis to school by the city schools, but in the beginning of this work the Junior League bought a bus for transportation.

GAMMA PHI BETA MEMBERS
Chloris Waterbury Straight (Mrs. Merton)—
Rho

#### LINCOLN

Pi Chapter of the University of Nebraska is fortunate in having two of its members belong to the local Junior League of Lincoln. They are Mrs. Phillip Watkins (Ethel De Young), who is a past treasurer of the organization, and Mrs. Warren Ogden (Dorothy Teal), who is now actively engaged as a member of the property committee of the Children's Theater and of the Scribbler's club.

The Junior League is an active civic, social, and community organization of Lincoln. Its main project is the Baby Clinic which is supported by personal donations of the League members and, this year, through funds raised by giving a benefit bridge and a charity ball. The League also sponsors the Children's Theater in Lincoln. It has been organized since 1920.

#### Los Angeles

Los Angeles has had a League since 1926. Its main charitable object is a Home for Convalescent Children. It is in temporary quarters at 1923 Ingram Street. Here patients between the ages of two and twelve years, from various institutions, are cared for after they are no longer acutely ill but still in such a state of convalescence that they cannot return to their homes. Two trained nurses, a cook, and a school teacher which the city supplies, are in charge. The League from time to time also lends its assistance to other charities. It is endorsed by the Community Chest, the State Board of Charities, the Board of Health, and the Social Service Bureau.

The chief source of income is derived from proceeds of a horse show which is given each spring at the Flintridge Riding Club. Funds are also raised through the Junior League Shop and the Junior League Children's plays. GAMMA PHI BETA MEMBERS

Violet Shepherd Bonner (Mrs. Clark)—Lambda

Dorothy Coffin Bancroft (Mrs. John W.)—Nu
Doris Ives Masters (Mrs. Paul)—Lambda
Alice Ives Richardson (Mrs. Herbert C.)—
Lambda

#### MINNEAPOLIS

The interests of the Junior League of Minneapolis are carried on by a group of one hundred and thirty-seven active and provisional members, although the total membership registers two hundred.

The philanthropic activities consist physiotherapy work which the League has supported entirely since its inception six years ago; and a subsidized home maintained jointly with the Children's Protective Society where last year seventy-two children were studied and temporarily housed before placement, each child acquiring a complete wardrobe before leaving. In the beginning both ventures were experimental, and both have proven their value and need in the community. Today, the League boasts of a Curative Workshop where the physiotherapy work is carried on jointly with the occupational work of the Visiting Nurses' Association. Amid most attractive surroundings and the latest equipment, our crippled patients find themselves. Six treatment rooms, a hydrotherapy tank, gymnasium apparatus, apparatus for walking, kiddie cars, bean bags, everything to encourage and assist the patients on their long road to recovery is at hand. The exceptional part of the physiotherapy nursing service lies in the fact that those patients not able to come to the Shop are not neglected but are visited regularly and are treated in their own homes. In 1931, five nurses made 17,255 visits; 9028 treatments were

given to adults; and 7804 were given to children—the total number of patients being 861. Besides these philanthropies, the Minneapolis League maintains a tea room, and occasionally sponsors dramatic and art projects. In fact, the program is so varied and so extensive that it enlists the interest of every active member and keeps her alert to do her part in helping to meet a budget which ranges between seven and ten thousand dollars.

GAMMA PHI BETA MEMBERS Louise Jenkins-Kappa

#### SAINT PAUL

Mary Wilde Moore (Mrs. David W.) of Kappa Chapter is at present our only member of the Junior League. The group established a convalescent home in this city some years ago, and engages in various activities in order to maintain it. The proceeds from the permanent gift shop go toward the upkeep of the home and each year there is some special project to raise money. Sometimes a well-known speaker or musician is brought to Saint Paul; sometimes the members of the League present a stage show or follies. The League does volunteer charity work all the year, and has established a motor fleet to give free aid to the cause of charity.

#### SYRACUSE

The Syracuse Junior League reports a very busy year. One of the main activities always has been a gift to Camp Hillcrest-financial aid and service: and Hillcrest is an all-year camp that accommodates fifty crippled and undernourished children. The League solicited nearly eight thousand dollars this year for the Community Chest Fund and gave another thousand to this enterprise. Last year, the members gave a beautiful production of The Bluebird and are planning to present Treasure Island, Each member of the League is required to give a half-day each week in service to some civic welfare organization. After several weeks' duty, the members rotate so that eventually each Leaguer will be thoroughly trained in many types of service. By so doing the League is rendering a great amount of service at a critical time and also is giving each member a splendid opportunity to discover in just what organization she can give the most assistance.

#### GAMMA PHI BETA MEMBERS

Kathleen Halstead Small (Mrs. S. M.)—Alpha Elizabeth Archbold Boyd (Mrs. David)—Al-

Elizabeth Morss Murray (Mrs. W. H. G.)-Alpha

Dorothy Andrews Dawley (Mrs. J. H.)-Alpha Frances Ward Rice (Mrs. E. F.)—Alpha Grace Eddy Boone (Mrs. W. E.)—Alpha

Katherine Dawley Brown (Mrs. Henry W.)-

Ernestine Wiltsie Lapham (Mrs. W. G. Jr.) -Alpha

Norma Brannock-Alpha Charlotte Hinds-Alpha Esther Wynkoop-Alpha Marion Blumer-Alpha

Janet Cook Morris (Mrs. Howard)-Alpha Charlotte Leonard Quaintance (Mrs. Richard)

Ruth Buckman Armstrong (Mrs. A. C.)-Alpha

#### PORTLAND

The chief project of the Junior League in Portland, Oregon, is the Out-Patient Department of the University of Oregon Medical School. Five hundred dollars each month is contributed to its support and between forty-five and fifty League members volunteer their services each week to act as clinic secretaries, admitting secretaries, doctor's secretaries, typists, and bandage makers. The infant welfare clinics of

the Visiting Nurses' Associations are carried on with the assistance of the League volunteers. Nine girls work at seven weekly clinics and the result of clinics of this kind is felt throughout the country in the decrease in the infant mortality rate in recent years. The Junior League sponsors a motor corps of eleven regular drivers which is used by welfare workers attached to various organizations. League members assist the Public Welfare Bureau by volunteering their services in filing, visiting, and driving. The Junior League Players present each year four plays for children. The Marionettes are open for engagements, the proceeds of which go to the Out-Patient fund. Last but not least, a substantial check is presented each year to Mr. Von Hoogstratten, Portland's famed symphony conductor, to be used in the purchase of music for the Symphony library.

#### GAMMA PHI BETA MEMBERS

Margaret Kern—Nu
Mrs. W. Keith Blair (Lee Luders)—Nu
Mrs. Earl Cobb (Ada Kendall)—Nu
Mrs. Earnest Boylan (Florence Kendall)—Nu
Mrs. Roland Banks (Doris Dezendorf)—Nu
Mrs. John Marshall (Harriet Dezendorf)—
Nu
Mrs. A. W. Martin (Leone Vial)—Nu
Mrs. E. H. Shea (Margaret Murphy)—Nu
Mrs. Francis Hall—Nu
Frances Cornell—Nu

#### WICHITA

The Wichita Chapter of the Junior League of America is one of the dominant organizations of Wichita social life. From the standpoint of social service, the League maintains a day nursery which has received much commendation.

GAMMA PHI BETA MEMBERS Louise Weaver—Phi Elizabeth Campbell—Sigma

#### SEATTLE

Our Seattle Junior League has a membership of approximately one hundred and seventy. The percentage of sorority women is surprisingly small. In addition to our twelve Gamma Phis there are six Kappas, six Thetas, five Delta Gammas, and two Pi Phis.

Our League program in Seattle is varied. Our first love is our Convalescent Home which we maintain for little charity patients from the Orthopedic Hospital. We have accommodations for twenty children in the Hansel and Gretel building overlooking the Sound and the Government Locks. In addition to raising the ten thousand dollars which it costs to maintain the home annually, there are a hundred other things to be done for the children, such as driving them to and from the hospital for their daily treatments; making and mending their clothes; buying their groceries; putting up their preserves; supervising their play and taking them on nature walks; and last but not least, seeing that their holidays are gay and happy times. One Gamma Phi husband makes the most heavenly Santa.

Among the older girls a favorite form of League activity is transposing pet books into Braille. In the early days this had to be done by hand-each line and word backward so that the bumps would appear on the right side for clever blind fingers to read. Now we have a Braille typewriter that eliminates much of the drudgery and some thirty blind people come to our weekly reading class. In the past the girls have tried only to read stories which would amuse these poor people but this year some effort is being made to lecture on worth-while and instructive subjects. However, the committee in charge admits reluctantly that

pungent stories and ice cream and cake still make the greatest hit.

The things for which we are probably best known are our Follies and our children's plays. In the younger days of the League, the Follies were a howling success both as a source of revenue and as a means of getting the whole League with its beaux and husbands playing together. Now that many of our husbands have settled down to being substantial citizens it is not so easy to turn them out, and in these depressed times it has seemed rather hazardous to risk the huge overhead that the production of a Follies requires, so we have turned our energies to the children. Our hope is to build up a players group that will be more or less permanent. At present we give one or two plays a year, such things as Cinderella and Little Boy Blue. We are slowly developing people who can write our own plays; others who can design our sets and costumes; and in the meantime we are using what professional assistance we need, and are making enough money as we go along to more than justify our existence.

In recent years the Arts and Interests group has sponsored an etching exhibit, another of old and rare silver, and a series of Treasure Teas at which each of us showed some long cherished possession. We maintain a Symphony Exchange Bureau from which poor music students may get free tickets to the symphonies. These are supplied by the holders of season seats who turn over to us any tickets they are unable to use.

The Seattle League publishes a monthly news sheet on which our would-be scribblers may practice. There is also a scribblers' club which endeavors to work up articles suitable for the National Junior League Magazine.

At the moment our most ambitious

undertaking is that of assisting the mayor in his unemployment relief program. A committee of one hundred and twenty-five has been canvassing the city for food and clothes for the unemployed and in three weeks we have collected roughly five thousand cans of food, two tons of staple foods, and some thousand garments. We expect to continue this work until spring.

There are numerous other small tasks which the League has taken on from time to time such as driving for the public health nurses, and serving the lunches at the orthopedic thrift shop. But for the past two years each one has been bowed under the personal responsibility of raising first thirty-five dollars, and this year fifty dollars toward the maintenance of the home. It was felt unwise in these hard times, to undertake elaborate money-making schemes by the League as a whole. Many of the girls have shown great ingenuity in raising their money. Others of us have had to take what jobs we could get or squeeze it out of our butter and egg fund. It has been a healthy experience for all of us but we are almost universally thankful that this is only a war time measure for the League.

# Anita Merry Wheeler Glen (Lambda)

Gamma Phi Beta Members

Alice Blake—Lambda
Mary Collins Johnson—Lambda
Elizabeth Chadwick—Lambda
Clara Emory Allen—Lambda. Transferred to
Chicago
Sally Gyde Moffitt—Lambda. Transferred to
Tacoma
Ruth Jocelyn Ewing—Chi
Katherine Jerome Stubbs—Lambda. Transferred to San Francisco
Jean Kelley Nims—Lambda. Transferred from
Tacoma
Emily Nettleton Walker—Lambda
Mary Prior Black—Lambda
Janet Powell Tourtelotte—Lambda
Anita Merry Wheeler Glen—Lambda

# Iowa's Honorary Cadet Colonel

THE position of honorary cadet colonel is considered the highest honor that can be received by a woman student at the University of Iowa; and this distinction has fallen to Carma Wagner of Rho Chapter. The office means her presence at all military functions such as the Governor's Banquet and Inspection Day. The following interesting account from an Iowa City paper shows the importance of the event:

Two crackling bursts of machine gun fire that abruptly stilled the music of Ted Fiorito and his Victor recording orchestra, was the signal that marked the appearance of Carma Wagner, attired in the uniform of honorary cadet colonel, at the Military Ball last night.

Miss Wagner received the commission of honorary cadet colonel upon a balcony decorated with company guidons and the American flag. Lieut. Col. Converse R. Lewis administered the oath of office in the direct presence of Cadet Col. William McCulley, and Lieut. Col. George Evans.

As a detachment of advanced military students formed in echelon, the new "first lady of the regiment," was escorted to the main floor where she was taken into honorary membership of Scabbard and Blade, honorary advanced military fraternity, and Pershing Rifles, honorary basic military fraternity. Following the playing of "Old Gold," during which Miss Wagner and Colonel Lewis stood at salute, cadets rushed toward their honorary cadet colonel to the strains of "Congratulations."

Miss Wagner is affiliated with Gamma Phi Beta Sorority, Mortar Board, Hesperia Literary Society, and University Players. She is a member of the board of governors of the university theater, was a member of the committee for the 1931 junior representative, an attendant to the Dolphin Queen, and was on the reception committee for homecoming weekend, the Freshman Mixer, and Freshman Week. She was also a member of Dad's Day committee.

Previous to her presentation as honorary cadet colonel, Miss Wagner was attired in a pale green organdy chiffon formal fashioned with a tight bodice and a very full skirt. An underskirt of lace showing through her chiffon skirt, large puffed sleeves, and a lace yoke added quaintness to her costume. Ecru colored lace mitts matching the lace yoke, silver slippers, and a small pearl pendant completed the outfit. Miss Wagner was escorted by William A. Bailey, Jr.

The main lounge of Iowa Union was transformed into a castle for the event. Programs were of leather, bearing as a design part of the coat of arms of the U. S. Army.

### Epsilon Member Signed by Paul Whiteman

JANE VANCE of Epsilon has been engaged by Paul Whiteman on a five-year contract!

And Jane's career has been an eventful one; for since her initiation into Gamma Phi Beta she has been Syllabus Queen and has been chosen Chicago's most beautiful co-ed. While a student at the School of Speech, she became interested in vocal music and was one of a trio that often performed at college affairs. At present, she is singing at the Edgewater Beach Hotel, gaining some practical experience before the microphone while Paul Whiteman is on tour.





