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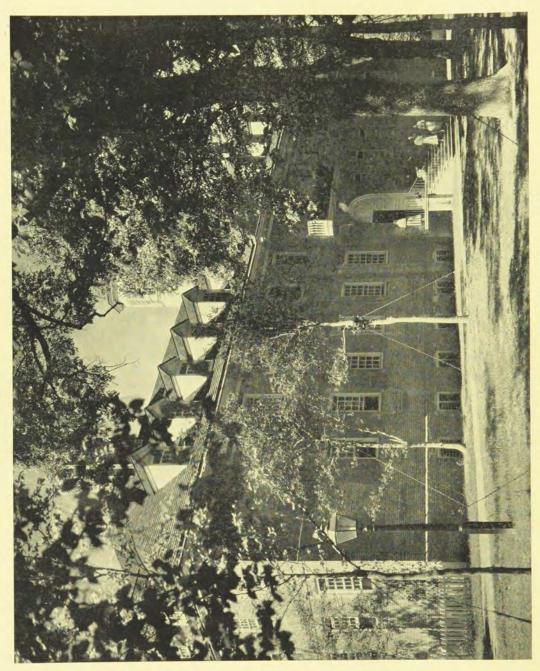
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Installation of Alpha Chi Chapter

Williamsburg in Virginia

F PETER PAN were to appear in our midst today with his beseeching cry "Oh! say you believe in fairies!" we would one and all shout, "We do, Peter, we do, for we live in a fairyland." Magic is at work all about us and fairy change from pumpkin to glass coach is a daily happening. We rub our bewildered eyes as we pass along our streets and we are in the state of the old lady of the nursery tale who must depend upon "her little dog at home" to assure her that "this be I." But we rejoice in the fact that through all these fairy changes much of the essential charm and interest of old Williamsburg is to be preserved forever for future generations.

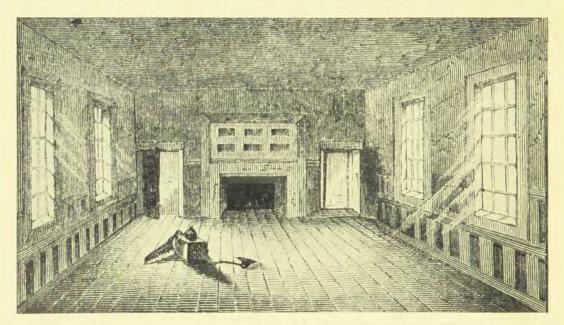
And what a city of interest and charm it is—this old "Cradle of the Republic." Lovers of history and of ancient things have longed to see colonial Williamsburg preserved forever as a monument to the beginning of our Nation; but it was left to Dr. W. A. R. Goodwin, rector of Bruton Parish Church to bring his own dream to fruition. He saw what a wonderful nucleus was already provided in the broad streets laid out in 1699, and in the large open Greens, in the many pre-Revolutionary buildings still standing and in the campus of William and Mary, a college which received its charter two hundred and forty years ago. Here was the required setting in which the colonial picture might again be portrayed. Only the "fairy gold" was lacking. Then the vision was shown to John D. Rockefeller, our great philanthropist. He saw its possibilities and waved the magic wand to "make it all come true." That is why we, who have our homes here, or who are students of the college, are now living in a real fairyland.

As if by magic the uglier accretions of more modern times disappear and in their place one sees quaint cottages, terraced lawns, flowering shrubs, full grown trees and mazy box gardens.

Various phases of difficult work contribute to this apparent magic. Most careful preparatory research is carried on both here and abroad to discover any papers, prints or other materials which may give information as to the architecture and furnishings of the old buildings. Excavations are made where foundations are indicated on the ancient maps, and the very soil is sifted, often revealing bits of materials which throw light on the life and surroundings of the inhabitants of a home which has long ago disappeared from the picture. Great pains are taken in the re-conditioning of the colonial buildings now standing, in order to discover the original framework, to restore the structure, if necessary, to its old lines and to make it strong enough to stand for ages to come. Gradually, the wrecking, building and planting proceeding together according to most careful plans are bringing out the picture

of a little city of colonial times in which we find all the activities of a modern college town. "William and Mary" also had a part in the Restoration Movement. Her three oldest buildings dating back to the 1690's have been carefully restored. Here among the dozen newer buildings of colonial architecture is the national Phi Beta Kappa building and in that building is a replica of the famous Apollo room of the old Raleigh Tavern where in 1776 Phi Beta Kappa was born. In this room on January 14 was installed the youngest Greek letter society on the campus. What could have been a more fitting and inspiring place in which to begin one's life as a member of Gamma Phi Beta! Alpha Chi chapter is very grateful to Dr. Chandler, President of William and Mary, for this privilege and for the cordiality and helpfulness which he has shown in the founding of our chapter.

The story of its coming into being seems another "fairy tale come true." "National" imagined the magic plant



APOLLO ROOM

and furnished the seed; Helen Harrison Bickelhaupt of Gamma prepared the ground and planted that seed; and Nancy Conklyn of Zeta provided the careful tending of the delicate plant which finally came into fair and sturdy bloom. Too much credit cannot be given to this skillful gardener, for without her efforts we of Alpha Chi feel that we might easily have been overcome by the weeds and the climatic discouragements which assailed us. Now that our magic plant is well established

and blooming we invite all our sisters to come to see us in our unique environment—then you too will believe in "Peter Pan" and his fairies.

ANNE CHAPMAN, Gamma, 1890

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE

goes to Dr. J. A. C. Chandler, President of William and Mary and to his secretary, Miss Kathleen Alsop (Alpha Chi Omega) for their cordiality, interest and assistance in the founding of Alpha Chi.

Historical Sketch of the College of William and Mary

Of all colleges in the United States, William and Mary probably has one of the longest and most varied histories. It is intimately linked with the founding of the nation; its sons have been foremost in statesmanship and in war; and the ground on which it is founded is scarred by many battles. No other town in the annals of American history has perhaps known as much of royal splendor, war, and colonial statesmanship as little Williamsburg. With its restoration there comes again to life a true picture of our country in its infancy, when the imprint of England was still upon it.

The College of William and Mary in Virginia was chartered in 1693 by the English king and queen of the same name. The dormitories of the college are named principally for those of its sons who have made it famous, i.e., Taliaferro, Tyler, Jefferson, Monroe, Barrett, Chandler, Ewell, Rogers and Washington. Three of the original buildings now stand in their restored state on the old campus. The Sir Christopher Wren building, so called because of its famous architect, is now used as

of old for classes. On its left stands the President's house, 1732, which was partially destroyed by fire during the Revolution and restored by the King of France. On the right, is old Brafferton hall, built in 1723, and formerly used as a school for Indians. In the center of the group is the ancient statue of Lord Botetourt, a royal governor much beloved by students and citizens in his day. It is still a tradition of the college for all freshman students to doff their caps when passing his lordship.

Under its first president, Dr. James Blair, the college prospered, until 1705 when the only building was burned. In spite of this, however, classes went on, and by 1711 the main building was rebuilt on the old walls. The two other buildings were added soon afterwards.

During the administration of Dr. William Dawson, its second president, George Washington received his appointment from the college as surveyor of Fairfax county. The Flat Hat Club, the first college club in America, was established in 1750 and Thomas Jefferson was one of its members.

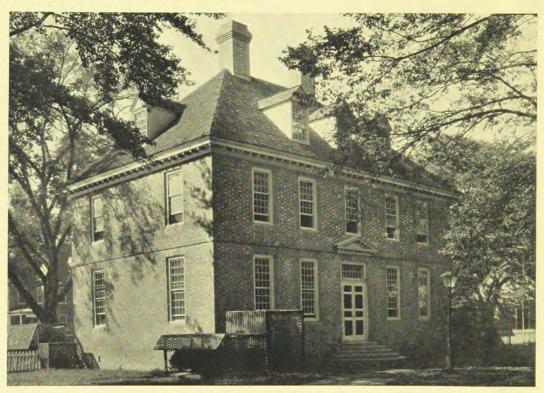
The years that followed were filled

with important events. This was a period of training in preparation it seemed for the great struggle that was to come, the American revolution. In 1770 Lord Botetourt donated the first collegiate prizes to be awarded in America. December 5, 1776, marks a great day in the history of the college and of scholarship throughout the nation, for on that day the students of William and Mary founded Phi Beta Kappa, the first and most famous of Greek letter fraternities.

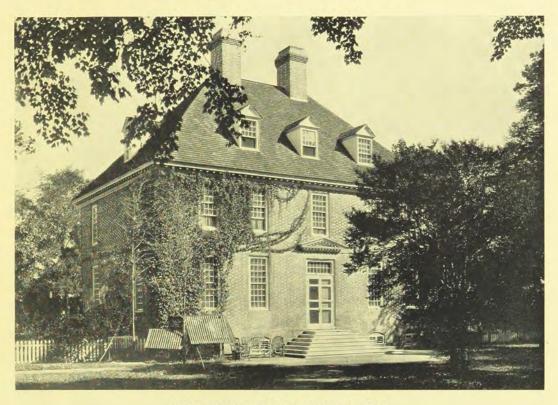
William and Mary's roll of fame for this early period is impressive. Among its alumni it numbers three presidents of the United States—Jefferson, Monroe, and Tyler; fifteen governors of Virginia, the most distinguished of whom are Jefferson, Benjamin Harrison, the Randolphs, and John Page; four signers of the Declaration of Independence; John Marshall and other members of the Supreme bench. In fact the list is too long to attempt to chronicle.