CARMA WAGNER, Rho Honorary Cadet Colonel



Grace Eddy Boone Alpha and Syracuse Katherine Dawley Brown Alpha and Syracuse

Marion Blumer Alpha and Syracuse Esther Wynkoop Alpha and Syracuse

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Frances Ward Rice Alpha and Syracuse Charlotte Hinds Alpha and Syracuse

DOROTHY ANDREWS DAWLEY
Alpha and Syracuse
NORMA BRANNOCK
Alpha and Syracuse

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    - (3) Lydia Day Theta





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  Theta and Denver
  - (2) GERTRUDE THOMPSON Theta
  - (3) RUTH WILKERSON Theta







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- (2) Elizabeth Campbell Sigma
- (3) Leona Vial Martin Nu and Portland





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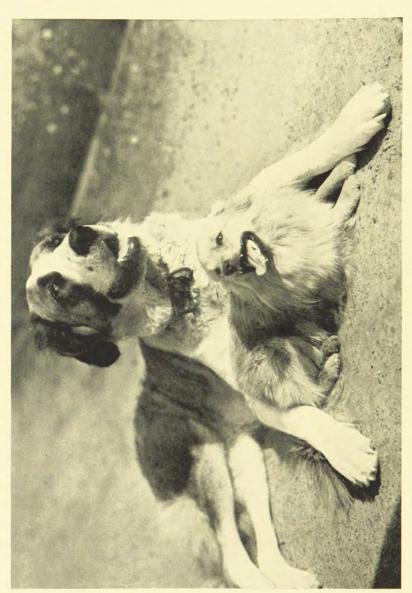
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LOUISE DVORAK, Gamma Prom Queen at Wisconsin



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JANE VANCE, Epsilon



PEGGY, THE HEROINE

# Bernice Ryan of Zeta

(From a Baltimore newspaper)

BERNICE RYAN, coach for four years at Park School, Liberty Heights Avenue, lays all the credit of the sterling record in sports the school has made on the girls. She claims they are eager to practice and work diligently at their games.

They also know, Miss Ryan continued, that if they do not qualify, someone else is ready to step in their shoes and that they get the rewards for what they do.

Miss Ryan tells them before games to play intelligently at least. If they play badly she lets them hear criticism. She seldom praises individuals, never showing favoritism, of course, and once in a while compliments the team.

During the four years of field hockey, Park teams have not been defeated by high schools, having won twenty-four out of twenty-nine games with club and school teams. During the same period of basketball, thirty-four victories and thirteen losses are recorded.

Miss Ryan hails from Preston, Iowa. Her first year out of Goucher College she spent doing social service work in Philadelphia. Although she majored in social science at college, she "always had a great yen for athletics." So Park claimed her as athletic director and since that time sports have taken a better turn. The year before she arrived not one basketball victory was won.

A record at Goucher like Miss Ryan's is the envy of collegiate athletes. It follows: class riding team; honorary hockey varsity, four years, center forward; honorary baseball, three years; honorary varsity basketball, forward, freshman and senior years; captain of class hockey team, sophomore year; captain class basketball, junior year; president of athletic association, senior year.

Miss Ryan was nominated to the presidency of the student government association at college her senior year. She was elected to Sigma Zeta, senior honorary society, as a reward for all-round activities. She was a member of Gamma Phi Beta, social society, of which she was president her senior year. She served as sophomore class president and junior member of the student organization.

At Penn Hall, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, where she prepared for college, Miss Ryan played varsity hockey and basketball two years.

Miss Ryan made the canoeing team at Camp Bryn Afon, Rhinelander, New York, and all the other orthodox teams. She was one of six girls to receive the position of honor girl, a distinction awarded to those who are all-round and have good camp spirit. She spent one summer there as counselor of baseball and canoeing.

Perhaps much of Miss Ryan's success is due to trying to keep up with her brother, R. M. Ryan, who received a medal for horsemanship at Culver (Indiana) Military Academy. At Purdue University he captained his class football team four years, was on the varsity track team, and graduated with honors.



CO-ORGANIZERS OF GAMMA PHI BETA
Nathalie Kyser Hermoine Stimpson Barbara Schmidt

# Co-Organizers of Gamma Phi Beta Chapters

### Barbara Schmidt

BARBARA SCHMIDT, co-organizer of Alpha Pi Chapter, was graduated from Northwestern University in 1931. She served as Scholarship Chairman, was chapter president of Zeta Phi Eta, served on a committee of thirteen which revised the curricula of the School of Speech of Northwestern University, and was a

member of the cast of the interfraternity and the intersorority play which was awarded the second prize offered by the Interfraternity Council in 1930. Besides having a very wise little head on her capable shoulders, Barbara is attractive and charming, and has completely won the affection and esteem of the chapter she is helping.

### Hermoine Stimpson

Hermoine Stimpson is a graduate of Annie Wright Seminary in Tacoma, one of the best girls' preparatory schools in the northwest. She began her career at Lambda Chapter by serving as president of the pledges during her freshman year at the University of Washington, and has assisted the chapter in many other capacities since that time. Athletics seem to have been her particular forte for as a member of the teams in the intramural series, she helped to win the cup for Gamma Phi two years in succession. Gamma Phi Beta is most fortunate in enlisting Hermoine as one of her co-organizers.

### Nathalie Kyser

Alpha Chapter feels most generous in lending one of her most outstanding seniors, Nathalie Kyser, to our baby chapter, Alpha Tau, but as Alpha writes: "Wouldn't a mother do anything for her infant!" "Nan," as you who attended convention remember her, has captured many campus honors during her years at Syracuse University and at the same time has maintained and enviable scholastic record. Her record, in fact, has been so splen-

did that the dean made an exception in the ruling which provides that all seniors must maintain residence on the Syracuse campus for the entire year to receive a degree, and permitted her to transfer to McGill University. Alpha Tau will benefit greatly from contact with "Nan," especially in rushing, for the rushing campaign which she recently conducted for Alpha Chapter won for it the most outstanding freshmen of the year.

# National Panhellenic Congress at St. Louis

Gamma Phi Beta at National Panhellenic Congress

HE National Panhellenic Congress met October 27-30 at St. Louis, Missouri. Gamma Phi was represented by her regular delegate, Lillian W. Thompson, and by Mrs. Stover, who went for Mrs. Hoffman, Mrs. Norman Smith, Chairman of Expansion, and Mrs. White, Executive Secretary. The meetings were held at the Statler Hotel and were attended by about a hundred people—delegates, alternates, and visitors. Two meetings were opened to others. One was held to discuss city Panhellenic progress, and to this came delegates from a number of cities. The other was a joint meeting of National Panhellenic and delegates from college Panhellenics to discuss their special problems. Both meetings were new departures for N.P.C. and rather in the nature of experiments.

The Gamma Phi delegates were most delightfully entertained by the active chapter at their attractive rooms in the new Women's Building on the Washington University campus. The alum-

næ entertained at a charming luncheon at the Park Plaza Hotel, and the officers of both chapters entertained at a dinner. So the delegates had a number of chances to get acquainted with the St. Louis Gamma Phis who have the hospitable spirit of the south. Then the St. Louis City Panhellenic arranged a luncheon at the Missouri Athletic Association and a ride over the city which took us for a view of the Lindbergh trophies and the zoo. Later Dorothy Jennings drove us to Shaw's Gardens and entertained at dinner in a most delightful Spanish restaurant, The Castilla, owned and operated by the mother of a Gamma Phi.

The business transacted by the sessions will be reported on later. Nothing of very great importance came up this time, but the many contacts and conferences made this congress a very friendly and delightful occasion.

LILLIAN W. THOMPSON National Panhellenic Delegate

### Sorority Editors Experienced Good Meeting

The biennial meeting of the Sorority Editors' Conference took place at the Statler Hotel, St. Louis, Missouri, Tuesday evening, October 27.

In the estimation of the editors, our meeting is the most enjoyable of the Panhellenic Congress, and this dinner proved no disappointment. Florence Merdian, editor of the Aglaia of Phi Mu, and chairman, presided. Each guest introduced herself and we found nineteen of us to be present: Helen Nieman Skeer, editor of the Eleusis of Chi Omega; Wilma Smith Leland, editor of To Dragma of Alpha Omicron Pi; Ida F. Preston, editor of The Dial

of Theta Upsilon; Lyda Clarke, editor of Talaria of Sigma Phi Beta; Dorothea Murphy Elliott, editor of Portals of Alpha Delta Theta; Frances W. Baker, editor of the Triangle of Sigma Kappa: Theodora M. Collins, editor of The Lyre of Alpha Chi Omega; Mabel Scott Brown, editor of the Arrow of Pi Beta Phi; Margaret H. Pease, editor of The Lamp of Delta Zeta; Anna Miller Knote, editor of the Alpha Xi Delta; Shirley Kreasan Krieg, editor of Themis of Zeta Tau Alpha; Ruth Thompson, editor of Alpha Phi Quarterly; L. Pearle Green, editor of Kappa Alpha Theta; Luelda C. Burnaugh, vice-president, Beta Sigma Omicron; Grace Olsen Kistler, national delegate, Phi Omega Pi; Della Winters Thede, vice-president of Beta Phi Alpha; Miriam Kennedy Weisell, alumnæ secretary, Beta Sigma Omicron; Helen Snyder, visitation officer, Kappa Kappa Gamma. The chairman read a letter of greeting from Leland F. Leland, Tau Kappa Epsilon, president of the College Fraternity Editors Association.

Frances Warren Baker's illustrated talk of her canoe trip in Europe proved an evening of good entertainment. Her sense of humor and experiences of the unusual created no end of laughter.

Shop talk took a turn toward publicity. The sororities and their editors seemed opposed to the publication, in local newspapers, of social items. Shirley Krieg told of Zeta Tau Alpha's

plans of sorority propaganda. On Founders Day, publicity is sent from her office to newspapers, telling of philanthropies. Her office maintains an information service where photographs of prominent members and information concerning the sorority may be obtained.

The editors felt that the Congress was losing a fine opportunity to disseminate sorority propaganda before their meetings and proposed that a publicity committee be appointed at least one month before the time scheduled for the meeting.

A discussion of everything from cuts to paper and covers followed, and after adjournment, the discussions continued in small groups. How much of the practical each editor learns from these discussions!

The new officers are: chairman, Wilma Smith Leland, editor of *To Dragma* of Alpha Omicron Pi; and secretary, Shirley Kreasan Krieg, editor of *Themis* of Zeta Tau Alpha.

Informal meetings followed whenever a gap in Congress meetings allowed. Plans for the next meeting and suggestions for the programs were discussed. May we encourage every sorority to see that its editor is there. Glad as we are to have other officers with us, no one can derive the benefits of our talks and contacts as well as the editor who is experiencing the problems of magazine editing.



## The Life of a Counselor on the Day Between Encampments



Recreation



Our Sign



United States and Canadian Counselors

# Gamma Phi Beta Camps Past and Present

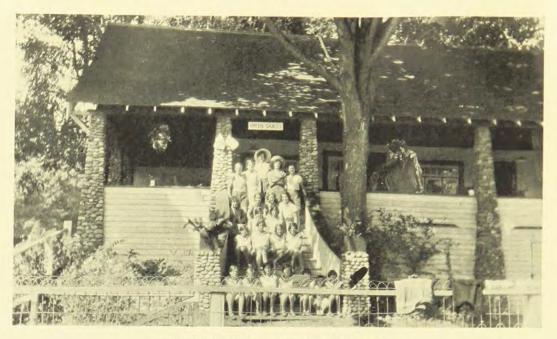
FOR the sake of our new members and chapters I am going to repeat what is perhaps becoming an old story to many of you. On the other hand it will do us all good to review the work that Gamma Phi Beta has done in the last six years with her camps.

Starting with the Denver alumnæ group, the Denver Camp made its first appearance at Crystal Lake, Colorado, in July, 1925. The Denver girls had very little except a vision and a lot of enthusiasm. All the money was raised by personal subscription, most of the girls earning their camp money, some in the most unique ways. Camp was operated four weeks and twelve children were taken each two-week period. Suits, shoes, and nightgowns were given to each one. While the amount raised was surprisingly large, still it was far from adequate for this enterprise, so a campaign was started for donations to supplement the fund. Mr. Eggert gave this a start by offering his ice plant as quarters; then came the railroad with splendid rates (these they are still giving to the camp); then milk, bread, and butter were given and a discount on groceries and countless other items. Next came the question of service. The girls from Theta volunteered to go as counselors and even as cooks, but with all this more was needed and letters were sent to neighboring chapters telling them of the project. Margaret Decker, Rho, responded and came as the first outside counselor. The camp was a real success and plans were pushed for a

better camp in 1926. That year Miriam Johnson, Tau, came as counselor; a cook was hired, but otherwise things were much the same as the preceding season.

In 1927, the girls were finding it harder to raise the money. More seemed to be needed as the donations were not as generous from the city firms. The playing cards were suggested, arranged for, and sold to all Gamma Phi Beta chapters, and this helped the finances considerably. Still it was a heavy load for one chapter. Marian Jones, Kappa, was a counselor that year. This was the year of the Mackinac convention, and it was there that the question of the camp as an international project was first discussed. The cards were taken over by the Grand Council and the proceeds all turned to the camp.

The following spring, Mrs. Barbour took up the camp question and decided that the international organization would partially finance it and would urge the members to become counselors, and this combination of International and Denver backing was the means of support for the 1928-29 seasons. In 1929, at the Kansas City convention, the camp question was thoroughly discussed; its financing and its method of growth, should it be one large camp taken care of as other sosorities care for their projects or should it be a number of small camps financed by the international organization and managed by chapters in vari-



HOME OF THE VANCOUVER CAMP

ous localities. The latter seemed to be by far the best as it gave a chance to children in all parts of the country to benefit by Gamma Phi Beta's generosity. Thus the 1930 camp was operated but it had grown meanwhile to twenty children each period and to three periods, making sixty in all. The ice plant was outgrown and an opportunity to use a very fine campsite was presented and accepted. This, the Ascension Camp, was an improvement in many ways but it had equally as many drawbacks. That year the counselors were nearly all from chapters outside of Colorado-Grace Smith, Alpha Lambda, and the others from Provinces III and IV. Laura Frances Cottingham, Alpha Delta, has been counselor-inchief three seasons.

In 1931 the real thrill came, for the project became international in fact as well as name, when the Vancouver chapter assumed the responsibility of establishing the second camp. Many

things continued just as they did the first season but wherever a change was advisable it has been made. The camps still care only for underprivileged girls between eight and twelve years of age; they still give them a suit and shoes to take home and a nightgown to use while in camp. The counselors are all Gamma Phi Betas and receive no salaries. The counselor-in-chief who serves the full time receives a small sum and this seems only fair to a girl who gives up six weeks of her summer to the work. The chapters now cut out dresses and each child makes herself a new frock to wear home. Local firms no longer donate to the camps but substantial discounts are allowed on many items and the managers for both camps spend many hours shopping about in order that all camp supplies may be purchased as reasonably as possible.

The life at camp is carried on in a most regular and systematic manner, and this is quite an innovation to the majority of the children. As a whole it is very pleasing to them after the disorder and chaos at home. There is bugle call in the morning, followed by setting-up exercises; after breakfast the various squads attend to the house work, and as soon as all is in order there is organized play, a hike or swim, then letter writing. The kitchen squads set the tables and prepare vegetables for dinner; as soon as dinner dishes are out of the way, naps are in order until about three, then they sew on their new dresses, make scrapbooks, etc., more play, and supper time, which is often a picnic preceded by hikes or games. The best hour of the day is the one at sundown when they gather around to sing, tell stories, read, and plan for stunt night. As the shades of night approach there is a bonfire and marshmallow roast. By nine the camp is all tucked in until another day. The children do all their work in groups of four under the guidance of a counselor, and so learn the correct way of doing the simple household tasks.