Then came the Revolution in which the students of William and Mary took an active part. During the Yorktown campaign Williamsburg became a battleground.

When Jefferson was elected Governor of the state in 1779, he proceeded to put into effect some of his advanced ideas of education. The college became a university and schools of modern language and municipal law became for the first time in America a part of the college curricula. He also introduced the general lecture system and free election of courses. At this time also, the honor system was introduced into the American college by the students of William and Mary.



BRAFFERTON HALL-1723



THE PRESIDENT'S HOUSE—1732

In 1859 the main building was again destroyed by fire and the valuable college library was burned. During the War between the States classes were suspended. Again the ill-fated main building was burned by Federal soldiers. The government afterwards reimbursed the college for its loss. The damaged buildings were restored, but the college was in such a financial state that all work was suspended from 1881 to 1888.

It was reopened with the assistance of the State of Virginia, and in 1906 it became a state institution. Since that time progress has been rapid under the guidance of Dr. J. A. C. Chandler, now

president. In 1918 women were admitted to the college, and in 1919 extension classes were established in the surrounding cities of Richmond, Newport News, and Norfolk. Recently it has established a school of aeronautics as a part of the regular college curricula, and the college has its own airport and planes. William and Mary from its very beginning, almost two hundred and fifty years ago, has stood for progress in every way.

Could any college be more suitable for a chapter of Gamma Phi Beta than William and Mary, the home of the first Greek letter fraternity in America?



MARGARET SORG, Upsilon

Margaret or "Peggy" Sorg is president of Richmond Alumnæ Association and a member of Upsilon Chapter. In 1924, she represented Upsilon at the Lake Placid convention; and since her graduation from Hollins College she has been most active and interested in all things pertaining to Gamma Phi. She has been one of the chief factors in the colonization and training of Alpha Chi; and, incidentally, she possesses the beauty, charm, and personality always attributed to Virginia women.

Colonization at William and Mary College

I am told that there are some unique features about the colonization at William and Mary. Mrs. Hoffman has asked me to tell you about our activities there.

For their individual aid in founding a chapter at Williamsburg, thanks are due to a great many people—beginning with our national organization, who planned and co-operated with us and encouraged us in every way. I shall not attempt to go down the line or even enumerate all the clever, helpful people who worked with us, but will just toss out an armful of laurel wreaths, hoping some will land and nestle on your deserving brows.

In retrospect and assuaged by time, the founding of a chapter of Gamma Phi at William and Mary seems like one of those glamorous undertakings in the movies, in which everything happens just as it should and there is the usual happy ending.

We managed the happy ending, but there were moments when we butted stone walls, or else rose with elephantine grace to soar over them, only to find that the motor had gone dead! Then the wall usually picked itself up and walked off leaving us with new obstacles.

And just that sort of thing was our introduction at William and Mary. After all sororities had been kept out for five years, we made another effort last spring to penetrate the stronghold. Weeks passed and at last on Commencement day we received an invitation to discuss with the president, the admission of a chapter of our sorority.

It seemed a desperate hazard to try to form a chapter in the summer when the student body were scattered. But even more certain was it that this opportunity would be withdrawn indefinitely, if we did not spring at it with glad cries. So we went into action!

Mrs. Williams (Alpha) and I went down to talk with Dr. Chandler. The ice melted; helpful suggestions were made; we began to assemble our lists (four of them) so that we could check and double check our names. Miss Anne Chapman, our one town alumna (but a host could not have been more helpful) was standing guard for us.

Having set a date for our first luncheon, five Richmond alumnæ motored down to The Chamberlain at Old Point and met five rushees, the most heavily recommended. We decided that they would make a splendid nucleus, so we told them of our plans and purposes, and finally went over our lists with them, adding and subtracting names.

Then we repeated this program with a luncheon at the Wardman Park in Washington for girls in that vicinity. In the meantime, Peggy Sorg had been giving out names to be investigated in Norfolk and Charlottesville by our alumnæ there. In Richmond, Mrs. Williams gave a lovely tea for both Randolph-Macon and William and Mary rushees.

A number of girls living near Richmond came to call on me, at my invitation, at various times through the summer. Most of them brought some member of their families with them and we were able to know each other a little before college opened.

And so in the end, what had seemed a very chancey undertaking took on some merits. And I believe that with one suggestion it may be a good way to colonize in some localities, i.e., to observe and consider acceptable girls of charm and accomplishment WHILE COLLEGE IS STILL IN SESSION. Then to use the long summer period for careful investigation, and to arouse the interest of the alumnæ throughout the state and region before actually assembling the group. Then to spring full-fledged, with the element of surprise, upon the campus. Always if possible with the added strength of an especially attractive housing scheme of some kind. And so out of stress and necessity, a new technique in colonization may have been evolved.

To go on with the story—we then decided that a house would be a very valuable asset. Dr. Chandler, acting for the college which owns all houses, bought and rejuvenated the old Sigma Nu house for us. It is a smallish house which is an advantage in these times. But the rooms downstairs are ample, and as it is across the street from the "Dorms," it is easily accessible for a large number.

It was then very late in the summer, but such a generous good will seemed to prevail, and ALL of our requirements in the building were met with the greatest consideration. And we now have a charming house, filled with attractive, enthusiastic girls and furnished in the Colonial tradition of the little town.

Then more good news! Alvahn Holmes waved a magician's wand and produced Nancy Conklyn (Zeta) for us, as co-organizer, just in time for the opening of college. She agreed to go down as co-organizer for the new group of fifteen, now banded together and signed up, to live in the house in the hopeful expectation of being Gamma Phis.

Mrs. Smith did a remarkable piece of liaison work and got an amazingly prompt answer from chapters everywhere. So that the girls were pledged Gamma Phi during the very first week of college and could go into rushing with the prestige of the name and with the help of our alumnæ. Whereupon they proceeded to pledge five or six more girls and have I think about twenty-two now.

Their social acceptance upon campus has already been accomplished. Nancy Conklyn is such a splendid leader for them. Four of the oldest and best sororities have given suppers or teas for them —very gracious gestures, we think. The campus paper has commented favorably; the faculty are interested and approving. And the girls themselves send us occasional letters like this—which came today.

"Everyone is awfully nice to us, but best of all, we are such good friends and are all so happy here in the house together."

So you see our "baby chapter" is a child to be proud of, with every hope of a rose-colored future at one of the most charming and unique old colleges in the country today.

Helen Harrison Bickelhaupt, Gamma

History of Alpha Chi

Alpha Chi of Gamma Phi Beta had its beginning on William and Mary campus on September 19, when twelve girls, chosen by Mrs. Ivan Bickelhaupt, Gamma, of Richmond, were pledged. Bids were sent out during the summer and when the new term opened an attractive house was in readiness to receive the members of the new chapter.

The first few weeks after pledging were lost in a mad rush of teas, bridges, receptions and other forms of entertainment given by the other sororities in honor of the new chapter. In addition to fulfilling social engagements the twelve charter members were struggling with open rushing, trying to compete with eight other sororities. They were very successful in their first attempts, despite the fact that they were only pledges themselves, which made rushing rather difficult. They now have eleven new pledges of whom they are exceedingly proud, as they represent the first real achievement of Alpha Chi.

After rushing there usually follows a period of entertaining for freshman pledges. Our pledges gave a tea for those of other sororities and it was really a success, thanks to the co-operation of Nancy Conklyn, co-organizer, our housemother, Mrs. Morecock, Margaret Sorg, Upsilon, and Katherine Gordon, Alpha Sigma, who have been most interested in all our activities. In fact several were overheard saying that it was the loveliest tea given on campus this season. In case you other Gamma Phis may wish to know the secret of our successful rushing season, I'll tell you. We established for ourselves among the freshmen the reputation of being the friendliest sorority on campus, and we hope that we will always be considered 50.

The next important event in our chapter life was Founders' Day, when all Gamma Phis arrayed themselves in white according to campus tradition, and displayed the pink carnation. That evening we gave a buffet supper for our pledges; and our one town alumna, Anne Chapman, of Gamma, was present. "Miss Anne," as we all call her, has become very dear to us in the short time that we have known her. That night she wore the quaint red, white and blue pin which her father gave her when she was initiated.

Intersorority basketball occupied most of our time during the first part of December. As a result of days of frantic sewing, our team emerged in adorable brown and tan suits, with a brown crescent adorning every Gamma Phi's back. It was about this time that we were honored by a visit from Miss Alvahn Holmes, our Province Director, and we all liked her from the very beginning. Her visit was entirely too short!

We had what might be considered our last "get-together" as pledges before the Christmas holidays. And did we have fun! By the light of a Christmas tree, an open fire, and candlelight, all Gamma Phis, pajama clad, gathered after ten o'clock in the big living room and sang carols and Gamma Phi songs. After refreshments were served, marshmallows toasted, silly little Christmas gifts opened and sillier verses attached to them read, up came the rugs and the big pajama dance was on. After two or three hours of hilarity, twenty-three weary but happy Gamma Phis trailed upstairs together and bestowed themselves somehow in twelve beds. And thus the charter members of Alpha Chi bid good-by to their pledge days.

Alpha Chi of Gamma Phi Beta



Top: Frances Culbreth, Catherine Westbrook, Clara Sizemore Center: Wilma Mallory, Marion Trevillian, Sally Mason, Ruth Proudman

Below: Roberta Kuyk, Ruth Jett, Marcia Smith

Installation of Alpha Chi

The snow was falling softly, shrouding all Williamsburg in white as if in preparation for Alpha Chi's installation on the next day. Snow is rather unusual in Williamsburg, perhaps because when it does fall it wishes to paint a picture that will make one catch his breath to look on it.

Imagine, if you can, a quaint colonial village of two hundred years ago. Houses and shops in the old English style with numerous old fashioned gables, lights twinkling out over old gardens with high box hedges, all covered lightly with snow. You have perhaps seen and loved the scenes that year after year are depicted on Christmas cards. Perhaps you have regretted deep in your heart that such things no longer exist. But they do exist and are a part of the everyday life of students of William and Mary.

Duke of Gloucester Street runs the entire length of this diminutive city. At one end is the capitol as it stood in colonial days, thanks to the plan of restoration which Mr. Rockefeller has undertaken. At the other end is—college. Coming up from the capitol one passes old Bruton Parish church, the place where many great men have worshipped, the governor's mansion in its restored state, and the homes of many famous people of former days.

William and Mary has been called *The College at the Crossroads*. It is a most interesting location. If you will allow me to quote you will understand why this is. "The campus is bounded on the south by the road which, running from Jamestown Island, just six miles distant, brings memories associated with the birth of the nation and the struggle and sacrifice of the settlers at

Jamestown in 1607. The campus is bounded on the east by the road which, coming from Yorktown, brings the memories of the battle there which established the liberty of the nation. . . The other road which borders the campus leads from where these two roads meet to the world of service and of opportunity which lies beyond."

Let us take the road on the south which will lead us to the home of Gamma Phi Beta at William and Mary. It is Saturday morning, January 14, the day which all members of Alpha Chi have been anticipating for months. Mrs. Hoffman, Mrs. Smith, and Miss Holmes, our Province Director, have arrived. The house is full to overflowing with excited Zetas and Alpha Sigmas, trembling Alpha Chis "to be," and Alpha Chi pledges filled with wonder and curiosity. It is a morning to be remembered, but the afternoon is more to be remembered.

For then we were initiated in the historic Apollo room of Phi Beta Kappa Memorial hall, the home of all Greek letter fraternities in America. Here at William and Mary the Alpha chapter of that first illustrious Greek letter organization was founded. The Apollo room is a replica of the original, which is only a few blocks away at the Raleigh Tavern.

That evening Alpha Chi gave a banquet at the Williamsburg Inn in honor of all Gamma Phis. At each person's place was a tiny old-fashioned nosegay and a program, designed by one of our freshman pledges, Margaret Weber. The theme of the banquet was *The* Stained Glass Window. Margaret Sorg, Upsilon, acted as toastmistress. The speeches carried out the idea of how

Alpha Chi of Gamma Phi Beta



Top: Elizabeth Burck, Frances Moreland, Margaret Weber Center: Darl Cunningham, Mary Hunter Talman, Lota Spence, Dorothy Mellor

Below: Aletta Muse, Dorothy Nice, Anne Page Moreland

each girl or chapter represented a piece of glass which goes to make the perfect window. The speakers were Mrs. Hoffman, Margaret Carnwath, Zeta; Watt Kemp, Alpha Sigma; and Marcia Smith, Alpha Chi. Mrs. Norman Smith, national expansion chairman, read several of the many telegrams of congratulations sent by other chapters. The Richmond alumnæ also presented a scrap book to the new chapter. Afterwards the members of each of the three chapters sang their favorite Gamma Phi song. Then we all went back to the house, danced, and had a fine time together.

Sunday morning almost everyone wanted to see old Bruton Parish church, and, as a result, many of the old box pews bearing such names as Washington, Jefferson, and Mason were that

morning filled by Gamma Phis. How inspiring it was to hear the strains of Fidelity, the Serenade, and Good night Little Sister resounding softly through that beautiful and ancient church. For the organist had kindly consented to play them in honor of Alpha Chi.

That afternoon we gave a tea. The house looked lovely with all of the flowers sent by other sororities. The only thing which cast a bit of gloom over everyone was the fact that our coorganizer, Nancy Conklyn, had to leave us that night. Many and large were the tears shed at her departure.

And now we too must leave you for the present, reminding you that we are very happy to be Gamma Phis and are looking forward to a particularly bright future.

Nancy Conklyn, Co-Organizer

Zeta and Alpha Chi are equally proud to have had Nancy Conklyn selected by the Council to be our Gamma Phi colonizer at William and Mary College.

Nancy's classmates early recognized and appreciated her inherent ability to work and lead, and her four years of college activity began in her freshman year when she was elected vice-president of her class and class chairman of Goucher Sing-Song. During the following two years, Nancy remained vice-president of her class; and in her junior year she was made Student Government Chairman of Advisors. In her senior year she was College Spirit Chairman and a member of the May Day Court.

Nancy is a very versatile person. She designed the costumes for the May Queen's Court in her sophomore year, and wrote many songs—not only for Sing-Song but for Zeta rushing parties. When she assumed the responsibility of the presidency of Zeta Chapter, she proved herself to be a capable manager and succeeded in gaining the willing cooperation of the chapter.

Her poise and charming personality made her an excellent rusher, and her true Gamma Phi spirit gained for Zeta many admirable members. You can be sure that everything attempted by Nancy will be successfully accomplished.

VIRGINIA WOOLVERTON, Zeta

CONVENTION POSTPONED

BECAUSE of many requests for the postponement of the 1933 convention, Grand Council sent a referendum to the chapters for vote. The result was sixty-seven to one in favor of postponement. Grand Council is very much pleased that practically all of the chapters were of the same opinion. Its members feel that a convention held this year would not be well attended and for that reason a great deal of the usual inspiration and enthusiasm resulting from such a meeting would be lost.

Our Grand Treasurer's annual reports shows a few more active girls paying dues last year than ever before so we have no financial worries. The results so far of this year's rushing show a large pledge group which undoubtedly will insure an equally encouraging financial report for next year.

The money set aside this year for convention expenses is to be diverted into other channels, such as excusing chapters that maintain insurance policies from the camp tax for the year, reducing the camp tax for other chapters, sending co-organizers to new chapters, extra visits of province directors, etc.

With 1934 our sixtieth anniversary year, it is hoped that a large attendance will contribute to the success of our convention.

MILLICENT L. HOFFMAN

Grand President

What Gamma Phi Beta Alumnae Are Doing

Mildred Bickley

NE OF OURS" by Willa Cather, who is one of the many prides of Nebraska, gives us our title for a story of an interesting personality. Mildred Bickley, Pi and Omaha, has stepped right out into the theatrical world!

Her career began with work in the Dramatic Department at the University of Nebraska, with both the Children's Theatre and the University Players. The latter organization has become a permanent and interesting part of the life on the campus, developing excellent talent.

One of the important plays in which Mildred took part was, Ladies of the Jury, by Fred Ballard, a Nebraskan, which was originally written especially for Madame Fiske.

Omaha has one of the best established little theatres in the United States. With Bernard Szold, its popular director at the helm, the Omaha Community Playhouse plays to crowded houses; giving on the average of six plays a season, each play running a week, and often held over by popular demand. Mildred played the part of Helen Hobart in Once in a Lifetime.

KOIL, one of the leading Omaha radio stations, produces a series of mystery plays three times a week, which are sponsored by Barnsdall, called the Koil Krime Klan. Mildred is a member of the permanent cast with this organization, taking part in such plays as *The Robot* and *The Voodoo Charm*.



MILDRED BICKLEY, Pi and Omaha

Another project on the radio is *The Little Theatre of the Air*, which gives premiers of short plays written especially for radio broadcast. In one of these productions Mildred played the leading rôle of Beatrice in Edna St. Vincent Millay's *The Lamp and the Bell*.

Nebraska has a flair for developing her dramatic talent. Another "One of Ours" is Marian Wiemer, Gamma and Omaha, who appeared recently in a play The Field of Honor, written by another Omahan.