Vancouver counselors wore a uniform of buff and brown last season and in 1932 both camps will have their counselors in uniform. They both will wear the double brown but there will be a slight variation in the garments to meet climatic and topographical conditions.

At the last council meeting the Grand Council voted to enlarge the Vancouver camp in 1932. This will be done by taking twenty children each period, and operating four weeks; an increase of twelve, bringing the total up to one hundred for the two camps. Each year has seen some growth and that is the aim of Gamma Phi Beta, so that her camps will continue to grow from year



DORIS SHORNEY, Alpha Lambda Manager and Counselor-in-chief of Vancouver Camp, 1931-32

to year and that she may ever be of help to the little children.

#### POST-CAMP WORK

Many times we are asked, "Does the camp board do any follow-up work after camp is over?" Perhaps this excerpt from Doris Shorney's last letter will be a partial answer:

children. My dear, thank you so much for the film—we loved it—it was such fun to see all the Denver ones. I was so thrilled with them. Our party was a great success. We had Christmas colors for decorations, one long table, with candy, nuts for the children, oranges, cakes, etc. The main part of the meal was scalloped potatoes, carrots, green peas, creamed chicken with celery, eggs, rolls, and hot chocolate. For dessert we had three ice-cream rolls with Santa Claus, turkeys and Christmas trees in the middle. It was lovely. Louise Clarke, one of our Gamma Phis (one of the camp mothers) looked after this. We gave the children useful gifts such as stockings, socks, under-

wear, wool gloves, etc. We had the games organized and sang many of our camp songs. All afternoon our members (actives and grads) kept dropping in. By the way, all the children were there except one we could not find. Every camp mother, every counselor save the two from the States were there. Ella Cameron, the girl who cooked for us, came.

#### GIFTS

Since the closing of camp we have had four gifts that are so outstanding that it seems the good news should be passed along to you. First, as two of the counselors were returning home, they engaged in one of the inevitable railway conversations with an old gentleman from Peoria, Illinois. He was so impressed with what they told him about the camp and the work that it was accomplishing, that upon reaching their destination he handed them a check made payable to the camp and asked that they see it was used to help the work along. Early in the fall, Minneapolis alumnæ showed the film, A Day in Camp, at their meeting, and that night there was present a girl from Omicron Chapter who now lives in New York. She knew very little about the camps but was so interested after seeing the film that she immediately wrote Marian Jones a check-so it is due to Miss Astrid Dodge that the Denver Camp has some new sheets. At the Vancouver Christmas party for the children, Miss Cameron, who had been the camp cook, was also a guest. After the party she insisted that she must give the camp a Christmas present and so she tucked a bill in Doris Shorney's hand. At the last Denver alumnæ meeting, Mrs. Loring Lennox, Theta, who for many years has lived in Colorado Springs and has belonged to no chapter, was present. She decided to join Denver alumnæ this year and when she paid her dues she instructed the treasurer, that as she held a life subscription to the Crescent and was due a rebate, to give the rebate to the camp chairman

With this list of gifts is perhaps the best time to call your attention to the work of Miss Mary J. Wellington, Delta, and ex-grand president, who last year so kindly cut out dresses for the camps. She has been working for us again this year and just yesterday a lovely box of nightgowns enclosing her card and a sweet little note for the children arrived.

#### IMPORTANT CAMP ANNOUNCEMENTS

The camp movie still has a few open dates; in fact, all of May is open. It would be a splendid thing to use during "high school week" if you wish to interest future rushees or, if your old grads are due back for commencement, why not give them a treat. Make your dates as early as possible. No expense except return postage.

We still need twenty dresses, aprons, towels, and sun suits. Won't some of the alumnæ chapters make this their spring activity? Full details will be sent upon request.

Many chapters are busy piecing their quilts but for those of you that haven't started, please! One is needed from every chapter. They must be full bed size—then any color or style to suit your taste.

#### Counselors, WE NEED YOU

Many girls have already sent in their blanks, but not enough. There are still vacancies in both camps. The dates are July 6 to August 17. Fill in the following blank and mail at once. All counselors will wear a uniform this year consisting of buff polo shirt and hose. brown tie and shoes. Vancouver girls will wear brown shorts; Denver girls brown riding breeches. Both will be of khaki. This is an opportunity for a wonderful outing, a chance to meet and know Gamma Phi Betas from many chapters and, best of all, to further Gamma Phi Beta's tremendous work of providing a bright spot in the life of one hundred very underprivileged girls.

Chapters, if you haven't already sent in your camp tax, please do so at once; \$1.00 per capita for all alumnæ chapters and associations; \$25 per chapter for all Greek-letter chapters, Make all checks payable to Miss Alice Camerer.

Denver Camp wishes to extend an invitation this season to one or two alumnæ or Gamma Phi Beta mothers, to attend the camp as chaperons. There will be no duties or responsibility whatever. We want you for two reasons: first, to become interested in the camps, and, second, to lend the dignity and refinement essential to the ideals of our project. Anyone interested in this invitation will please communicate with Mrs. Walter Clarke.

1	Let Gamma Phi Beta Know of It.  Many Gamma Phis are planning their vacations now. Won't you join one of our camps?  f you are interested, tear this out and send to Mrs. Walter E. Clarke, International Cam
	man, 776 Vine Street, Denver, Colorado.  Other blanks upon application to the above.
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# Kappa's Successful Rush Week



H OW to make rush week something more than a mad succession of unrelated parties was a problem worked out at Minnesota this year by Kappa Chapter's artist, Marjorie Gray. True, Marjorie and her committee spent much of the week in overalls on their stomachs on the locker-room floor, completely surrounded by cans of paint, brushes, tacks, and canvas; but the results were so good that they should be shared with other Gamma Phi chapters.

The week's dates were correlated as a "Six-Day Cruise under the Crescent." On the wall in the reception room where the rushees stopped to sign the guest book hung a huge canvas poster, six by ten feet, gay in sea-blue, red, and black, depicting the places to be visited on the cruise. So intriguing was this prospectus that many who began the journey with us resolved then and there to remain to its end, rather than go to other parties at the risk of miss-

ing the boat. On Monday at a Bon Voyage tea, with travel favors and those gorgeous French travel posters on the walls, the party set sail for Foreign Parts. By Tuesday we had reached Italy, and dinner was enjoyed in the manner of that country. On Wednesday the tour party arrived in Switzerland, where tea was served by piquant Swiss maids in peasant costumes while a complete Swiss village lake, snowy mountains, fir trees, and tiny people and animals-was spread out on the long table. Thursday, en route to Paris, luncheon was eaten on the train. This was the traditional Pullman luncheon, always very successful with Kappa Chapter; there are always black waiters in their white coats, typical dining-car food (only much better!), telegrams for the rushees on the Gamma Phi Special, and dancing in the observation car forward. Next day the travelers met for dinner in Paris at the Café de la Paix. Here were tiny

sidewalk tables under tri-colored awnings, with a black paling fence around the square and street lamps on their tall posts at the corners. The French atmosphere was complete even to an Apache or two strayed down from Montmartre, and gigolos to dance with the ladies! The following night the cruise reached England, and the beauty and dignity of an English formal dinner party. This was the Crescent Dinner which always closes rushing. A quaint English flower girl passed around the table singing the "Carnation Song" and distributing old-fashioned nosegays of carnations and English lavender among the guests, while English lavender compacts were given as favors.

The Six-Day Cruise was over; but the bond which unites fellow travelers drew eighteen of them back on pledge day to put on the little brown pins.

Marjorie Gray, whose sense of artistic unity made this unique plan possible, is a junior in the university, and treasurer of the Art Education Association. She is a member of Delta Phi Delta, honorary art sorority. Her decorations of the Gamma Phi house during the 1931 homecoming won the sil-



MARJORIE E. GRAY, Kappa

ver cup for the best decorated sorority home. Kappa Chapter is proud to have you know Marjorie, her ideas and unlimited energy, and the spirit which always says "Nothing is too much work —if you are doing it for Gamma Phi!"

Sororities are educative if they provide for rich creative living; if they find out what each girl can do and enable her to give expression to her personality; if they provide stimulating cultural activity for every girl and provide means for genuine adjustment for each girl; if they can create public opinion which will condemn the slacker and commend the praiseworthy and reliable; if they raise standards morally, socially, and intellectually; if they help girls to make their best contribution to college life and gain most from college.

-Eleusis of Chi Omega

# To Phi Beta Kappas ... and Others

S CHOLARSHIP is the main activity of the college campus; it is the raison d'etre of the college itself. Therefore, as college and sorority women, we welcome any impetus to intellectual achievement, any development and expression of the function and method of culture in everyday life.

The American Scholar is the vehicle for the presentation of material that the

popular magazines cannot and will not handle; indeed, it is one of the most vital contributions to the periodical world, and not only should it appeal to Phi Beta Kappas and to those of intellectual attainment, but it should be in the library of every chapter house. A detailed explanation of the magazine follows; also, an article in regard to scholarship in the Greek-letter world.

#### The American Scholar

Phi Beta Kappa, the college honor society, parent of all Greek-letter societies, founded in 1776 at the College of William and Mary in Virginia and now having chapters in one hundred and twenty-six American colleges and a living membership of over 63,000, announces the appearance in January, 1932, of a new quarterly, *The American Scholar*. This periodical is designed not only for members of Phi Beta Kappa but for all who have general scholarly interests. It will be a non-technical journal of intellectual life.

Among its objectives are listed the following: the promotion in America of liberal scholarship; a medium for scholars and all persons who are interested in intellectual pursuits, higher learning, and the cultural development of America; a synthesis of the arts and sciences essential to liberal education and a guiding philosophy of life; an esprit de corps among the educated; the scholar's responsibility for major social

tendencies; a whole diet for the whole mind.

The contents are described as including articles scholarly but non-technical by eminent leaders of thought and action at home and abroad; introducing creative minds to the intellectual world; carefully selected from the work of young scholars, even undergraduates; and interpreting literature to non-critics, physics to non-physicists, and economics to non-economists, for example; and education, art, philosophy, and religion not merely to the professionally interested but to the intellectual generally.

The American Scholar will consist of at least 128 seven by ten inch pages, about 100 of which will be general articles and poems in twelve point old style Caslon type. This will be followed by about twenty-five pages of double-column ten point for items of news from the realm of scholarship. The quarterly will be printed by The Scrib-

ner Press, edited in the offices of the United Chapters of Phi Beta Kappa, 145 West 55th Street, New York, and distributed at two dollars a year.

The editor is William Allison Shimer, Ph.D., formerly a professor of philosophy at the Ohio State University; the consulting editor, Clark Sutherland Northup, professor of English at Cornell University; and the editorial board consists of Ada Louise Comstock, John Erskine, John Huston Finley, Christian Gauss, Will David Howe, Adam Leroy Jones, William Allan Neilson,

Harry Allen Overstreet, J. Herman Randall, Jr., and Frederick J. E. Woodbridge.

The first number contains articles by Frank Aydelotte, John W. Davis, John Erskine, John Finley, Dorothy Canfield Fisher, and Owen D. Young, and a poem by Odell Shepard. This journal is a distinct contribution to the intellectual life of America. Every person interested in the American college and the finer elements of American civilization should read *The American Scholar*.

### Mrs. Fredrick Weds

THOSE who attended the 1929 convention at Kansas City will remember most distinctly and most affectionately a former grand president, Cora Willard Fredrick, who was an honored guest on that occasion. Mrs. Fredrick's many friends will be interested in the news of her marriage to Reverend Herbert G. Coddington and will join in wishing her every happiness. The Syracuse newspaper tells of the wedding:

The marriage of Rev. Dr. Herbert G. Coddington, rector emeritus of Grace Episcopal Church, and Mrs. Cora Willard Fredrick, widow of William J. Fredrick, took place at 12:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon in the Onondaga. The marriage came as a surprise to friends of both the bride and bridegroom. Bishop Charles Fiske of Utica performed the ceremony in the presence of the immediate families of the couple.

The guests included Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Robertson, Miss Virginia Robertson, Donald Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Dibble, Miss Betty Dibble, Miss Winifred Coddington, Miss Mrs. R. Smiley of Lowville.

The bride wore a gown of black boliva velvet cut on simple lines with two rhinestone clips on the square neckline. Her hat was of black velvet with a metal decoration and her corsage was of orchids.

After the ceremony, a wedding luncheon was served in a private dining room. Dr. and Mrs. Coddington left late in the afternoon for New York City, Atlantic City, and Washington. On their return they will reside at the Onondaga until spring.

Mrs. Coddington is a daughter of James L. Willard and Cynthia Young Willard, who were prominent in the early history of Syracuse. Both her father and her first husband were in the insurance business. Mr. Fredrick was an executive of the Syracuse Underwriters association. The bride had resided at the Fredrick home, 1007 Harrison Street, since the death of her first husband until early this month, when she moved to the Onondaga.

Dr. Coddington served as rector of Grace Church forty years, is examining chaplain of the Central New York diocese and a member of the standing committee. He was graduated from Syracuse University in 1886, and studied at the General Theological Seminary in New York City. He was ordained in 1888. Dr. Coddington established St. Philip's Church in Syracuse and St. John's Church in Phoenix.

# The Encouragement of Scholarship by Social Fraternities

The Seventeenth National Council of Phi Beta Kappa in session at Brown University on September 11, 1931, adopted unanimously a resolution in which had been incorporated the following statement of Professor George Morey Miller of the University of Idaho.

DO not know whether this is the appropriate place or not, but I should like to say one word about something in connection with the encouragement of scholarship which I really believe concerns this body.

A number of people here know, some of you do not, that work undertaken by men like President Tigert and Dr. Shepardson in connection with the work of the social fraternities, especially that undertaken by the Interfraternity Conference in the last few years, has resulted in a marked improvement in the scholarship of college men belonging to social fraternities. It seems to me that it is a matter that concerns this body. I do not know whether we should take any action approving it or not, but I should like at least to see the president and secretary notify the officers of the Interfraternity Conference that we very much appreciate what they have done.