GERTRUDE HAYS HOLLAND
Xi and Omaha

Gail Hall Wright Writes for Screenland



GAIL HALL WRIGHT, Sigma and Los Angeles, AND DAUGHTER, PATRICIA ALICE

Gail Hall Wright, Sigma and Los Angeles, is fast becoming one of the most popular writers for movie magazines, and not so long ago contributed to the Crescent an article in which she gave some of her experiences as interviewer. We quote from her article in the December Screenland which she calls "Ten Minute Interviews with Six Popular Stars," and in which the interviewed ones tell what they think of their fellow stars:

VALIANT MARY PICKFORD

Maybe you don't realize it but it takes ironbound courage to discuss one's Hollywood contemporaries frankly and for publication. So many high-powered temperaments floating

But if the fans want to know what "Our Mary" thinks about anything, why, Mary is going to see that they are told. And that's

As a starter Mary looked the film colony over and decided, with an impish grin, thatwith the choice left to her-she would choose Gago (Doug's monkey) as her spare-hour companion. "He dares to be himself on all occasions and is always amusing. So why not?"

Margaret Livingston and Jean Hersholt are Hollywood's best sports, decided Mary. "Margaret once danced for hours with neuritis in her knee and never betrayed pain, and Jean played uncomplainingly for three days with a dislocated vertebrae. Marie Dressler has what

it takes to win that coveted title, 'best trouper,'
"And as to the best informed, I would say
that on national affairs Will Rogers; on the
motion picture industry Irving Thalberg; cul-

turally Thomas Meighan, Dick and Jessica Barthelmess, and Dolores Del Rio. "After seeing Norma Shearer in 'Strange Interlude' I regard her as our finest actress," continued Mary positively, "Wallace Beery I consider the most versatile. Chaplin, of course, is the screen's genius. Sartorially speaking, Lilyan Tashman has more striking individuality, while Norma Shearer epitomizes elegance in conservative dressing. My Doug is the best dressed man."

GORGEOUS GLORIA STUART

There isn't any trick at all to getting Gloria to chattering. Just ask her a question and she's off to the races. Eager, alert, alive! Fairly oozing youthful enthusiasms, ideas, and opinions. And it's no end exciting hearing her.
"With whom would I rather spend an hour than anyone else? Well, provided I had an

hour to spare—and my choice of stars—Ronald Colman. Why? I suppose it is because I don't know him. (Figure that one out yourself, gen-

tle reader, I'm just telling you.)

"Mae Clarke is the best sport I know. And Boris Karloff the greatest trouper. Marie Dressler is the most popular woman in Holly-wood. Everyone who knows her loves Marie. Garbo is my film idol. Ann Dyorak wins my vote for future stardom. And Leslie Howard typifies my ideal of acting artistry. Claudette Colbert and Bill Powell show, in my opinion, more personal distinction in dressing than any of the other famed ones. Mary Pickford is the perfect social leader. She has the poise and discrimination it takes to head the society col-umn with éclat. As a party hostess—well, I think Marion Davies deserves all the praise she receives. Her friend Bill Haines has a lot of

"Frederic March and Florence Eldridge are the most perfectly mated couple I know. Leslie Fenton is the best informed, and Andy Devine the biggest eater. Yoo hoo, Andy!"

BREEZY BARBARA STANWYCK

Barbara and I discussed everything from food to Frank Fay. She likes to smoke cigar-ettes and read novels by Theodore Dreiser and

Jim Tully, but she likes a good prizefight or football game even better. She'd rather eat rare roast beef with baked potatoes, or spareribs and sauerkraut, than anything else. Yet this same natural gal actually can't stand seeing a picture hanging crooked on the wall! She has two pets, a terrier, "Shanty Irish," and a Boston bull, "Punky."

She really didn't pan anyone in particular. Just motion picture executives in general. Said she would take the prop boys and men who work on the sets many times over! Then she admitted that she preferred to make all her friends outside the profession. Because she

liked non-pros better.

Her "spare hour" she will spend with her husband every time-he is Frank Fay, you know. She regards him as the most talented

actor in Hollywood, too.
"My favorite actress? Why, Ruth Chatterton, of course," in a how-could-it-be-anyone-

else sort of tone.

She predicted brilliant futures for George rent and Barbara Weeks, and designated Lilyan Tashman as the best-dressed star here-

"All I want to do is to make enough money in pictures to retire and have children, bara broke all precedent by admitting. "I have them named already-Michael and Kathleen. In the meantime we've adopted a red-headed boy!"

CLEVER SYLVIA SIDNEY

Sylvia Sidney, looking for all the world like a runaway high school girl (except that no high school girl would dare jeopardize her prestige by appearing to be so young), admitted, with a toss of brown hair out of blue eyesand they are blue, what do you think about that?-that every new Garbo, as well as every new Dietrich picture, finds her standing in the fan line. But, except for the glamorous personalities of the twain, their appeal to her is entirely different. One lures—the other charms.

"Dietrich tantalizes, challenges; she has finesse," explained Sylvia, "while Garbo is elementally great, like the throb of life. Helen Hayes, however, has the genius that inspires and thrills me. I study her.

"Actors? I admire those who background their acting with brains, insight, and talent, not just big he-men with lots of muscle and a smile. Frederic March is my favorite-isn't he growing? And Ronald Colman, every time. There's an actor!"

"How do you feel about Leslie Howard?"
"Ahhh!" So ecstatically did she sigh that I

considered myself answered.

Kay Francis and Ruth Chatterton dress more to her liking than any of the stars press-agented for their chic. "Because they aren't so screenish in their modes. You can visualize their clothes as having a place in everyday, wellbred life."

"Clara Bow is the best trouper I know," championed Sylvia. "Good-natured, charming, sweet. No cringing, ever! She has the stuff that will bring her back."

LOVELY IRENE DUNNE

"A chance to talk about someone else? All right! Let's talk about Joel McCrea. Do you know that he has twenty-six bathing suits and that he introduced 'menace' into his personality because Charles Bickford told him to? And do you know that he says he will never—no never—marry an actress? That's the low-down on him! Then take Myrna Loy. She puts on duck pants the minute she gets out of one of those slinky evening gowns of hers. She goes bare-legged around her house, laughs at the funny papers, and eats apples. That's how exotic she

"Did you know that Fay Wray acts to the

inspiration of perfume?" she added.

Irene was having lots of fun, eyeing me all the while with a sort of Mona Lisa smile. She had taken over the interview so quickly that I hadn't had time to ask her any of my questions. But who would want to? Why spoil a good time?

Richard Dix has been her ideal, ever since the Oklahoma land rush, "Cimarron-ly" speaking. She likes to play with Pat O'Brien, too. Their personalities sort of click in that cheerio type of pictures. And she never misses an Ed-

ward Everett Horton comedy.

She credits Ruth Chatterton with genius; Ann Harding for fine dramatic acting; and she admires the sophistication of Constance Bennett. Besides Joel, she picks Eric Linden and Ann Dvorak as sure-fire winners of future

VIVACIOUS BILLIE BURKE

If one really planned to devote but ten minutes to the effervescent Billie Burke, about all that one would be able to report would be a flash-a dash-and a couple of zizzling exclamation marks!!

We chatted it all out as we raced from her dressing room to the wardrobe department, on to lunch, then back to the set where she was making her talkie début in "Bill of Divorcement" with John Barrymore. Between scenes she finished the sentences begun at lunch.

Her favorite actor is John Barrymore and nothing could possibly have been so heavensent as this chance to play a part with him! In spite of beauty, personality, success, Billie is of the opinion that she suffers from a sense of inferiority, so she is relying on John to inspire her with confidence.

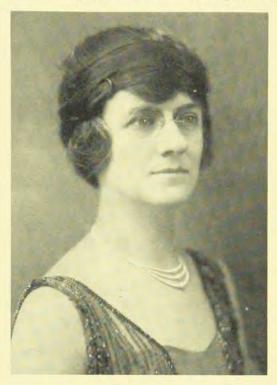
"Why doesn't anyone ever mention his sense of humor?" she asks. "Why, he is the life of

the set.

Katherine Cornell is her favorite stage actress and Joan Crawford comes nearest to meeting her requirements for a screen star

If she had an hour to herself she really would prefer to spend it in the quiet of some mountain fastness but she would choose Zöe Akin to accompany her. Elsie Janis is the best trouper in the profession, according to Billie, and Norma Shearer has the good taste in clothes that she admires. Billie's favorite person in the world is Patricia Florence Ziegfeld.

Chellie Stevens Wright Holds National P. E. O. Office



CHELLIE STEVENS WRIGHT, Theta and Denver

During her four years in Denver University, Chellie Stevens displayed the sparkle, the quickness, and the adaptability that have so characterized her in the various activities in which she has been engaged since her graduation. A very active member of Theta Chapter, she represented the chapter at a convention in Evanston at which Epsilon was hostess; and her subsequent marriage to Frederick Richter Wright, a prominent attorney of Denver and a

gifted musician, brought her back to Denver from her home in Trinidad. In recent years she has been president of Denver Alumnæ Chapter and president of the board of directors of the Gamma Phi Beta lodge.

In 1926, her daughter, Chellie, was initiated into her mother's chapter. "Chellie Junior," as she was affectionately called, inherited her father's genius and was considered one of Denver's finest musicians. While in college, she served as Crescent correspondent and as manager of the annual play; and her untimely death in 1928 brought much sorrow to both alumnæ and college girls.

While in Trinidad, Mrs. Wright became interested in P.E.O. and was the first recording secretary of her particular group. When her marriage took her to Denver she became a charter member of another group, and, in time, its president. She has served Colorado State Chapter as corresponding secretary, recording secretary, first vicepresident, and president. Later she was appointed to the board of trustees of the P.E.O. Record, and at the last biennial was chairman of the board. Her appointment as organizer of Supreme Chapter has brought added responsibility and a wider field of activity and achievement; while her personal charm has won for her a host of friends and admirers.

Alice Ringling Coerper

Our own Alice Coerper (Gamma) is continuing to charm her various audiences with her own clever sketches which are unique of their kind. Here is her picture and the attractive caption that accompanies it; also the following interesting comments.

CONCERNING ALICE RINGLING

Alice Ringling is the youngest daughter of the late August Ringling, one of the famous Ringling Brothers. She is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin, a member of the American Association of University Women, and of the international sorority of Gamma Phi Beta.

Miss Ringling is a dramatic actress who writes delightful sketches for her own use. They cover a wide range of varying interests, from the drama of Flanders Fields to the hu-

mor of everyday life of everyday people.
In her "Romance Under the Big Top," Miss Ringling takes her audience behind the scenes of the big circus and shows them a true picture of the private lives of these fascinating people.

COMMENTS

CHARLES E. WATT, Editor of Music News, Chicago

"Intelligent no end, charming to the very full. That is Alice Ringling. A reader who understands herself. She is able to write for her own use sketches which fit exactly and, therefore, are wholly a delight to her audiences.

"It was my privilege to hear a series of sketches entitled, 'Romance Under the Big Top,' including Jolly Nellie, Mrs. Bordoni, Toto and

Victoria, the little bare-back rider.
"All these diverse people were presented by Miss Ringling with fidelity, assurance, and great effect. She is whimsical, broadly humorous, cunning, sly, calculating, girlish, austere, and always big-hearted, and her admixture of these traits is masterly.

'She is one dramatic reader who deserves



professional success and it is easy to predict for her just such success and fame as she may choose to go after."

Clippings

Achievements of other Gamma Phis are shown in the appended clippings: From Banta's Greek Exchange:

Mrs. Paul William Lawrence of Los Angeles, California (formerly Gladys Wilkinson of Lincoln, Nebraska) recently resigned as editor of the Wheel of Δ 0, musical sorority. Mrs. Lawrence has served as a national officer of this organization since 1923, when she was elected as the National Installation Officer. The next year she was elected as editor and has held the office continuously since then. She was again appointed at the last convention, but was unable to accept the office again, due to her increased responsibilities, and it was with keen regret that she could not accept the appointment.

Mrs. Lawrence is a graduate of the University of Nebraska, where she was a member of Γ Φ B. She also was a postgraduate student at Smith College, Northampton, Massachusetts, and at Les Hirondelles, Geneva, Switzerland.

Mrs. Lawrence is listed in Who's Who in

Genealogy and Who's Who in Los Angeles.

From a Fargo paper comes this account of the celebration of Founders Day by Alpha Omicron and Fargo:

An original tableau, "A Day in Athens," arranged by Mrs. E. A. Weston and Mrs. W. H. Murfin, and staged by the Gamma Phi Beta ensemble under Mrs. Weston's direction, was the feature number of the program given in connection with the annual Founders Day observance of the Gamma Phi Beta sorority in the Waldorf Hotel Monday, attended by active, alumnæ, and pledges of Alpha Omicron Chap-

The setting was the porch of the maidens' temple, designed by Miss Margaret Fleming, an active member, after an old temple in Athens, with members of the octet taking the part of the pillars.

The maidens came to life to the rhythm of original poetry, written by Mrs. Weston and read by Miss Jean Pote, and they interpreted by pose, song, and dance the symbolic message of the various colors of the day, thrown on them by means of a color wheel. Incidental

chants written by Mrs. Weston were sung by Mrs. Paul Person during the unfolding of the

Members of the ensemble are Misses Lois Rudrud, Lorraine Brekke, Rhoda Marr Gynell Powell, Mariam Narum Marcella Ike, Lois Presler, Jean Pote, Audrey Houglum, Paula

Verne, and Mary Powers.

The Greek theme was carried out in the table appointments. A replica of the Parthenon was arranged for the head table, and trays of grapes centered the other tables. Ivory candles were also used on the tables and throughout

the room.

The toast program was based on Greek mythology and Miss Ruth Whitney, toastmaster, took the rôle of the Goddess Hera; Mrs. Albert Birch represented Athena; Miss Mar-jorie Archer, Aphrodite; and Miss Ellen Blair, Hebe. During the banquet program, Mrs. Paul Person led the singing of community and sorority songs. Mrs. Birch represented the alumnæ group; Miss Archer, the actives; and Miss Blair, the pledges. Covers were laid for eighty.

The alumnæ chapter had charge of the banquet and program arrangements.

From Crescent Chatter of Chicago Alumnæ Chapter:

Grace Merrill is vice-president, in charge of records and achievements, of the Northwestern University Alumni Association, is a member of the Associate Alumnæ, and a director of the alumni association. She is an expert in personnel work and at present directs personnel for the Wieboldt stores where she was recently awarded a prize of \$500 for outstanding work. Grace has been building up the records of Northwestern alumni, getting accurate information about the 30,000 men and women who have attended or graduated from the university. She will supervise the enormous task of bringing and keeping these records up to the minute and will be assisted by the score or so of records and achievement counselors in all parts of the country.

FROM EDITOR OF ADELPHEAN OF ALPHA DELTA PI

The January issue of the Alpha Gamma Delta Quarterly erroneously includes Alpha Delta Pi among the list of Greek letter organizations postponing their conventions during the depression. This letter is just to call your attention to this error so that should you copy from the *Quarterly* you can correct this mistake.

Our convention will be held June 25—July 1 at Swampscott, Mass., according to

plans made soon after the close of our 1931 convention at Lake Louise. As we have never postponed a convention and are not doing so this year, we naturally regret this error and therefore take this means of notifying other N.P.C. editors so that the item will not be copied with our name in it.

Very sincerely yours,

Editor, THE ADELPHEAN... JEAN JAMES

The Quest of a Family Tree, by Gladys Wilkinson Lawrence appears in this month's issue of the Ancestor published in Beverly Hills, California, a national monthly journal devoted to research in the field of Historical Genealogy; to the preservation of the history and traditions of American families. Mrs. Lawrence has devoted a great deal of time to research in scientific genealogy during the last few years and is a member of leading historical societies. She is a graduate of the University of Nebraska, and did postgraduate work at Smith College and Indiana Conservatory of Music. Her two last books on genealogy are Lawrence, a history and compilation of her husband's family from the Revolutionary period and Rees History which is a biography of the Rev. Thomas Rees (1774-1858), Wales, giving the history of his numerous descendants. The Rees history also includes chapters on Price, Evans, Morris, and Briggs families. A new genealogy has just been completed and is now at the publishers which is on the Wilkinson-Irvine families.

Gamma Phi Beta Pictoria 1

HOW WOULD YOU LIKE

to rise on an oaken bucket throne from a rustic well? That's what happened to Ruth Mullenax of Alpha Delta when she was crowned Harvest Queen of Barnwarmin' at the twenty-eighth annual Barnwarmin' dance of the College of Agriculture at the University of Missouri.

Seven hundred students, guests, and chaperons attended this college function which always is unique. Overalls and farm maid dresses were donned for the occasion; the hall was decorated with autumn leaves, fence rails, and bales of straw with a special arrangement of spot lights; and there were booths where cider, pumpkin pie, sandwiches, and apples were served.

Ruth is a senior in the College of Arts and Science, and her father was the organizer and first president of the Agricultural Club which sponsors Barnwarmin' each year. Other sororities represented in the competition for queen were Kappa Kappa Gamma, Pi Beta Phi, Kappa Alpha Theta, and Alpha Chi Omega.

THE FIRST GIRL SCOUT TROOP

in Dallas claimed Dorothy Sinz (Alpha Xi) as a member; and Dorothy was the first Girl Scout in Dallas to be awarded a Golden Eaglet—the highest award in Girl Scouting. Incidentally, only one other girl in Dallas has this bonor.

For two summer sessions, Dorothy, as counselor, attended the regional Girl Scout camp at Lake Medina in Texas, and in the same capacity for three summer sessions Camp Mary White, Cactus Region National Training School for Girl Scout Leaders. During the past summer, she has been riding and pioneer counselor at the San Antonio Girl Scout camp in Texas. In 1931 and 1932 she was captain of two Girl Scout troops, and at present is captain of the Highland Park High School group in Dallas. Also, she is a member of the Dallas Leaders' Association, is on its nominating committee, program committee, and one of the two on the publicity committee; and has attended two national conventions and three regional conferences of Girl Scouts.