Some years ago some of the leaders in the social fraternities became very much ashamed of the magnificent ignorance of college men. It was one of the scandals of college life. The statement was made that the college fraternity was harmful to scholarship—a statement which seemed to be sup-

ported by all kinds of proof. In my own fraternity, shortly after the war, I was appointed chairman of a committee to investigate and to see what the situation actually was. Nothing of the kind had ever been done before. They had looked into everything under the sun except scholarship. The committee undertook this work in a co-operative fashion and one of the first things I did as chairman of that committee was to assert that we alone should not get far without complete co-operation from all the prominent national fraternities. My fraternity approved of that, and so I began active correspondence with the president of every important college fraternity. When the committee began its work it was found that in institutions throughout the country having as many as six fraternities in the Interfraternity Conference, fraternity men led in scholarship in only 30 per cent and the non-fraternity men were ahead in over 70 per cent. At the end of five years of the co-operative work and effort on the part of each individual fraternity also, that percentage of institutions in which the fraternity men led in scholarship had risen from thirty to more than fifty.

These national officers and the boys

themselves in the fraternities, with the help, of course, of expert advice from college officers, deans, and members of the faculty, have actually done something that no Phi Beta Kappa group of deans and professors alone could have accomplished, because the fraternities themselves put pressure on the boys to study. Any group of men capable of doing that is doing the work of Phi Beta Kappa. These national officers and men who are working seriously on the problem deserve, I think, our commendation. I do not know what should be done with this report, but I call the attention of this group to that which is a fact and a very important fact.

Quoted from Angelos of Kappa Delta

## Peggy, the Heroine

AMMA PHI BETA has an-Tother heroine—this time, the four-year-old St. Bernard dog belonging to the Carroll family in Seattle. Peggy's affiliation with the sorority comes through Mrs. Carroll, once upon a time Elizabeth Hessler of Theta and now a loval member of Seattle Alumnæ. Mrs. Carroll writes: "We did not know we had a heroine in the Carroll family until the newspaper men came out to take Peggy's picture. Peggy is quite a beach comber and was prowling in neighboring tidelands when the accident occurred. There were several people on the beach at the time, and one man, a great lover of dogs, related the incident to a Times reporter; hence Peggy's entrance to fame. As perhaps you know, we have Puget Sound for either our front or back vard (we have never been certain which it is) and the boys and the dogs live in the water during the summer. They all swim well, but Peggy causes much consternation by generally desiring to

be a passenger in the frailest and lightest canoe."

The appended clipping is from the *Seattle Times* and through the courtesy of the *Times* we use the picture which originally appeared in that paper:

Perkins Lane, residential district on the western shore of Magonlia Bluff, had a heroine today—a canine heroine, the four-year-old St. Bernard pet of Howard R. Carroll and family, 2427 Perkins Lane.

Peggy, big, shaggy, and with the sad eyes but good nature of her breed, takes a motherly interest in all the lesser dogs along her street. And so it was natural that she should swim to the rescue when Little Boy, year-old Pomeranian pet of the family of Dr. Niles H. Nicholson, 2625 47th Avenue W., was overcome with fatigue while swimming in Puget Sound.

Little Boy, lively as he is diminutive, has had a great time this summer, playing on the beach and following children of the Nicholson and neighboring families into the water. But he taxed his strength beyond its limit.

He felt himself giving out. Frantically he yelped his distress. Peggy, resting on the shore, heard the terrified cry. She lumbered to her feet and waded into the water. At last her feet were swept clear of the bottom and she ploughed with powerful strokes to her harassed neighbor.

Just as Little Boy was about to sink helplessly, Peggy grabbed him by the collar and towed him back to shore.

# Gamma Phi's Literary Corner

HE following poem was read at the Founders Day banquet of Gamma Chapter by the author, Eleanor Bliss Clausen, whose two daughters also are members of this chapter—the youngest a senior. Mrs. Clausen is a prominent woman in Wisconsin and a district president in the Federation of Women's Clubs.

The other poems are from the pen of Nanki Field, Pi, our faithful and talented correspondent for Lincoln. Oh Gamma! Hear these tuneless numbers By sweet enforcement, and remembrance dear; Rejoice that all thy secrets should be sung, Into they daughter's sympathizing ear. Surely I dream tonight, or do I see The yesterdays, with new awakened eyes, As though the enchanted spectrum of the years, Thy glowing pictures fill me with surprise. Saw two fair colors woven side by side In deepest harmony; all covering woof Of soft autumnal brown, and warp of mode Enriching our ensign. So memory first presents a sweet design Of lovely girlhood, soft and fragrant-eyed She stands, calm breathing on the edge of life, Her arms outstretched, and her pinions too; A vision sees; to childhood bids adieu. As to a mother's arms enfolding She comes to thee, Oh Gamma Phi; beholding Promise of sweet friendship's full fruition Within this hall. And so hast thou, with gentlest tuition Made answer to her call. Then comes a fairer season; time hath breathed Rich benedictions o'er us; and our lives With love's fresh garlands, are at last enwreathed. Fair hope of all our dreams, our daughters rise To tend thine altar fires, Oh Gamma Phi!

So let thy choir sing Thine incense sweet, to friendship still ascend, Glad notes on pinions wing

Adown the years,

Glows through dark days of brown

Life full enriched by thy fair offering— And so, entwinning all our hearts in sister-This slender thread of mode, a golden light

And ever bids us look on high To that fair Crescent, fittest emblem of our Oh Gamma Phi.

ELEANOR BLISS CLAUSEN, Gamma, '98

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#### DEATH?

Death! What is death-Is it closing the soft white lids Till the shadows lie on those dear cheeks And the beloved form lies still; That silence which creeps o'er the earth And pains and tears the heart like dagger thrusts: Or unknown claws Stealing something which Can't believe it's being torn and robbed Of life-and beauty-Everything. Or is death Just the slowing down of the rhythm of life Which will quicken its pace In the Great Beyond?

NANKI FIELD. Pi

#### RESIGNATION

I could win your love again if I tried, Nurse back the flame, The spark that has not died, Breathe upon it tenderly and with care Fan soft the single coal still glowing there.

Then at the flaming fire, I'd warm my heart; Through love's intensity to claim a part In life's deep mystery. To know once more The sweet communion we have found before.

It would be sweet to have you near To ease this load of aching doubt and fear! But I am tired. And oh-How well I know-It is much better just to let you go! NANKI FIELD, Pi

In an article appearing in the February Ladies Home Journal, Lita Bane, Omicron, associate editor, writes, "Wise spending and wise saving are both to be emphasized at a time like this. Wise spending means, of course, keeping within an income but at the same time maintaining the highest standard of living that today's pocketbook will afford."

Marguerite McPhee, Pi, and her sister have written a series of tableau

plays under the title, George Washington's Place; also, Story Lessons of George Washington. The books are published by Lyons and Carnahan of Chicago.

# A Summer Vacation Course at Oxford

N JULY, 1932, a Summer Vacation Course for American women graduates and teachers will be held for the third time in Oxford. Those who attended the courses held in 1926 and 1928 will know something of the special character of this Oxford Summer School, organized by the four women's colleges and the society of Oxford Home-Students. The students will reside for three weeks in the women's colleges; they will hear lectures by eminent men and women, authorities in their subjects; they will have opportunities for discussing the topics of the lectures with Oxford University teachers, and they will visit places of historical and literary association in the countryside. Concerts and plays and excursions of architectural interest will also form part of the program. It will be an object to give students an insight into English life as far as possible, and to bring them into contact with the Oxford tutors.

The course will open on Thursday,

July 7, and close on Thursday, July 28, 1932. The subject will be "England in the Eighteenth Century," and lectures will be given on the literature, art, history, politics, and thought of the period. The fee is \$125 which will include full board, residence in one of the Oxford women's colleges, lectures, classes, excursions, and concerts.

As the number of students who can be accommodated is limited, applications can only be received from teachers in approved universities, colleges, and schools, or from graduates of approved colleges and universities, not necessarily engaged in teaching. In exceptional cases, applications will be considered from undergraduates who hope to take their degree in 1932 and who are about to enter the teaching profession. Preference will be given to those who apply before March 1, 1932, and candidates are urged for their own sakes to apply as soon as possible to Miss Marion L. Day, 39 West 54th Street, New York City.

# On Reading Chapter Letters

C EATTLE retires its second mortgage bonds-a noteworthy event and deserving a special comment in that this particular chapter not only planned and achieved the fine home that Lambda now occupies but has contributed much in the way of furnishings and adornment. "Whatever our college girls want, we give," declares Seattlea fine slogan for other alumnæ chapters. . . . Des Moines tells of the Panhellenic's thirty-third banquet. Evidently, the local Greek-letter women have a fine and abiding spirit; and they are wise in stressing the social side of the organization. Each sorority has its own philanthropic work, and the main reason for a Panhellenic is the pleasure and value of friendliness. . . . Kansas City is preparing for a province banquet and this brings to mind the festivities of the 1929 convention and Kansas City's marvelous hostess spirit. . . . Syracuse writes of the winter sports at Lake Placid, and any mention of Lake Placid reminds us of the gathering of 1924—the most wonderful convention in Gamma Phi's history since it was the fiftieth anniversary of the founding. One recalls with enthusiasm the presence of the founders and of Alpha's splendid alumnæ—the joys of Lake Placid Club—the chimes playing Gamma Phi songs-the pageant in the moonlight—the banquet in the many-windowed room-and the exciting and interesting day in Syracuse. . . . Reno has its own scheme for awakening and retaining interest in the chapter-namely, a newsy and enthusiastic letter to each member of Alpha Gamma Chapter. Each one of us likes to be remembered, and the thought comes that each group would have much less dead timber by sending a little card of greeting to each initiate on the date of her entrance into the sorority. . . . Los Angeles has been furnishing a chapter room-and, incidentally, how many types of chapter rooms are to be found in our sorority world! One remembers Alpha's high-up meeting place with the many groups of former Gamma Phis adorning its walls and its stiff vet intimate pews. One recalls also a certain "symphony in double brown" with its sidelights in the form of the pledge pin and its drapes in the chosen colors. Sometimes a fireplace is the dominant feature; sometimes a multiplicity of chapter charts, records, and trophies lends interest; again, a dim shadowy place inspires an atmosphere of mystery until the sunshine reveals it as a thoroughly modern and completely equipped hall. There can be much originality in the planning and achieving of a chapter room; and a survey of those from north to south, from east to west and across the border would be interesting. . . . Ann Arbor's sponsoring of the faculty dinner and the faculty tea is so admirable a venture that other chapters should follow suit. In this day of enormous classes and lecture system, the personal touch with those who shape the scholastic destinies is quite lost save for the social side that means a pleasant acquaintance and perhaps friendship with those who have so much of real worth and real inspiration to give. Let us have more points of contact with the faculty. . . . To visit the Panhellenic House is a desire that comes to all of us; and New York's opportunity to be a part of all the activities in this center of Panhellenism is enviable indeed. A tea to the presidents of all local chapters would mean a delightful camaraderie and a splendid chance to exchange ideas and to discuss common problems and situations; while a Panhellenic ball must be the acme of Greek frivolity! . . . The first province conference in Canada—what a delightful occasion it will be!

There is so much of historic interest, of scenic beauty, in our northern land that there will be much to see and to enjoy; while a visit with our English sisters will mean much. Sometime, we must have a national convention in Canada!... And now we have another first to add to our list. Gamma Phi Beta is the first sorority to organize an alumnæ group in Olympia; and so successful has been the venture that sister sororities are following suit. It's great fun to be first, especially when it means Panhellenic organization.



NATIONAL PANHELLENIC CONGRESS IN SESSION

Reading from left to right around the table: Miss Eileen Killane, Alpha Phi; Mrs. Mary Love Collins, Chi Omega; Mrs. Joseph Halstead, Delta Gamma; Mrs. Irving Brown, Alpha Chi Omega; Mrs. John H. Moore, Alpha Delta Theta; Miss Louise Leonard, Alpha Gamma Delta; Mrs. Robert Pettibone, Alpha Xi Delta; Mrs. Joseph Grigsby, Delta Delta Delta; Miss Harriet Tuft, Beta Phi Alpha; Mrs. Edward Prince, Phi Mu; Miss Rene Sebring Smith, Delta Zeta; Miss Marion Mullins, Kappa Delta; Miss Lorah Monroe, Sigma Kappa; Miss Amy Onken, Pi Beta Phi; Miss Lillian Thompson, Gamma Phi Beta; Mrs. Howard Gardner, Zeta Tau Alpha; Mrs. Ansel Hemenway, Beta Phi Alpha; Miss Pearle Green, Kappa Alpha Theta; Mrs. Hayden Barney, Kappa Kappa Gamma; Mrs. Joseph Hubbard, Alpha Delta Pi; Mrs. Pinckney Estes Glantzberg, Alpha Omicron Pi.

### Editorials

"We are the only lasting tribute to our founders."

On November 11 Gamma Phi Beta paused in its onward march to pay tribute to the four who so long ago gave us the sisterhood. The messages of Helen Dodge Ferguson and Frances E. Haven Moss that appear in this issue offer us the finest inspiration for the

New Year and give us a definite responsibility. Let us embody in our chapter and sorority life the high ideals, the true culture, the lasting friendship, and the loyal endeavor that have been entrusted to us.

#### "When our college days are over."

This is Alumnæ Number, and it is most fitting to emphasize the vital work of the alumnæ not only for the sorority but for the outside world and to chronicle the alumnæ influence and co-operation with national affairs and chapter interests.

A survey of alumnæ enterprises reveals that the work divides itself into the sewing and benefits for the two sorority camps; practical assistance to the cause of charity and immediate response to the demands of the present depression; and definite aid to nearby chapters. It is interesting to note the many groups who are sewing upon quilts for the camps—St. Paul, Baltimore, Tucson, Reno, Los Angeles,

Everett-and what better chance for sociability and comradeship could there be? Seattle's responsibility in raising a large enough sum to support a needy family for the entire winter is most splendid, as is Portland's extensive work in Doernbecker Hospital. St. Louis volunteers' help in the Toy Shop means much in effort, and Everett's contribution to the children of the Deaconess Home, its support of a charity bed for children and of the milk fund for needy families is a beautiful example of child welfare. And these are but a few of the many chapters that are proving by their works that a sorority exists for far more than its own interests and the perpetuation of itself.

"What a man inherits from his fathers he must earn for himself before he can call it his own."—Goethe

At this time of the year all over the land, Gamma Phi Beta is welcoming new members into the various chapters, sharing with them the inspiration, privileges, and friendship of the order, stressing to them the power of fine scholarship, the advantages of college

training, the necessity of proving their worth and of establishing their place in the college life.

In the last twenty years there have been many changes in the ways and methods of collegiate education, stupendous discoveries in the world of science, archæological revelations in regard to other civilizations, detailed addition to the department of biography, stimulation and inspiration in every branch of study and research. The young college student has such wealth in her undiscovered country that her mind is definitely awakened, that she is inspired to specialization and independent work—specialization in all its val-

uable aspects but not specialization to the elimination of general culture, since, after all is said and done, the real objective of the four years is development of character, of capacity, of intellectual vigor, of ability to attack successfully all the problems of life. The present system of education incites the young student to independent thinking; let the sorority recognize this fact.