A GAMMA PHI DAUGHTER

is Alice Boyd of Alpha Beta Chapter. Her mother, Alice Dimmick Boyd of Zeta, is alumnæ adviser to Alpha Beta; while her father is a member of the faculty of the University of North Dakota. Alice, in addition to her inherited Gamma Phi spirit, is the finest type of college girl and is now doing postgraduate work in psychology and languages. During her college course she was for two years a member of the Y.W.C.A. cabinet with the honor of attending the Lake Geneva conference in her sophomore year; and also she belonged to Sketchers' Club, to Delta Phi Delta, art fraternity, and to Philosophy Club. She is tall, dark, and charming—and she wears a Phi Beta Kappa key!

PRESIDENT OF WOMEN'S UNDER-GRADUATE SOCIETY

is the office that has come to Dorothy Thompson of Alpha Lambda—the highest campus position that any woman may hold since she becomes hostess of the student body of the University of British Columbia and a member of Students' Council. Incidentally, Gamma Phis hold two of the three offices on Student Council open to women.

CHARGE OF ALL ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES

among women students at the University of British Columbia is Ruth Witbeck of Alpha Lambda, who has been honored by the office of president of Woman's Athletic Association, thus becoming a member of Student Council. This is almost traditionally a Gamma Phi office, since last year was the first time in many years that a Gamma Phi had not held the position.

COLONEL OF MILITARY BALL

is the title of Marion Cheek, Eta, '32, who, after heavy balloting, was elected to the coveted position. The publication of the University of California tells of the event:

California tells of the event:
Polling 622 votes, Marion Cheek, '32, was yesterday elected to the position of honorary colonel and queen of the sixtieth annual Military Ball. She won by a simple plurality

in the R.O.T.C. poll carried on by Scabbard and Blade, national military honor society, to elect one of the five senior women nomi-

nated for the honor.

· Miss Cheek is a member of the Gamma Phi Beta sorority. As rewards for her victory she will be given a free bid to the ball, a free roundtrip to Sacramento by the Varney Airlines, Inc., and will be the sole passenger in the first plane ever to alight on the campus. Plane to Bring Military

Queen to Hilgard Field

The ship, a Kellett Autogiro, will deposit her on Hilgard Field tomorrow morning at 11:20 A.M. in front of the assembled military and naval units. The plane will then take off from the field and she will review a parade of the combined R.O.T.C., which is to be given in her honor.

Saturday night she will be decorated officially as honorary colonel, and she and her escort, accompanied by Colonel and Mrs. Robert O. Van Horn, Captain and Mrs. Bruce L. Canaga, and the captain of the local company of Scabbard and Blade and his partner, will lead the grand march which will follow the formal pledging ceremony.

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HIGHEST POSSIBLE POSITION

in journalism has come to Madeleine Phillips of Alpha Iota who has been elected women's editor of Daily Bruin, the college newspaper. In this capacity she assists in editing the paper and directs the activities of more than one hundred aspiring young women who have journalistic ambitions. Also, she is on the senior board of control, the publications board, the Associated Women's Council, and is a member of Tri C and Pi Kappa Pi, two journalistic honoraries. Throughout her college course she has been in many campus activities and has held many offices of importance, while in her freshman year she was elected to Spurs, national honorary society for outstanding freshman women.

DRUM MAJORESS AND SPONSOR

of the North Dakota American Legion band happens to be Audrey Houglum of Alpha Omicron. In September, she led the band to a first prize trophy at the national convention of the American Legion in Portland, and last year she attended the convention in Detroit. Next year she goes to the Chicago gathering, and if she still continues in the office will go to Paris in 1935. She is a sophomore in the School of Education, a talented dancer, and has received prominent mention in the large newspapers of Seattle, Portland, and New York.

THE POWERS FAMILY

is an interesting group that lives up to its name, since Mrs. Powers is president of the Mothers Club, Mary is president of Alpha Omicron, and Gertrude is president of the pledge group. Mary is a senior in the School of Science and Literature, has been president of Women's Senate, social commissioner of Student Commission, and is a member of Senior Staff, local Mortar Board, Phi Gamma Nu, Kappa Delta Pi, and Guideon; while, in addition to all this, she is an accomplished organist and pianist. Gertrude is a tennis expert and is musically gifted. Eloise Powers Wise and Elizabeth Powers of Alpha Omicron are cousins of Mary and Gertrude; Katherine Eddy Powers is a cousinin-law; De Ricci and Ruth Powers, sisters of Eloise and Elizabeth, are members of Gamma Chapter.

No wonder we hear of the Famous Powers

Family!

COEDS TO CRASH FOOTBALL FEED FOR FIRST TIME

is the alliterative caption for a paragraph in the Milwaukee Sentinel. We quote verbatim from the publication and reproduce to the best of our ability the accompanying cut since all the girls are members of Gamma Chapter:



The annual football dinner of the University of Wisconsin this year will have added color with co-eds among the diners, because their cheering is no small item in a successful season. Here are some of the girls who will attend. The man is Walter (Mickey) McGuire, Hawaiian halfback star, who was voted the most valuable man on the 1932 squad. Left to right—Marian Lucas, Madison; Marion Twohig, Fond du Lac, summer session prom queen; McGuire; Rosemary Brigham, Pittsburgh; Eleanor Glascoff, Waupun, and DeRicci Powers, queen of sports for the banquet. She is holding a football autographed by members of the team, and McGuire's helmet.

(Associated Press Photo.)

Gamma Phi Beta Pictorial

Alice Boyd Alpha Beta



RUTH MULLENAX
Alpha Delta





Dorothy Sinz Alpha Xi

Gamma Phi Beta Pictorial



Dorothy Thompson
Alpha Lambda



Marion Cheek
Eta

RUTH WITBECK Alpha Lambda

Gamma Phi Beta Pictorial

MADELEINE PHILLIPS
Alpha Iota



Audrey Houglum
Alpha Omicron

Three Powers, standing: Gertrude Powers; seated: Mrs. Joseph Powers and Mary Powers.





Panhellenic Department

Do You Know That

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Anna Roosevelt Dall, daughter of the President-elect, is a member of Alpha Phi? The Alpha Phi *Quarterly* tells us about her:

WHEN DELTA PLEDGED ANNA ROOSEVELT

By EDITH GREEN, Delta

Anna Roosevelt came to Cornell to take what we called a shorthorn course in Agriculture—a special course lasting just a few months—in the fall of 1925 and, of course, we entertained her as did the other fraternities upon her arrival. She was then a rather shy, tall, attractive girl with a lovely clear complexion. We were all delighted with her and, although it seemed impossible, were anxious to have her join Alpha Phi. Because she was not regularly enrolled for a university course we wrote to the National Board and received special permission to bid her.

So one night we had a meeting and three of us were sent over to the dormitory to ask her to join us. We really didn't think she would be interested because of her short stay and you can imagine our delight when she not only accepted us but her eyes filled with tears when she said, "Do you really want me?" That was an exciting evening for all of us and it seemed to Anna most of all judging by her apparent happiness.

During the remainder of her stay at Cornell she was one of our most faithful freshmen, coming every Sunday night to help with "Lit," as our suppers were called, and dropping in at the house frequently in between. She has a delightful sense of humor and was always very gay. Unfortunately her course was over before initiation but she returned from Hyde Park for the great event and became an Alpha Phi that winter. At that time she had a lovely engagement ring, and of course, we were all very anxious to meet Mr. Dall so she promised to return again in the spring for our formal dance and bring him with her. This she did and we enjoyed meeting him and also seeing Anna again. In June we received invitations to her wedding and characteristically not one of us was forgotten. A number of the girls were able to go and reported that Anna was a lovely bride and still the same gracious, friendly girl.

The *Quarterly* also gives us the following paragraph:

Alpha Phi may take unto herself a certain measure of vicarious pleasure and distinction in the election of Franklin Delano Roosevelt to the Presidency. For his daughter, Anna Roosevelt Dall, is an alumna of our Delta Chapter. Edith Green, one of the Cornell group, who extended the invitation to her to join Alpha Phi gives us a brief report of the gracious and friendly acceptance which this was accorded. And in our Topeka and Omaha alumnæ letters, in this issue, we have an account of the renewal of Mrs. Dall's Alpha Phi associations, whilst on campaign tour with her father.

It is truly in the spirit of Panhellenism that this honor comes in turn to Alpha Phi. Gamma Phi Beta, Pi Beta Phi, and Kappa Kappa Gamma have each been so represented in recent years. And we are certain that Mrs. Dall will not feel unhappy if we should wish that she were an Alpha Phi daughter as well, and that we could lay claim to her charming, gracious mother.