#### "'Tis Gamma Phi that bids us strive For mathematics, Latin, Greek."

THE subject of scholastic requirements for the initiation of freshmen opens many discussions on the part of faculty members who, oftentimes to their inconvenience and chagrin, are besieged for definite data. One professor voluntarily offered his opinion which, in substance, was to the effect that the scholastic requirement was far more necessary after the initiation than before. "The average freshman is young, easily bewildered," he argued, "and upon entering college must face a period of readjustment. Normal acceptance of changed conditions, gradual understanding of the curriculum, definite response to the challenge of the college in regard to her powers of observation—all this is a part of the freshman schedule and as such demands corresponding leniency on the part of the sorority. After a freshman has accustomed herself to the new life and has accepted the institution as her own, it is logical and necessary that a certain grade be reached and a certain supremacy be maintained."

This viewpoint is offered as a subject for contemplation, now that each chapter has been the medium for such frenzied remarks as "Has Mary made her grades?"

### "Ah," quoth he as he espied her, "You're a Gamma Phi!"

"There's nothing so dear as this little pin here!" we sing in exultation; and yet, how many of us regularly wear the symbol after we have left the college halls, how many of us resurrect it from its hiding place save for a special sorority event? The story—authentic, too!—comes to mind of a certain member who, in investigation of mysterious sounds in the house, bravely started after the burglar, then from force of habit, returned and carefully

adjusted her Gamma Phi pin; also of another member whose blouses assumed the effect of open work embroidery because of the ever present crescent. All of which is offered as the prelude to an incident.

Last summer, the editor was asked to meet Zona Gale, the writer. One of many pressing down the line, she was astonished to have the guest of honor bestow upon her a particularly cordial greeting, "You're a Gamma Phi," she exclaimed after glancing at the crescent. "Yes," replied the Gamma Phi. "It's such a pretty pin," was the next remark followed immediately with, "Did you ever know Mrs. Brittingham of Madison?" "Very well," was the answer. "Are you acquainted with Laura

Sherry?" was the next question; and upon an affirmative reply, an immediate contact was established and a charming visit followed. All on account of a pin!

Accordingly—wear your pin, not only because you love it but because it means something to other people.



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# Alumnae News



#### TO CHAPTER CORRESPONDENTS

I. Alumnæ take notice! As there will be no letters in the next issue of The Crescent, remember to send the Editor any particular item of interest; any achievement of a member.

II. A plea to chapter correspondents! If the Editor asks you to send any information in addition to the letter itself, be thoughtful enough to regard the request. In the present issue, an attempt was made to obtain a complete list of Gamma Phi Beta members of Junior League. Many of the correspondents ignored the request and made no explanation; as a result, the article is incomplete. If you are not willing to assume the obligations and responsibilities pertaining to the office of The Crescent correspondent, yield it to someone more competent.

No letters were received from Chicago, Detroit, Cleveland, Springfield, Delaware, Champaign-Urbana, Nashville, Birmingham, Milwaukee, Iowa City, Oklahoma City, Spokane, and Vancouver.

ANN ARBOR

This year the Ann Arbor Alumnæ Chapter has had as its chief interest the activities and progress of the college girls. Sarah Hardy Adams has undertaken the responsibility of adviser to Beta in its social affairs, and accordingly, a formal faculty dinner was planned for November which included many of the alumnæ. Mrs. Adams selected from a list submitted by the girls those faculty members who would be congenial, which resulted in a very charming evening for everyone. Helen Sellery Winaker (from the Madison chapter) and her husband made their first appearance at this time; and we are very proud and happy to have Helen with us, regarding her as a definite addition to our group.

The next affair was in the nature of a huge faculty tea held at the chapter house on Sunday, December 6. An alumnæ committee was appointed to take charge of the invitations, the receiving line, and the appointments. At the tea table presided Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Potter, Mrs. Douglas, and the Misses Grace and Rose Anderson. Mrs. Brown planned the decorations in a manner which truly befits the

wide recognition she receives for her artistic ability. The tea room was vivid with glowing red apples in silver bowls placed on crimson satin table runners. Tall candelabra shining with white tapers as well as evergreen and cones distributed about the room added to the atmosphere. Every alumna was present and alumnæ, college girls, and guests had a thoroughly good time.

It has been a pleasure and an inspiration to co-operate with the actives in this way and we find that it has brought both groups together for better understanding and appreciation. The contacts formed by working with the girls have meant much to all of us and we hope to continue in this way to be of service to the active chapter.

Hortense Hoad Russell has been in Ann Arbor during her Christmas holidays and has reported that Peggy Fitch Clark has a very fine son, as has Cornelia Shepherd Morgan.

Florence Pittelco Davenport has moved to Rochester, New York, with her husband and small son, Billy.

Helen Reece MacCallum now has two sons. The baby, Harry, has recently arrived. RUTH MARY PITTELCO HART, Beta

BALTIMORE

Baltimore wishes all of you a Happy New Year! We celebrated the arrival of 1932 in a most fitting way, by holding our annual reception to the active girls and their mothers. The room was gay with Christmas decorations, and everyone was in a real holiday spirit. It was especially good to see those girls who had returned to Baltimore to spend their vacations.

At our last meeting we decided to make a quilt, so we shall be very busily sewing at our next gatherings. We are very anxious to show the camp pictures in order that we will all know more about Gamma Phi social service work. At present, many of the chapter are aiding individually in Baltimore's Emergency Relief work.

AMELIA W. SUTTON, Zeta

BERKELEY
Our Christmas meeting was held a few days after Noel at Leslie Lockwood's and the spirit of camaraderie there displayed was typi-

cal of Berkeley meetings. The Christmas meeting is always one of the best of the year, coming as it does in the week before New Year, when the frenzied preparation for Christmas is forgotten but the joyous spirit still permeates the atmosphere. Plans were laid for initiation banquet which is to be held at the Claremont Country Club on January 30. I wish you might all be there to hear, among other good things, our talented and professional cellist, Florence Breed. If you chance to miss that, you may still hear her at a recital held this spring under the auspices of the alumnæ chapter.

Somewhere near St. Patrick's Day we are to give a huge card party, for both contract

and auction fans.

We all extend sympathy to Emily Stewart Jones of Reno, Nevada, who recently lost both her mother and father, and to Dorothy Coombs of Napa, who lost her mother last

vear.

The next meeting will be held on the El Camino Real, with Barbara Bridge as hostess. Probably all the Bridges will be present, Marjorie, Elizabeth, Winnie, and Helen, though the last three technically belong to the San Francisco Alumnæ Chapter now. Having been absent from Berkeley for nine years, I just can't get used to the idea of two alumnæ chapters about the bay, and keep looking in vain for some of the dear familiar faces at the Berkeley meetings.

I know Edwin Ord the third, more familiarly known as Ned, had his arrival duly chronicled after his advent fourteen months ago, but it was only yesterday that I saw those inquiring blue eyes and the cute tuft of blonde hair right on the top of his head. And you just should see for yourselves what a picture it is when Ruth Genung Ord, with her mass of glorious black hair and her dark eyes, lifts him over the crib and holds him up for a mo-

ment.

As long as Margaret Boveroux Sanders is the Chicago correspondent, I suppose it would be out of place for me to announce the arrival of Elizabeth Ann Sanders under a separate heading. But, some of you may not happen to read the Chicago letter. And anyway, one of her three brothers just ought to tell little Betty Ann what a lot of excitement and commotion the announcement of her arrival created in our alumnæ meeting.

And if I am not stealing thunder from the Eta correspondent, Betty Weston is to be married this week to Mr. Barraclough of San

Jose.

Lois Brock is a resident physician at the University Hospital in San Francisco. Elizabeth Hatfield Glover, or "Bobbie" is living on Union Street, Montclair, New Jersey. It is a delight to have Isabel Faye home again, after her studies at Oxford in Greek archaeology. She and her mother spent the summer in Norway.

Florence Macaulay Ward with her husband

and son and daughter came up for the Big Game from Honolulu. Their three-weeks visit was all too short.

Irene Ray Wilson's seven- and nine-year-old Alan and Janet have been heard in several recitals about the bay. Janet plays the violin and Alan the cello, and of course Irene accompanies them.

GRACE PARTRIDGE UNDERHILL, Eta

#### Marriages

In November, Florence Richardson to Mr. Hugh Wycoff of San Francisco.

#### Births

To Dr. and Mrs. Archibald Granger (Marian Allen), in August, a son, James.

BIRMINGHAM

Birmingham has been busy in a number of different ways. There was

our Founders Day banquet which we shared with Alpha Rho at the Thomas Jefferson Hotel on November 11. All actives and all alumnæ from miles around came together and furnished a unique program in honor of our founders.

Then came Thanksgiving, and with it Dorothy Jennings, our province director, whose visit we enjoyed greatly. There was a call meeting so that all alumnæ might make friends with Dorothy on her first visit to Birmingham. She accompanied our representatives to the city Panhellenic luncheon where she was guest of honor; and her visit was enjoyed as much by the alumnæ as by the college girls.

At our regular monthly meeting on December 5, Ila Jennings Kimball entertained the chapter with a luncheon at her home in Norwood, and, after luncheon, she passed around needles and thread while Mickey Mays, our president, handed out bundles of scraps. All of us spent the afternoon busily sewing on a

cherry blossom quilt for the camp.

During the month of January we have had a series of benefit bridge parties in the homes of different members, two girls acting as joint hostesses on each occasion. That's a pleasant way of raising money, and the burden isn't heavy on any one person. Also, every little helps!

MARGARET ALFORD, Alpha Rho

#### Marriages

Annie Aurelia Weaver, Alpha Rho, to Mr. Robert Pitts, Pi Kappa Alpha, University of Alabama. Mr. and Mrs. Pitts are now at home in Pittsview, Alabama.

#### Births

To Mr. and Mrs. Ben Englebert (Ruth Herren, Alpha Rho) on December 23, 1931, a son, Donald William.

To Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Bagley (Margaret Randle, Alpha Rho) on December 16, 1931, a daughter, Mary Anne. On Sunday, November 15, Boston celebrated Founders Day with a tea at Nettie Brown Durkee's home on College Hill in West Medford. Both alumnæ and active girls were present, as well as two guests whom we all enjoyed meeting—one from Alpha and one from Iota. We were all disappointed not to have Mary Wellington and Emma Lowd, two of Delta's founders, with us, but they were prevented from coming by an accident which befell Miss Lowd while visiting Miss Wellington the previous week. The resulting painful injuries have kept her in the hospital for several weeks, and she has only recently been able to return home.

Saturday, January 2, Boston held its annual Christmas reunion. Despite a severe storm, which would certainly do credit to New England weather's reputation, thirty-two girls braved the high wind, snow, sleet, and rain, and journeyed to Isabelle Turnbull Blood's home in Swampscott. We all agreed that it was well worth the effort, and wouldn't have missed such a good time for anything. We appreciate all that Isabelle and her assistants, including Mr. Blood, Betty, Bobby, and Laurie, did for us to make the evening so pleasant.

To those who are interested, we offer the following bits of news gathered from here

and there:

Florence Clifford Savage, '94, writes from Arbuckle, California, that, after a serious illness of some months, her husband is on the road to recovery.

Edna Simmons Scott, '14, and her husband, who is a colonel in the army, have been transferred to Denver, Colorado, for the winter. Irene Miller Thomson, '24, writes from

Irene Miller Thomson, '24, writes from Newark, New Jersey, that Marjorie Stevenson, '23, has recently been married and has come to live near her.

Lillian Freeman, '30, announced her engagement at Christmas time to Mr. J. Elwood Tweeddale, M.I.T. '27, of Boston and New York

Lucy Waite Leavitt, '18, has a sixth child,

Donald, born in November.

Judith Moss Harlow, '22, has a third daughter, Elizabeth.

Mildred Cheney Taney, '19, has a new daughter.

Verna Draper Slayter, '22, has a son born in August.

Lorraine Winter Burhoe, '22, has a son,

John, born in October. Margaret Davidson Rambeau, '30, has a son

born last summer.

ISABELLE SWEETSER, Delta

COLUMBUS

COLUMBUS

and the Delaware chapter observed Founders Day with a banquet at the Chase Tavern, Worthington, Ohio. Some fifty were present to honor the four founders, to pledge again their loyalty

and to renew their resolution to continue and further the ideals and standards of our founders.

Merle Harbarger Cox (Mrs. C. L.) and her daughter, Jane Adaline, of Jamison, South Carolina, spent the summer in Ohio.

Carolyn A. Salmon (Mrs. Phillip H.) who has been an active member and an officer in our chapter, has moved to Rochester, New York.

Bertha M. Schneider, our efficient local president, as well as Director of Province II, gave the talk on "Library Science," a part of the Career-Education Week program sponsored in December by the Art College Council.

SADA A. HARBARGER, Omicron

At our last meeting, officers were elected for the new year, as follows: President, Mary Frances Williams; vice-president, Mary Nieman; secretary, Frances Mitchell; treasurer, Elizabeth Ellis; corresponding secretary, Josephine Quirker. We are continuing our plan of meeting on the second Tuesday of each month in the homes of the girls, afterwards enjoying a luncheon and bridge game which makes our meetings also social.

One of our members, Grace Mahoney, made us quite proud this past month when she appeared in a local charity play, "The Front Page," sponsored by the newspaper men of

Dallas.

On February 11, our alumnæ group is giving a Valentine Tea at the Dallas Women's Club for the other sorority chapters here in Dallas. We have this gathering each year and always enjoy the association with other sorority women.

This year we are missing from our chapter Helen Carpenter whose absence has been due to illness and who hopes to be back with us

soon.

REBECCA BULLOCK, Alpha Xi

DENVER

Jane Butchart, our newlyelected president (who, by the
way, is admirably equipped for
the position) conducted the first meeting of
the year at the Lodge on January 9. Much to
our chagrin, we find that the piano fund we
have been so laboriously collecting is far from
sufficient to provide Theta with a grand piano. The second-hand pianos inspected simply
weren't what they should be, so it was decided to deposit the fund, and add to it when
possible. There was talk of our selling tickets
for the theater at Elitch's in June as one
method of increasing the amount on hand.

Alumnæ and actives hereabout are interested in the fact that Colorado College, at Colorado Springs, has just let down the bars to allow sororities to enter. A promising group of girls is earnestly soliciting Gamma Phi Beta's attention, and representatives have been sent down to look over the situation. The high

standing of the college and the personnel of the students would indicate that the field should be an excellent one to enter.

Plans for camp are in full swing already, and Kittie Lee Clarke reports encouraging signs of enthusiasm from chapters all over the country. Counselors will wear uniforms this year; probably riding breeches and jersey shirts. (Some one suggested shorts—but at 6:00 A.M. in the Rocky Mountains, give me warmer togs!)

Theta girls are looking forward to a visit from Mrs. Smith, Province Director, in the near future, and are hopeful that she will find their affairs to her liking. Initiation will be held January 23, with a banquet following

at the Brown Palace Hotel.

KATHERINE VICKERY HAWKINS, Theta

Marriages

On June 11, 1931, Allene Smith, Theta, to Dr. Frederick Lilly, Lambda Chi Alpha, University of Denver, School of Dentistry.

Engagements

Norma Van Orman, Theta, '29, to Mr. Edward Delehanty, Notre Dame, University of Colorado, School of Medicine.

#### Births

On May 8, 1931, in Harvey, Illinois, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Welsh (Elizabeth Carter, Theta) a son, James Carter.

On October 6, 1931, in Denver, to Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Cook (Katharine Culbertson,

Theta), a son, Jonathan.

DES MOINES
Our November meeting was a luncheon at Hotel Savery with Marybelle Nelherent of Smith College and Gamma, and Agnes Helmrich of Omicron, as hostess. Miss Nelherent is librarian of Drake University, and Miss Helmreich is girls' adviser at East High School.

The Monday before Christmas we entertained our mothers and the college girls and their mothers at a bridge tea at the home of Ruth Emery Doolittle, Rho. At this time we had a jam shower for Rho and Omega. Our regular December meeting was a luncheon at Grace Ransom's tea room with fifteen in attendance. Grace Emery Woodward, Rho, of

Mason City, was a guest.

The Panhellenic banquet is held every fall and is a very lovely affair. All alumnæ of national Panhellenics and also active girls from Drake and the near-by colleges are invited. This was the thirty-third year of these banquets. The association is purely social, holding but a tea and banquet yearly. Two national officers were guests this year—Mrs. Edward P. Prince, chairman of National Panhellenic Congress and a member of Phi Mu;

and Mrs. George Banta, Jr., president of Kappa Alpha Theta. They were speakers on the program.

SARAH SHUTE KRAETSCH, Epsilon

FARGO of our sorority, Fargo together with Alpha Omicron spent a charming evening as the guests of Maude Leimbacker, Frances Lamb, Mildred Welter, and Margaret Newton at what might be called an informal reception. Magdalena Birch very ably retraced Gamma Phi history, and read to us letters she had received from both of our living founders, while Grace Hunkins, Alpha Omicron president, simply but inspiringly gave us a glimpse of what Founders Day means to an active.

Then

'Twas the night before Christmas, And all through the house Not a creature was stirring— Not even a mouse.

The Fargo alumnæ were having their monthly dinner meeting—with a real Santa, tree, and toys. Probably you all wonder what manner of Gamma Phis we are to be so quiet at a Christmas gathering? You're wrong, we were far from it, I fear, although we made a desperate effort not to disturb the poor college girls who were upstairs cramming for finals in the manner of all good actives.

After Santa had left us, we climaxed the evening with a good old fashioned song-fest—Christmas carols and Gamma Phi songs holding high favor. We hope you all heard the good wishes we sent to Gamma Phi that night. Our hearts were full of the Christmas spirit, and Christmas is for young folks and old folks and all the in-between folks, especially when we find them all in one big family.

Now we have a New Year—holding untold

Now we have a New Year—holding untold opportunities!

NEVA TROWBRIDGE SOUERS, Alpha Omicron

KANSAS CITY

A cold drizzle and bleak winds are the biting accompaniment of this letter, but what deters news of the sisterhood?

December rushed past with yuletide cheer, collegiate homecomings, Florentine berets, a meeting at Winnie Douglass's, and a tea at Margaret Crane's. And so on into the New Year with a new Panhellenic alternate, Rho's

beloved Anne Bradfield.

The New Year also brought a meeting and luncheon at the home of Louise Saltmarsh Baltis. A little bridge offered much opportunity for conversation about the province convention at Columbia in February, at which Kansas City will be hostess for the banquet. What can offer more fertile fields to veterans of the 1929 convention? In January, also, was our annual party for husbands or hoped-to-behusbands at Edna Burt's. Evidently Edna

started something last year with her house-

warming.

February brings THE CRESCENT, George Washington's birthday (a school teacher writing), and a meeting at Allis Haren's. To vary the monotony, we planned a number of evening meetings of which this is one. Bridge and buffet supper are lighter interludes of the

Our national chairman of music, Elsie Frisbie Norman, is spending several weeks in California, "List the Watch Word," Eta and Al-

pha Iota.

Budgeting and finance are important topics of conversation at present. Sigma and Alpha Delta finances are as absorbing as the news from Wall Street, not to mention the reparations.

HELEN FLING, Alpha Delta

#### Marriages

On December 12, 1931, at Kansas City, Missouri, Rowena Planck (Alpha Delta, '29) to Mr. Daniel Murray Carr, Jr. (Beta Theta

Pi, University of Missouri). On August 7, 1931, at Estes Park, Colorado, Margaret Madorie (Alpha Delta, '24) to Dr.

Aurile E. Jenkins.

On January 1, 1932, at Kansas City, Missouri, Helen Aiken (Sigma, '26) to Mr. Har-old Martin Adams. Mr. and Mrs. Adams are at home, 36 Winthrop Road.

#### Births

To Dr. and Mrs. W. Merrit Ketcham (Helen Castor, Sigma, '26) on August 1, 1931, a daughter, Shirley Merritt.

To Mr. and Mrs. Norris Paxton (Caroline Harkrader, Sigma, '21) on October 17, 1931, a daughter, Laura Lea.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hal Stonebraker (Marcia Payne, Sigma, '27) a daughter, Diane Virginia, on November 16, 1931.

To Mr. and Mrs. Spencer A. Gard (Marjorie Garlinghouse, Sigma, '21) on December 2, 1931, a daughter, Amy Lou.

#### Under the able leadership of Edna Godfrey, LOS ANGELES president, the Los Ange-

les Alumnæ Chapter has had many and varied activities this year. Many of them have centered around the sorority house at Westwood, although the first meeting was held at the tea room of the Assistance League-Hollywood's pet charity. At the October meeting we gathered around the fireplace in the living-room, while the active chapter held their meeting in the chapter room. The November meeting was the Founders Day dinner, at the house, and in December we had the Christmas party there. At the Founders Day dinner, Edna Godfrey, in responding to one of the toasts, told of a chance meeting with a man who had been much interested in the founding of Gamma Phi Beta, and who told her many interesting

details of it. The active chapter presented a version of popular magazines, including advertisements, which was well done and inter-

We have one or two bridge groups and a sewing group. Some of us who have tired of cards meet once a month for luncheon and to sew for the summer camps. We are doing a little charity work, such as collecting garments for the pupils of Peggy Stark's school, and supplying Christmas dinner for a family with the traditional eleven children. This month we are having a theater party, to see Norma Shearer in The Last of Mrs. Cheyney, and the first of our literary teas, held in November, at the house, was a decided success. About one hundred and twenty-five people gathered there for tea and to hear Harry Carr, feature writer of the Los Angeles Times and author of Old Mother Mexico, talk most entertainingly.

Our Christmas gift to the active chapter is the furnishing of the chapter room, and many have been the consultations as to drapes, rugs. seats, tables, and lights. We hope it will add greatly to the attractiveness of the house.

We rejoice with Mary White King, Lambda, in her marriage to Mr. Howard W. Arbury. on December 16, and are glad that she will still live in Los Angeles. And we are saddened at the news of the death of Claire Parker Beresford, Theta, on December 27. Elizabeth Buffington Rabbitt, Eta, and Marguerite Streeter Hornung, Psi, both have new babies. Elizabeth's is a boy, now about six months old, and Marguerite's is a daughter, four months old.

Minerva Leady Kribs, Sigma, recently has been bereaved by the death of her father.

BERTHA M. WHITE, Epsilon

#### Owing to an error, Gamma's **MADISON** loss in the death of Carol Goodyear Tollerton was not mentioned in the last CRESCENT. She died suddenly after a brief illness at her home in Alliance, Ohio, July 17, 1931, leaving her husband, Robert Tollerton, U. of W., '22, and a son, Robert, Jr., five years old, as well as her mother, Ella Davis Goodyear, and a brother Charles, ex-'22. She was an outstanding member of Gamma being a member of the Wisconsin Players, and a founder of Orchesis (Terpsichorean), as well as socially prominent, graduating in 1923. Gamma has been saddened

Mary Atwood, '26, was married in December, 1931 to Mr. Henri Binet, at Geneva, Switzerland, where they will make their home.

by her untimely death.

Mary Pidcoe, '26, was married to Mr. Earle Power, December 31, 1931, at Marlton, New Jersey, Meadow Lane Farm, their future home. Mary Alice Latimer, '34, was married to Mr. R. Lee Foote, at Muskegon, Michigan.

Margot McClennan Herriot, '30, is with her husband, in Europe, traveling and studying. Ann Palmer, ex-'31, is traveling in Japan.

Genevieve Sylvester Allen, accompanied her husband, Prof. Charles E. Allen, to New Orleans during the holidays, the latter attending the American Association for the Advancement of Science session at Tulane University.

We welcome Sarah Chickering Reynolds, '28, back to Madison. Her husband holds a

professorship in history at the university.

Louise Marston, '31, has been elected national chairman of publicity, and Florence Stott Sullivan, '05, national chairman of the committee making a survey of financial stability of chapter house properties.

JANE DAVIS LUCAS, Gamma

AGNES BOEING ILSLEY, Gamma, '15

Gamma of Gamma Phi Beta offers tribute to the memory of Agnes Boeing Ilsley, brutally murdered on her Virginia estate, January 12. In her student days, Gamma knew Agnes as "Pokey," a jolly, carefree girl, warm in her friendships, keenly loyal to her sorority. Its prestige she advanced by her excellent scholarship, by her constructive work in the demonstration of food conservation in the war period, and by her radiant personality in her social life. Her passing has made us sad, but the tragedy connected with it has brought deep grief.

FLORENCE S. SULLIVAN

Minneapolis finds itself MINNEAPOLIS in a boastful mood as we

write the chapter letter. For the first time in two years our lovely city lies under a twelve-inch blanket of real Heaven-sent snow-not the shipped-in kind, imported for our last two annual winter-sports weeks, but snow falling, even as we write, like a veritable benediction to the longings of our

sports-loving hearts.

It may be of some interest to those reading THE CRESCENT to know that during the November meeting of our Grand Council in Minneapolis, the members were luncheon guests of Mrs. H. C. Barney, the grand president of Kappa Kappa Gamma. Mrs. Barney is a friend of many years standing of Mrs. Hoffman. The Grand Council was entertained also at a buffet dinner at the home of Mrs. Charles Silverson which was attended by about thirty of the Minneapolis and St. Paul alum-

Just now the thoughts and interests of the alumnæ chapter are as one with the active chapter; for rushing week, the heyday of the freshman, and the dismay of all others, is upon us. The actual program of rushing is such an old story to the alumnæ that we welcomed with joy the plans for this year's "week."

Marjory Gray's originality has saved the day just as we had decided there could be nothing new in rushing. The active chapter has invited the freshman rushees to attend a six-day tour of Europe, presenting them with

a chart of the tour at the opening tea, a Bon Voyage Tea, held on Monday. The dinner which will be held tonight (as we write) is in Italy and will feature a special Harlequin and Columbine dance. The alumnæ tea on Wednesday will be in a Swiss Village, and to prove there is atmosphere in the Alps, a bur-lesque of William Tell is to be given. Thursday, at a Pullman Luncheon, the travelers will be taken by train from Switzerland to France. This also is a traditional luncheon when the chapter house becomes as near train-like as possible. Friday, the guests having arrived in France, will be offered dinner at Café de la Paix on the streets of Paris. Elaborate plans have been made for this affair, with more of Marjory Gray's clever work. The chapter dining-room is to be fenced and lamp-posted with many other realistic embellishments. There are to be street singers and dancers, and in one corner of the room or street (if you will be that imaginative!) there will be an artists' display of amusing drawings.

The Crescent Dinner, Saturday evening, will be in England where quaint eighteenth-century maidens will favor the rushees with nosegays of carnations and compacts of Yardley's Old English Lavender, which proves that

we are literal-minded after all!

RUTH EATON LANSING, Kappa

Minneapolis extends deep sympathy to Bernice Works Bruce, Epsilon and Kappa, on the death of her husband, Ralph Bruce. Mr. Bruce

died suddenly on Sunday, January 10.

Deep sympathy goes also to Rewey Belle Inglis, Kappa, whose mother, Mrs. R. B. Inglis, died on Saturday, January 9.

The annual Endowment NEW YORK Fund bridge party was advanced this year to December 5, and was held with great success at the new Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. About one hundred and twenty people were present, and all of them seemed to enjoy the party. Everyone was pleased that it was a financial success as well. The feature of the affair was the exhibi-

tion of prints made by Mr. Alfred Butts, the husband of our president. Three of the prints were sold for the benefit of the fund.

Alvahn Holmes visited the chapter on De-cember 17 and eleven had lunch with her at the McAlpin. Plans are being laid for the Province Conference and Miss Holmes asked that the date for it be moved up into March in order to accommodate the girls of the active chapters. New York is busy with plans for an enjoyable as well as profitable conference.

The City Panhellenic is giving a tea for the presidents of the local chapters on Sunday, January 10. The Panhellenic ball is to be held

early in February.

Our next supper meeting will be held at the home of Ruth Russum Shearman on January 13. Mrs. Shearman will show moving pictures of her recent trip through Great Britain; and guests will be asked to share the evening with us.

Frances Light Simpson, Epsilon

This poor correspondent's head is in a muddle—too PORTLAND much Christmas, too much to remember since the last letter! However, she does know that the Founders Day banquet held at the Town Club, November 11, was the pièce de résistance of the alumnæ year. Through the combined efforts of Beatrice Locke, Florence Farrens, Florence Mathiesen, and Helen Irion, whose innumerable phone calls brought forth sixty-eight Gamma Phi Betas, the banquet was indeed a success. The table was beautifully decorated, the centerpiece a crescent of pink carnations. As to the food, it was "scrumptious," and is still one of the main topics of conversation. The Gamma Phi blessing and songs were sung and at the conclusion of the banquet a presentation of the impressive Installation Service adopted at convention this summer was given, with Beatrice Locke as acting installation officer and Florence Mathiesen as recipient of the charter.

The December meeting was a lovely Christmas luncheon at the charming home of Esther Kirchhofer Hollabaugh, Omicron. After the business meeting which followed the luncheon, every one voted for adjournment, and bridge was postponed until next year.

The annual rummage sale in charge of those two loyal workers, Gladys Kellogg and Blanche Clifford, was held December 1-2 and, in spite of the depression, netted a goodly sum for our treasury.

Last but not least to be mentioned is the splendid work being done at the Doernbecker Hospital in the out-patient department of the Oregon Medical School. We are doing six hours of bandage rolling a week, three hours of typing, and some driving. This month we have also completed fourteen examining robes.