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The two Bantas who mean so much in the fraternity world are controlling the destinies of two Greek letter organ-



MR. AND MRS. GEORGE BANTA, JR.

izations? Margaret is the re-elected president of Kappa Alpha Theta while George is the president of Phi Delta Theta, and a leader in affairs Panhellenic. It is a matter of pride to us that the fraternity system has two such representatives. From the Sigma Phi Epsilon *Journal* we quote:

BANTA AND BANTA

"A novel milestone in interfraternity history was inscribed last August at the Phi Delta Theta convention in Estes Park, Colorado, when George Banta, Jr., for many years editor of the Scroll, and son of the first president of Phi Delta Theta, was elected to head his fraternity. This distinction grows unique by virtue of Banta being the husband of Margaret K. Banta, who was re-elected at Estes Park last summer to preside for a second term over the sorority of Kappa Alpha Theta.

"This is the first instance, and most probably the last, of this remarkable twin honor, viz., a conjoined mister and missus serving as high

chiefs of their Greek letter groups."



CARRIE CHAPMAN CATT

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Carrie Chapman Catt is a member of Pi Beta Phi? Mrs. Catt recently has been nominated by *Good Housekeeping* for the distinction of being one of America's twelve great women.

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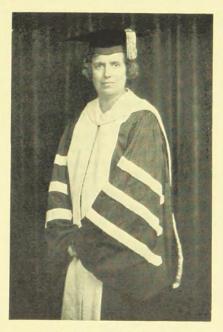
Pearl Buck, author of *The Good Earth* and a very prominent figure in the literary world, is a member of Kappa Delta?



PEARL S. BUCK

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Louise Fitch, prominent member of Delta Delta Delta, for ten years editor of the *Trident*, and, at present, dean of women at Cornell University, has



R. LOUISE FITCH

been signally honored by Knox College with the degree, Doctor of Letters? Said the president of the college, Dr. Albert Britt:

Rachel Louise Fitch: In this day of standardization and organization we attach a special value to those rare individuals in the field of education who never forget they are dealing with human beings and not with graphs or tables. And it is as to a human being and not primarily as to an educator that I have pleasure in exercising the authority bestowed upon me by the Trustees in conferring upon you the degree of Doctor of Letters, thereby admitting you to all the privileges, honor, dignities which here and elsewhere pertain to that degree.

Trident of Delta Delta Delta

TWENTY-NINE OUESTIONS

By L. PEARLE GREEN for National Panhellenic Publicity Committee, 1931-33, Fourth Release

Two types of questions confront the fraternity world today: those becoming acute through the gradual shift of college emphasis and customs during the last decade; those created by the present unusual economic conditions.

Those created by present economic conditions are being solved on most campuses by careful economies and cooperative effort. Where student bodies are much reduced in size, and large new houses are only partially clear of debt,

solution is less sure.

Are there too many fraternities represented on some campuses? At the Interfraternity conference meeting Thanksgiving week-end, it was asserted that a field was overcrowded in a state university if more than 55% of the students were fraternity men, in a privately endowed college the maximum might be 75%. Would similar percentages hold for women students? If these percentages are even approximately correct, how about the policy of those colleges which demand—"fraternity affiliations for every student who wants such connections"?

Have fraternities been too critical in their selection of members? Visiting fraternity offi-cers often wonder why this and that outstanding student is not a fraternity member. It may be by choice, but, if so, what is wrong with the chapters on that campus that they do not attract such students? Where a freshman delegation is too small, aren't there desirable girls in other classes who would strengthen a chapter? How meet the problem of the girl who wants to join but "can't afford to now"? Wouldn't a fund to meet such situations be a better alumnæ gift than the usual new house furnishings? Wouldn't the omission of one chapter dance provide such a fund?

But when we begin to cut down on chapter activities we become a party to more unemployment, as one campus found out recently. In a glow of enthusiasm Panhellenic decided that each house could help tide over the shortage in its budget by the girls waiting on themselves at table, and by substituting victrola and radio for the usual orchestra at dances. But, countered the university, then what will happen to the sixty student waiters who are depending on that work for their living expenses this year? and to the thirty men who are paying their way through college by playing in college orchestras? To what extent have chapters become their brother's keepers? Is it a square deal, to follow the style set by business and economize at the expense of the other student?

Immediate concern with such pressing questions must not crowd out study of the vital questions that must be answered if the future

of fraternities is to be protected.

How is fraternity life to be adjusted to meet changing college conditions? What changes, you ask? The great increase in two year students of two classes: those transferring from junior colleges, those dismissed with a certificate at the end of sophomore year as not qualified to profit by further years in college. The trend, not even halted by depression days, toward the building of more and more dormitories. The rule that all freshmen must live in dormitory. The limit placed on number of students and the rigidly enforced selective process.

What shall be the scholarship goal of a fra-ternity? High rank as a group, or real in-tellectual interests? What on campus and in fraternity is most conducive to fine scholar-ship? How about the chapter house tutor sys-tem? Would a change in chaperon qualifications bring into the chapter houses college trained women whose presence would stimulate finer

intellectual standards?

What is the best housing plan for a college? Or, is the best plan for one college, the worst for another? How can fraternity practices be adapted to such a best plan? Should there be a limit on cost of a chapter house? Should there be a limit on number a house is built to accommodate? Should residents in such a house be strictly limited to that number? Who is to control living conditions and costs in chapter houses? Which is best for the college, a Com-mons, or dining rooms in individual houses? Where chapter houses are impracticable or forbidden, is the preferred plan chapter lodges, or fraternity rooms in a woman's building or union?

We have no panacea to offer for any of these problems. We do have confidence that by study and discussion the fraternity women can solve them all. And so-we present them as vital material for chapter meeting programs, and, we hope, as a preliminary step toward the solu-

tion of twenty-nine questions.

Camp Department

1933 Camps

PLANS for the 1933 camps are being formulated and when you receive your next CRESCENT there will be plenty of news. Just now the important feature is to assure you that both camps will operate at full capacity; and unfortunately there will be a waiting list of little ones that will have to go another year. Of course more children will need this outing in 1933 than ever before and we are happy that Gamma Phi Beta is able to do her share toward relieving the cares of so many tiny girls.

The request for sewing in the De-

cember Crescent received a very generous response, but there are still a great many dresses to be cut; also quilts and other bedding are needed. Wash cloths and dish towels have yet to be supplied.

The girls thinking of camp in terms of counselorships should send in their blanks at once. These blanks should be filled out in full, otherwise they have to be returned and this delays an application. Both camps offer an opportunity that is a rare combination of vacation and worth-while work. Girls form associations with Gamma Phis

If You Wish to be a Councilor in the 1933 Camps—	
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Let Gamma Phi Beta Know of It.	
Many Gamma Phis are planning their vacations now. Won't you join one of our camps:	
If you are interested, tear this out and send to Mrs. Walter E. Clarke, International Chairman, 776 Vine Street, Denver, Colorado.	Camp
Other blanks upon application to the above.	
Name	
Address—home	
Chapter	
Experience	
Signature of Chapter president	
(Greek Letter or Alumna)	
(If still in college)	
Signature of employer, pastor, or similar if connected with no chapter	
Dates: JulyAugust	
Check ones preferred. No counselor signed for longer than four weeks. Two weeks prefera when possible.	ble
Check preference: Denver CampVancouver Camp	

from widely separated chapters and thus the sisterhood ties draw tighter. Each camp affords all kinds of outdoor activities, and then the service that one gives to the little child is something never to be forgotten.

Another place where the individual member may help. The Denver Public Library through its extension department lends the Denver Camp all the books needed and last year Seattle alumnæ collected some books for Vancouver; but that camp still needs more good girls' books suitable for the ages from eight to fourteen. If anyone has such books she would care to donate will she send me a line and I will advise when and where to send in order to avoid duty. Please give titles as we do not want too many duplicates.

The film still has plenty of open dates and I hope that all chapters that have not had it will arrange a movie party. The only expense is return postage.

I wish to thank the chapters and individuals who have already responded to the various requests and I am sure that by the time the May CRESCENT reaches you all our needs will be prom-

Please send any inquiries to Mrs. Walter E. Clarke, 776 Vine Street, Denver, Colorado.

KITTIE LEE CLARKE, Chairman

Important Contests

THERE is no more distinguished magazine for the library in a sorority or fraternity house than The American Scholar, official organ of Phi Beta Kappa; and each chapter is urged to subscribe. The following competition is announced by The American Scholar.

WRITE FOR CASH AND CREDIT

It will be to the credit of yourself (if you are an undergraduate) and your fraternity, and incidentally restore the jingle to your pocket, if you will write an essay for *The American* Scholar, the quarterly journal published by Phi Beta Kappa for all interested in intellectual life.

The essay should consist of about 2000 words on any subject of general interest to educated readers. It should be scholarly but not technical, and must be well written. All essays accepted by the Editorial Board of The American Scholar will be printed as main articles with the name of the author's college and fraternity indicated, and an honorarium of \$25 will be paid the author. This journal will have the privilege of reprinting any such article and of publishing any essay which *The American Scholar* finds unsuited to its use. Your essay should reach the editor of The American Scholar, 145 West 55th

Street, New York, N.Y., by the end of March. The American Scholar is now in its second year. The editor reports that Walter Lippmann wrote: "Congratulations on the latest issue of The American Scholar. You are making an extraordinarily good and useful quarterly." Barton characteristically remarked of The American Scholar: "As I told you last year, I didn't think you could; but you have."