Mrs. Pat Allen (Alice Benson), has been appointed general chairman for the national American Legion Auxiliary Convention to be held in Portland next September.

Our allotted space is filled so we will close with all good wishes for Gamma Phi in the new year.

MARJORIE McCREA COLQUHOUN, Xi

#### Births

To Mr. and Mrs. W. Granville Smith (Mina Minor, Nu) on December 14, 1931 a son,

W. Granville, Jr.
To Mr. and Mrs. George T. Colton (Helen McCornack) on October 29, 1931, a son, Allan N.

The Reno alumnæ meetings have been well attended this year and RENO have been very enjoyable. Our November gathering took the form of a luncheon

at the Riverside Hotel, with Lucy Crescenzo as hostess. Our December meeting was held at the home of Ethel Hermann.

Now that our Christmas party is over, we are turning our minds and our hands to making quilts for the Gamma Phi Beta camps. We are to work in groups, each group to be responsible for one quilt.

We are striving now to bring back into the fold of Gamma Phi all the girls ever initiated into Alpha Gamma by sending a nice long letter to each and every one. The best part of these letters is that we are not asking for any money. It is a great deal of work to send these letters, but if the girls will just let us know how they are and if they enjoy hearing from us, it will be well worth the effect.

ELVINA BLEVINS DOHERTY, Alpha Gamma

Just as St. Louis was re-ST. LOUIS covering from the unusual excitement, last fall, of a Na-

tional Panhellenic Congress, along came Thanksgiving Day and then the rush of preparation for Christmas. And such a rushed Christmas it was, what with the depressionyou've heard of it, no doubt?-and all of us trying to do more than usual for charity.

Some of us served at the Toy Shop which helps so many of the poorer mothers and fathers in St. Louis to provide a "really truly" Christmas for their children. While those parents waited, eyes gleaming at the sight of long tables piled with toys, we hunted hard for just the doll a little negro girl wanted or the proper size of roller-skates for a Czecho-Slovakian boy. Our inexperienced fingers made awkward bundles of the toys (chosen so hesitatingly, as though the mother couldn't believe they were really free) and we blinked to keep back the tears when they thanked us, who had so much more than they and had given so little after all.

But on Christmas Day, social activities caught us up into such a whirl that we had no time to think. Phi held a formal supper dance on the twenty-fifth and invited us. So we dragged out our formals and again felt like pledges attending our first big dance. Then, the next day, Phi entertained some of us at a Christmas party with most amusing and apropos gifts from the "five and ten."

After that start, none of us could stop. We

dashed feverishly from one end of St. Louis to the other, trying to see Antoinette Meyer, who came from Cape Girardeau to spend the holidays, and Sibley Merton, who had returned from her physical education duties at Missouri University, and all the St. Louis girls who are students at Missouri University, and those who were home from Illinois University, and one from Wisconsin.

Best news of all, there is to be no postholiday let-down for St. Louis alumnæ. We are to be kept busy; first, by a Panhellenic organization of fifty volunteer workers at the request of charity associations; second, by the double excitement in February of the Province Conference on the fifth, sixth, and seventh with Alpha Delta as hostess, and our own Phi Chapter's date of founding to celebrate on the twenty-third. Fifteen, happy, crowded years to remember!

MARJORIE BALL, Phi

At our annual Christmas party early in December we welcomed two old friends, originally of Kappa Chapter, into our group as new members. Mary Carpenter, formerly of Minneapolis and recently of Everett, was married on October 7 to Mr. Russell M. Collins of this city; and we certainly have "put one over" on Minneapolis by having Mary with us. Just about two weeks later, on October 24, Harriet Jackson of Winona became Mrs. James M. Morrison and moved to Saint Paul to make her home. We are delighted to have them both with us.

For the past few months our attention and interest have been divided between plans for rushing activities which spread out over the entire fall quarter and reach a climax during the first week of winter quarter, and attempts on the part of individuals in the group to help civic organizations with their relief work. The ways and means committee on finances has had very little attention or encouragement to date, and the formal rushing season is almost over. The active girls have been working hard and have presented some very original and attractive parties: the traditional Pullman luncheon, a domino dinner where all the hostesses wore either black or white evening dresses, and a Parisian café. The rushing week is always hectic, and alumnæ as well as actives will be glad when pledge night has come and gone. Then, we of Saint Paul will be free to turn our attention to the sewing club which we are organizing to make quilts and other necessities for the Denver camp.

JEAN M. HUTT, Kappa

SAN FRANCISCO The San Francisco Alumnæ Chapter began the year's activi-

ties with the October meeting which was held at the beautiful and spacious home of Luella Beherno Allen, in Hillsborough. Luncheon was served and our new officers installed: President, Dorothy Meyer Neill, Mu; vice-president, Elizabeth Coleman Levensaler, Alpha Gamma; secretary, Phyllis Girth, Kappa; and treasurer, Herva Dunshee Boekel, Mu.

The November meeting took the form of a bridge tea given for the active girls at the Stanford chapter house. We all enjoyed a delightful afternoon with our charming girls. During November we also entertained our Province Director, Eleanor Dickson. A dinner party was given in her honor at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel, San Mateo.

In December we held our annual rummage sale for the benefit of the Mu furniture fund. The active girls assisted as saleswomen. With the continued co-operation of our loyal members and the Mothers' Club, we hope soon to complete the refurnishing of the Stanford chapter house.

The Mu girls gave a very delightful Christmas party for the house to which the alumnæ were invited and were asked to bring some

gift for the house.

We are most happy to add the names of Jessie Duggan Wisnom, Mu, and Dorothy Hager Rogers, Lambda, to our list of loyal Gamma Phi alumnæ. Also, we are happy to welcome home Josephine Burroughs Cheney, Omicron. Josephine has been abroad the last year with Doctor Cheney.

MARGARET JACKSON SUPPLE, Mu

Seattle Gamma Phis are strutting a bit these days. In spite SEATTLE of many predictions to the contrary, the second mortgage bonds on Lambda house have been retired on schedule, with the excellent record of having paid 6 per cent interest for ten years. To keep Christmas together, Lambda and Seattle alumnæ gave \$250 to carry a needy family over the winter season. To gather all that money we have gone to the theater, when Doreen Blake told us to; we've had rummage sales, bossed by Alma Teal; we've lunched on second Tuesdays; we've scrambled for commissions on purchases, under the able direction of Anne Murrow; we've subscribed to magazines through Lois Dehn; we've held neighboring teas; we've paid some dues-we've been fairly busy in 1931.

And now here are a flock of new officers for Seattle: President, Ruth Joseph Glerup; vice-president, Mildred Walsh Anderson; secretary, Marjorie Holmes Anrud; corresponding secretary, Theodosia Winfree; treasurer, Clara Taney Will. Lou Waynick Beck serves as adviser to Lambda Chapter. Amy Churchill organizes the business girls' luncheons once a month.

Edna Eikenbary and Jane Horsfall are studying at Prince's School in Boston; Anne Rabel has gone to the Orient for several months; Elaine and Helen Gorham have gone by way of Panama for six months abroad. Elaine is assistant executive of Seattle Camp Fire Girls and Helen is assistant graduate manager at Washington; Irmengarde Patten is taking Elaine Gorham's place on the Camp Fire staff during her absence; Kristine Thonle is in great demand as a speaker since her return from a year of study abroad; Myrtle Rude Anderson has returned to Seattle to live; Elizabeth Chadwick's mother has just completed her term as world executive of Eastern Star.

Seattle Gamma Phis were shocked by the death of Myra Smith Dickinson in the early fall.

MARGARET YOUNGER

#### Marriages

Mary Talbott to Mr. Chester Byles, Delta Upsilon, of Raymond.

Nan Saunders to Mr. Thomas Donahoe, of

Marjorie Matthews, Xi, to Mr. W. E. Lund, of Seattle.

Annabel Hall to Mr. Milton Geer Brown, Kappa Sigma, of Seattle.

Mabel Chestnut to Mr. John Knox Wood-

ruff, Sigma Pi, of Seattle.
Margaret Smith, Xi, to Mr. Loren Stone,

Sigma Pi, of Seattle.

Elizabeth Kelley to Mr. Harold Moldstad, Delta Tau, of Mt. Vernon.

#### Births

To Helen Lord Lucas, Olympia, a son. To Virginia Wester Howe, Seattle, a son. To Sally Gyde Moffitt, Tacoma, a daughter.

"Ring out the old-Ring in the new." We don't know SYRACUSE about the rest of the world, but Syracuse is definitely on the mend, thank you! 1931 is gone and 1932 is beginning in fine

style.

Our hockey season (intercollegiate and professional) is in full swing, and reminds us that the winter Olympic games at Lake Placid will soon take place. Don't you all envy Syracuse having such world sport so near-by?

Lawrence Tibbett and the Don Cossack singers have thrilled and inspired large audiences this year. Syracuse social life is humming again, as Old Man Depression is very prop-

erly snubbed and ignored.

And speaking of thrills-on December 29, Bishop Charles Fiske united in marriage Cora Willard Frederick, '81, former grand president of Gamma Phi Beta, and Dr. Herbert G. Coddington, rector of the Episcopal Church. The ceremony was performed in Mrs. Coddington's apartment at the Onondaga Hotel and was followed by a wedding breakfast on the mezzanine floor. I feel sure that all Gamma Phi Beta unites in wishing for Dr. and Mrs. Coddington every joy and happiness.

We regret exceedingly the death of Augusta Briggs Fay and of Martha Schultze Chandler. Gertrude and Alice Gaggin were among Syracuse's most welcome holiday visitors.

And now with the visit of our charming Province Director, Miss Alvahn Holmes, to inspire us, and the new year beginning so auspiciously, we of Syracuse Gamma Phi Beta are confidently looking forward to a record year and wish all Gamma Phi Beta the same.
PRISCILLA M. Howe, Alpha

In December there was a shower of food and clothing TORONTO for needy families, an attractive tea for alumnæ with the active chapter as hostess, a round of entertainments for our Christmas bride, Lilian McBride, and a series of holiday bridges with Doris Armitage and Jessie Mills back in town from their teaching fields. Cheery greetings to and from Gamma Phi sisters all over the continent, and now it is 1932.

The first general meeting of the Leap Year takes the form of a supper dance next Wednesday at the Royal York Hotel. Just the "alums," but everybody is going to be there, and we anticipate a gay time. The end of January brings initiation of nine splendid pledges, in which service alumnæ will take an active part, as in the banquet and dance

following.

February will see our regular meeting with promise of an interesting address by a prominent lecturer, and a musical program; on the eleventh of the month a Valentine evening bridge in honor of the new initiates; and finally, the big event of the year, Province Conference. We hope to make this first Canadian conference for Gamma Phis a memorable one, that each sister may return home armed with renewed inspiration and expressions of good will.

There are whispers in the air of a certain large charitable venture in the spring. At the moment I am pledged to secrecy; but I'll tell you more anon. Meanwhile, Mary Harris is on a return visit to the West Indies "Elle est comme l'oiseau sur la branche." We enjoyed a fleeting glimpse of her between trips, when she entertains charmingly after Founders Day banquet . . . Edythe Cochburn is in town from Ottawa, taking the library course at the Toronto Reference Library . . . Elsie Mc-Bride Curtis has just left with her husband for Florida. Dr. Curtis, who is professor of economics and banking in Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, will lecture in the south for sixth months.

LEONE HARRIS, Alpha Alpha

#### Marriages

On December 6, Lilian McBride, Alpha Alpha, to Mr. Charles McCutcheon. Mr. and Mrs. McCutcheon will reside at 15 Castleview Avenue, Toronto.

#### Engagements

Margaret Copp, Alpha Alpha, to Mr. Earle Steele, Phi Chi, University of Toronto. Margaret McKillup, Alpha Alpha, to Mr. Thomas Hocken, of Dutton, Ontario.

Marion Young, Alpha Alpha, to Mr. Kitchener Jordan, of Toronto.

#### Births

On December 7, in Grosse Pointe, Michigan, to Dr. and Mrs. Fred Munro (Fritzi Legge, Alpha Alpha), a son, Douglas Barry.

The Tulsa alumnæ chapter has TULSA been quite active during the fall and winter, with three regular business meetings, a Founders' Day banquet,

and four dinner-bridge parties with the husbands as guests.

On October 14, we gave a tea for ten Gamma Phi mothers. We hope to have them or-

ganize and turn their efforts and interest toward helping Psi Chapter. On October 28 we had our annual benefit bridge. This year we asked only two dollars for a table, just half of our former price; and we cleared forty dollars. Since this was the fourth year in which we have given a benefit, our friends expected to be asked and it was quite easy to sell tables. We tried to make it as much like a private party as possible, having it in a private home and serving an elaborate tea. The refreshments and prizes were donated by the various girls and the money was added to the Psi house fund.

In February we expect to have a Valentine tea for girls who are going away to college

next year.

FRANCES C. HARPER, Psi

#### Births

To Mr. and Mrs. Douglass Moore Owens (Lulu Clark, Psi), on October 13, a son, Hartley Clark Owens.

Perhaps the chief activity WINNIPEG of Winnipeg and one of the most interesting was our sixth annual charity ball. With Friday the thirteenth, as the date, and ladders and mirrors dominating the decorative scheme, we tried to turn traditional hard-luck symbols to purposes of gay festivity. Dainty silver ladders placed above the doorways obliged each guest to violate the first rule of superstition on entering. Black screens glittered with tiny broken mirrors as a setting for the orchestra platform, and the theme of oddity was carried into the menu cards, too. The printing on these was reversed, and they could only be read by reflection in the tiny mirrors which accompanied them as favors. Wall panels of black formed an impressive background for a great replica in silver of the Gamma Phi Beta pin. A chorus, costumed in harmony with their setting, sang and danced to the tune of "Million Dollar Baby.'

The entire proceeds of the dance were devoted to Christmas cheer. This year we felt that the need was greater in outlying districts around the city, and hence did not give our usual Christmas party for poor children. Through one of our members, in charge of certain Red Cross work for the province, we distributed warm clothing and toys to many families in Manitoba.

Isobel McLaren Smith was recently a tea hostess to all of the alumnæ. She opened her beautiful home for a real get together of the whole Winnipeg chapter, and it was a most pleasant function.

We seem to be doing rather well in filling our marriage quota for the year. Our president, Bea Coutts, recently gave us the slip and became Mrs. Charles Becher; Dorothy Dickson said "I do" to Mr. William Batters; and Margaret Fletcher changed her name to Mrs. Lyman Van Vliet.

Our letter was missing from the last CRES-CENT owing to the fact that our correspondent, who is one of our very loyal members, left to take a position in the Mount Royal College, Calgary. Meryl has our very best wishes.

HELEN HAMILTON, Alpha Kappa

Charity work has occupied the members of the Everett asso-**EVERETT** ciation for the past few months. First, our annual Christmas tree for the children at the Deaconess Home was a greater success than ever. Seventy youngsters at the orphanage were overjoyed to receive just what they had asked Santa Claus to bring them. With the aid of some of our good friends, their wishes were answered, and, in addition, each child received a large stocking filled with fruit, candy, and nuts which were solicited by Gamma Phis and donated by generous merchants. The stockings of green and red were made at our December meeting.

\$33.50 was raised for the charity bed maintained for children at the General Hospital by selling chances on a cocker spaniel puppy which

was donated by Arline Swalwell.

We are all very proud and happy with the results of our efforts in raising money for the Milk Fund which is sponsored by one of the local newspapers to provide milk for needy families. To date we have contributed \$228.25 to the fund by placing milk bottles in public places throughout the city, inviting people to drop their change in them.

We are looking forward to seeing the moving pictures of the Gamma Phi summer camp at our next meeting, at which time we are also beginning a quilt for the Vancouver camp.

EDITH DONOVAN, Lambda

A new year is here once more, LINCOLN and with it the prospect of a busy and happy season for Lincoln alumnæ. In reviewing the events of the past few months, many interesting and exciting things have happened to make life worth living for each and every member. Best of all, a new Gamma Phi entered the world in November in the person of little Suzanne Hoffman, wee daughter of "Tiny" and E. T. Hoff-

Wedding bells also sounded—this time for Marjorie Freeman whose marriage to Herbert Bennell, Alpha Sigma Phi, of Lincoln, took place November 4 in South Pasadena, California. The young couple are making their home in Los Angeles. Another Pi girl, Helen McKinnon of Omaha, was married in De-cember to Mr. Loren H. Aistrope of Chicago. Mr. Aistrope was graduated from the Iowa

State College and belongs to Phi Kappa Tau

and Phi Epsilon Phi.

The holiday season brought back an old member in the person of Louise Weaver of Wichita, Kansas, who has been teaching at York, Nebraska. While in Wichita, which is Louise's new home, she became a member of the Junior League of that city.

Announcement is also made of the engagement of Ruth Klose to Mr. Lawrence Putney of Missoula, Montana. Mr. Putney attended the University of Montana. No date has been

set for the wedding.

An honor comes to our chapter through Marguerite McPhee, one of its staunch members and supporters who, with her sister, has written a series of tableau plays in book form under the title George Washington's Place. There are twelve tableaus, each preceded by a musicale. The work is original, and meant much research on the part of both women, and will soon be off the press of Lyons and Carna-han of Chicago. It might well be called storylessons of the life of George Washington. By the way, that is the name of a second book (Story-Lessons of George Washington) which these two brilliant women have published.

NANKI FIELD, Pi

The alumnæ of Xi Chapter started the fall meetings with a membership of fifteen. Found-MOSCOW

ers' Day banquet was attended by every member and we were fortunate in having with us at that time our visiting delegate, Mrs. C. F. Davidson, of Seattle. The following day we were hostesses at a luncheon for Mrs. Davidson at which time many helpful suggestions were given. The following members are holding offices: President, Maude Bonham Long; secretary and treasurer, Rugh Ramstedt; corresponding secretary, Kathleen Magee Horton.

KATHLEEN MAGEE HORTON, Xi

Olympia opened the rushing **OLYMPIA** season with a very successful house party at the country home of Catherine Redpath. It was our first official act as an organized group and we were most pleased with the results.

We have continued our monthly meetings through the fall and winter and have enjoyed many cozy chats while piecing our quilt for the

Vancouver camp.

It is noteworthy that we were the first sorority to organize an alumnæ group in Olympia, several other nationals having followed our lead early this winter.

We have welcomed with pardonable pride the following new Gamma Phi daughters and

To Mr. and Mrs. Gerry Lemon (Marion Troy, Lambda, '21), on December 18, a daughter, Janice.

To Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Springer (Helen

Drever, Lambda, '26) on March 25, a daugh-

ter, Pauline.

To Mr. and Mrs. William Dennis Lucas (Helen Lord, Lambda, '25) on January 5, a

son, William Dennis, III.

Mrs. John W. Allen (Lillian Brock, Nu) moved to Olympia during the fall months to make her home and was immediately welcomed into our small group, thus raising our total membership to ten.

FRANCES LAMBORN KEARNEY, Lambda

We are still very thrilled over the formation of our Gamma OTTAWA Phi alumnæ association here, and want everyone to know it. So far we have had only three meetings (the last of which was formal) since receiving our new president's book. It did seem so splendid to be in really close touch with Gamma Phi Beta again. At present we have a membership of eleven—varying from two graduates of some thirty years, to two of the year 1930, and in-cluding both Americans and Canadians. It

Our nearest active chapter is the baby one at McGill University, and as several of us attended the installation in September, we feel as though we have a personal interest in the

makes the meetings very interesting indeed.

girls.

Our plans for the New Year chiefly are concerned with charity work in the city, which seems to be a crying need here; and we are looking forward to a year full of interest and endeavor.

EILEEN L. DELAHEY, Alpha Alpha

Tucson Association, as its Janu-TUCSON ary project, has the piecing of a quilt for the children's summer

camp in Denver.

Mrs. Keith Taylor was chosen to represent the club at Panhellenic next year since the term of Mrs. Martin Baldwin has expired.

As president of Panhellenic last year, Mrs. Baldwin had a stupendous task. She won the admiration not only of Gamma Phi but of other sororities through her untiring efforts to revive a rapidly dying interest in this organization.

VIRGINIA D. KELLY, Alpha Epsilon

Ruth Rhoades Hay and Elwyn Bridgens Loosley again are oc-WICHITA cupying prominent places in Panhellenic affairs. Ruth is chairman of the scholarship committee and Elwyn is chairman of the publicity committee.

On December 11-12, the alumnæ held a rummage sale which proved very successful; and we intend to share the proceeds with our Den-

ver camp.

The yuletide brought home the pledges whose homes are in Wichita: LaVerne Wright, Mary Julia Jones, Virginia Pate, all of Sig-ma. Laura Clark of Epsilon, and Barbara

Holmes (who is attending Leland Stanford) were guests at tea in the home of Rachael Siefkin Spradling. We were glad to be with these girls; and we hope the next time that we meet them they will be wearing their Gamma Phi pins.

On December 31, the alumnæ and pledges had luncheon together at the Colonial. Eleanor Gearhart of Epsilon, Mary Elizabeth Haskins (who is now in Wichita) and Charlaine Armstrong, active member of Sigma, were also present.

Marguerite Newblock Carmody, Psi, and

Lillian Walters Stewart, Psi, are now living in Wichita. Lillian has been here for some time, but in some way the Gamma Phis failed to find her until recently. Marguerite has proved herself very helpful, and we have been

proved herself very helpful, and we have been quick to heap duties upon her.

Marguerite, Mildred Rule Olson, Louise Weaver, and Merle Fair Kahrs made all arrangements for our Founders' Day banquet; and all who attended expressed their delight and enjoyed the evening—especially the films showing the Denver and Vancouver camps.

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MABLE NEAL FORTIER, Psi

### Gamma Phi Beta Province Conferences

PROVINCE I

March 4-5. Panhellenic House, New York City

PROVINCE II

March 11-12, Royal York Hotel, Toronto, Canada

PROVINCE III

February 5-6-7, Gamma Phi Beta House, Columbia, Missouri

PROVINCE IV

May 6-7, Alpha Kappa, Winnipeg

PROVINCE V

March 11-13, Austin, Texas

PROVINCE VI

April 14-15, Eugene, Oregon

PROVINCE VII

February 26-27, Gamma Phi Beta House, Tucson, Arizona

# Our Contemporaries in Black and White

From The Lyre of Alpha Chi Omega, we quote excerpts from the fine address given at N.P.C. by Dean Leonard:

"It was with pleasure I accepted the invitation of Mrs. Brown to meet and see— for the first time, as I understand it, in the history of National Panhellenic—the Congress inviting and honoring the women students of America. I am very happy indeed to be here. Mrs. Smith need not worry about the keys of the city, because I think sometimes that is not as important as the 'keys to the situation' (laughter), and I am sure National Panhellenic and you, young women, will have that, after this interesting, mutual conference. . . .

". . . The first obligation that I am going to throw on the screen, this morning, is to grow out of this collegiate attitude. Put your rushing rules in your hearts instead of on paper! In England very few rules are on the statutes, but many have gone down in tradition until they are as deep as the sea.

"Secondly, the Greek world—both men and women—must guard against growing too soft in luxuriant living quarters. I wish I had time to illustrate that and tell more of the girl on my campus who sold sandwiches to pay the rent of a piano and stood first in scholarship while in one of our most beautiful houses were the lowest thirty-six in scholarship. It is not what you have, it is what you are.

"The third obligation of the Greek world today, is to absolutely stop ridiculing anything that is intellectual. A little girl from another campus told me that she got an 'A plus,' and the girls so continuously threw it up to her that she thought one of two things; that she would never to it again or she would move out of the house.

The next obligation that I would say the Greek world owes to its group is to develop, to create, if you will, individual personalities, and not stultify their membership into an identical pattern.

"I have been studying this for a long time—this next point that I am going to make—and if you forget everything I say, this morning, please remember this. I have been working it out with the women on our campus, and we have not done it by wholesale legislation, but we are doing it by individual houses, and oh, if I had only ten minutes more, I could tell you what some of the houses are working out, and how they are doing it, and that is your treatment of your freshman women.

"I believe the hazing of freshmen is a blot on the 'scutcheon of the Greek world in America. Of course, the paddle has gone by, but there are more subtle cruelties than the paddle. You know, the Greek world has forgotten, has overlooked this point in its treatment of freshmen, and I am speaking of men and women, that where the law ends, a great loyalty begins. As I say, obedience is found in the prison, but out of it, loyalty.

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"I am not speaking of 'Hell Week,' a thing that should never pass beautiful lips, it is uglier than it sounds. I am speaking of your opportunity, all through the fall, of leading these young personalities, of a wealth of differences, if you please, because every girl is different, she will have a new contribution to give to your group. Oh, I ask, I ask you girls to accept this challenge of leadership, today, and make the freshman year an everlasting inspiration to the lives of these young, plastic personalities that have come under your care.

"Oh, you Pledge Guardians! Does the word 'guardian' mean anything to you? I talked to one of mine, just the other day, and I said to her, 'You have one girl that is blocking your progress in your house.' 'Yes,' she said, 'we have.' I said, 'Stop your machinery with your freshmen and take care of her.'

"Girls, freshmen need models, not masters. Come across big! Oh, come across big, at this convention. Lead the men. They are stepping right along, they are going to take this action toward their freshmen at their next meeting, I am sure. Let us lead. It is the woman's prerogative to lead.

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"Oh, stand for scholarship! No, I will take that back. Do not stand for scholarship, stand for intellectual living. That is better, that is bigger. Solve your rushing problems. I do not say 'try to,' but I say, solve them. Meet every day with your Panhellenic. That is what we do, every day, on our campus, and I love to see the friendliness,

every morning at nine o'clock, all of those girls are in their seats feeling, 'We are all doing the same thing.' Life is for understanding, and we can only understand as we make contacts.

"See that the little freshman girl who comes into your life will have college life and all of it more abundantly because she has crossed your threshold. 'Just good enough' is not enough. To be friends with the administration, oh, my, what a mine of gold that is, to be friends with the administration. Well, I won't insult my campus by saying we are 'just friendly,' they are my 'first aid,' I could not do without them. That is the goal. Can you meet it? Yes, you can. Will you meet it? Well, I cannot answer that, you must answer that. With this I close. The contribution of the sorority woman of tomorrow is to accept the 'sanctity of obligations' to society and to their society, which is the campus, and to increase their capacity to perform them."

"I prayed and prayed that blessings be bestowed,

And I awoke one morning at dawn to find

That they could only be evolved."

From Quarterly of Alpha Phi:

"Don't Be Afraid of Culture" said Dorothy Canfield Fisher, Kappa Kappa Gamma, speaking in Boston last April at the convention of the American Association of University Women.

"The strange fear of being thought superior weighs with special grimness on women. In this there was of course, to begin with, a certain natural and desirable attempt to show that women could be educated without losing their capacity for affection, love, and fun as was prophesied by opponents of college training. That certainly has now been proved. Women have been college graduates long enough for plenty of them to have gone all through the lovely cycle of a woman's emotional life, to have been ardent sweethearts, devoted wives, good mothers. . . .

"Are you saying to yourselves in astonishment, perhaps in mocking incredulity, 'Has she come all this way just to tell us to be cultured?' If you are, let me answer you plainly that I have come all this way just to say that very thing. What else is there to say to women who have had the tools for creating civilized life put in their hands, than to beg them to go ahead and create it."

We quote from an article in Banta's Greek Exchange entitled "Sorority or Fraternity—Which?" by Julian Jack of Theta Delta Chi:

There was a time in the "good old days" when the words fraternity and sorority stood for distinct and separate entities. Now, alas, one finds that not to be true. Some sororities are changing their names to fraternities.

I wish to state at the outset that I am in complete ignorance as to the cause of this change, and am happy to have it so, for if I knew their reasons I would probably lack the temerity to offer this feeble objection to the present trend, because when highly intelligent groups, such as sororities, make so serious a change, they do not do so unless convinced their action is both right and proper. However, lacking knowledge of

any good reason for their action, I tilt against this windmill as cheerily as ever did Don Quixote of old.

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Not only does the adoption of the term fraternity by the sororities entail the addition of the word women's before it but, as the above shows, it also requires that fraternities proper must in many cases be qualified by the word men's.

Furthermore, *sorority*, with more than sixty years of useful and forceful endeavor behind it, with a knowledge of its character and purpose widespread throughout the country, is too valuable an asset to be lightly cast aside.

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May I add a few words from that unbiased witness—the dictionary?

Fraternity—n. (LL. fraternitas, a brotherhood, from L. fraternus, brotherly, from frater, a brother). A body of men associated for their common interest, as a college fraternity.

Sorority—n. (L. soror, sister). A Greek-letter society in which women only are admitted.

Women have in many instances taken our jobs, largely because they can handle them to better advantage; to a marked degree, at least in sports, our dress, for which we are in their debt; in a vast majority of cases our names, to which at least we have given our passive consent; and now they seem to desire that last distinction of our sex—the fraternity.

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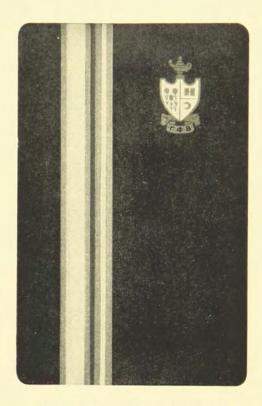
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