Other readers have written: "I certainly like

the practical turn which most of the articles in the recent issue take; the essay entitled 'The Passing of American Individualism' is worth an entire year's subscription, and is a most timely and valuable contribution." "The magazine is not technical, but it is scholarly-thoroughly well informed as to what is discussed, besides putting it out in clear language, with no trace of time-serving or propaganda... No thinking man, confused frequently by the fogs and unbased assertions characteristic of today's press and political spell-bindery, can get along with-out your valuable quarterly." "So far I think you have confounded the critics who predicted a stodgy, self satisfied publication. I've found good sense and good writing in every issue so

The American Scholar already lists among its authors: James Truslow Adams, Carleton Beals, Gilbert Chinard, Stephen P. Duggan, Hermann Hagedorn, Norman Hapgood, Murray Seasongood, Frederick J. E. Woodbridge, Alvan E. Duerr, Frank Aydelotte, John Erskine, and Owen D. Young.

The following list of subjects of articles

which have appeared may suggest the nature of your own essay: "Can the U.S.A. Flout Spanish-American Sentiment?", "Washington, Capitalism, and Nationalism," "The Nature of Man," "Reparations and War Debts," "The Passing of American Individualism," "Thomas Jefferson as a Classical Scholar," "The Philosophy of Bolshevism," "A New Day for Scholarship," and "The Fraterity and Scholar Scholarship," and "The Fraterity and Scholarship." Scholarship," and "The Fraternity and Scholarship.

It would be better, of course, if you could see a copy of the magazine before writing. Inquire at your library for it or of your professors, particularly Φ B K members. A single copy may be ordered from the above address for 50 cents.

Your essay may concern the contribution of the fraternity to scholarship or education, or may be a paper prepared for class work or other purposes, if it has not been published. Care should be taken not to plagiarize. It would be well to get a professor's criticism before send-

ing in your manuscript.

Whether you are a member of Φ B K or not does not matter, for *The American Scholar* asks only that the material be good and interesting. Neither is its circulation restricted to members. Since this offer has been made to undergraduates of all fraternities, it is hoped that the scholarship standing of our fraternity will be worthily upheld.

II

Announcement of still another contest is made by the editors of The Hound and Horn, open to undergraduates. The details are listed in the following paragraphs:

The Hound & Horn, inaugurating its sixth year of consecutive publication, desires the courtesy of your editorial aid in the initiation of a new policy. In order to stimulate under-graduate writing in the United States and to discover new talent that can be developed for American letters, the editors of The Hound & Horn are posting its first annual prize of one hundred dollars for the best piece of fiction, and a prize of fifty dollars for the best piece of verse, by an undergraduate of any American college or university. The winning story and poem will be published in the summer 1933 issue The Hound & Horn.

The competition will close April first. No manuscripts with envelopes post marked later than that can qualify. The manuscripts should be typewritten, accompanied by a stamped, selfaddressed envelope for reply, and addressed to Undergraduate Contest Editor. The authors should keep a copy of their manuscripts, as the editors of The Hound & Horn assume no responsibility for their loss. The Hound & Horn reserves the right to purchase manuscripts other than those selected for the prize in the regular

issues of the magazine.

A Few Comments on Hound and Horn

"The best magazine from the literary and philosophic-literary point of view of any in America"-The Criterion. London.

"The general intention of The Hound and Horn: to bring serious literary curiosity into the mind of a generation too willing to droop back into facile sentiment and paralyzing conventions" Poetry: A Magazine of Verse.

"I think the review is performing an altogether admirable function in a way which it would be difficult to improve"—Edward J. O'Brien, Editor of the Best Short Stories of 1929, 1930 and 1931.

"An energetic and admirable magazine"-Gilbert Seldes in The New York Evening Post. "That very much alive quarterly"—Saturday

Review of Literature.
"Genuinely and maturely distinguished"—The Nation.

"Too rarely issued"-New York Evening

"The Hound and Horn is well up to the high standard of bookmaking which you have set in this publication. It is done in a formally dignified manner and in a style which makes it easy to read"—The American Printer.

"One of America's important reviews . . . the successor of the North American"—This

Quarter. Paris.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FOR CRESCENT CORRESPONDENTS:

The May number of "The Crescent" will contain letters from college chapters,

not from alumnæ chapters.

However-Will alumnæ chapters continue to send items of interest about achievements of chapter or of chapter members? Will college chapters, if inclined, contribute:

1. Any poem written by a member. 2. An article of not more than 500

words upon any topic of college or sorority interest.

3. Material for Pictorial Section of the magazine.

CORRECTION

Several sorority magazines have published this statement:

Gamma Phi Beta has given its National Council the right to colonize without consulting the active chapters.

This should be stated as follows:

The Grand Council has permission to colonize without further vote of the chapters provided the field has been approved by the voting chapters.





Editorials



TRADITION

VIRGINIA is the home of beauty, of romance, of tradition; and as we welcome our new chapter, our Alpha Chi, we realize just how strong is this tradition, just how steeped in historic atmosphere is the little town of Williamsburg. There is a fascination in the story of its buildings, its memories, its associations; and surely no group could begin a career under more auspicious conditions. An installation in the Apollo Room of Phi Beta Kappa should mean much; the stimulus of the college itself should leave its impress; the constant reminder of past achievement should prove an inspiration—especially in these days when "ancient and holy things fade like a dream." All prosperity and growth to Alpha Chi-and may she ever be a shining link in the chain of sisterhood!

1934—Convention

In the postponement of convention until 1934, Gamma Phi Beta is following a constructive schedule, since in view of economic conditions the sorority funds may be better conserved than expended while an inevitable decrease in attendance would mean a corresponding loss in the extent of the enthusiasm and inspiration which is the direct effect of these biennial gatherings. Chapters have been wise enough to grasp the real

significance and advantage of postponement and have realized that the cost of convention may better be devoted to real needs of individual and of chapter.

We are accustomed to say that the most valuable results of convention are the quickening of national spirit, the exchange of ideas, the forming of new contacts, and the strengthening of old ties. Is it possible to reflect these results in our chapter life without the stimulus of convention?

National spirit may be inspired by a closer study of past events, of present conditions, and of future demands; by a more earnest and more practical application of the pledge; by a keener realization of the dependence of the whole upon the part. Exchange of ideas is easily accomplished between chapters of the same province or of other provinces. In the good old days, each chapter during the year wrote to every other chapter a friendly, newsy letter that told of life within the chapter house, described the social affairs, and proudly flaunted any original ideas. Personal letters have no place in the modern schedule, but there are other substitutes. Find them. The forming of new ties, of course, becomes a bit difficult-at least in the maximum degree as convention provides; but have you journeved to the nearest chapter so often that there is no other friendship to establish—no other new experience to encounter? This is a time when neighbor chapters can become with profit nearer, dearer, and mutually helpful. The strengthening of old ties is a simple thing. Take out your list of those whose friendship has been gained at former conventions; send a note or a card to this one, to that one, and you will see how easy and pleasant a thing it is to revive the companionship that began in the convention hall.

It is a season when Mark Time is the command; but, eventually, will come the order, Forward March. And if we can't go to convention—convention can come to us! Incidentally, we shall have every incentive to make 1934 a magnificent milestone along the Convention Highway!

1924—Convention

1934, THE date for the postponed convention, brings to mind another date, 1924, which marked the golden anniversary of the sorority. And the golden anniversary suggests Alpha and Syracuse who so beautifully assumed the rôle of hostess on that occasion. In connection with the welcome extended to our newest group, it seems apropos to devote a few words to the mother chapter.

A visit to the hospitable Alpha house immediately makes you aware of atmosphere. Here are the records of the first meetings, the carefully prepared minutes in the delicate handwriting along with the many mementos of those early days; here are the gracious alumnæ beautifully illustrating the saying that the sorority tie is not alone for college days but for the days that follow; here is the college so inseparably connected with the founding of the or-

ganization-Dr. Haven, the chancellor, whose daughter was a founder; Dr. Smalley, who assured us that we were a sorority: Dr. Brown, whose name has been immortalized in our colors. Alpha —the four girls with the vision; Alpha -establishing a second chapter, thus making Gamma Phi Beta national; Alpha-source of so much in our constitution, in our ritual, in our development; Alpha-whose members have been so active in our history, so vital in our government. Quiet, serene, and dignified, she keeps her supremacy, her poise, after fifty-nine years. We are proud of our mother chapter, proud of her record, proud of her influence, proud of her strength.

Efficiency, alertness, definite achievement—we demand all these in our chapters; but what can be more gracious, more mellow, more delightful than Alpha? For Alpha has the tradition of years, the inspiration of fine women, the background of continued prestige.

You will remember in Barrie's What Every Woman Knows that the Scotch brother says to Maggie (made immortal by Maud Adams), "What is charm, exactly, Maggie?" to which query Maggie replies, "It's—it's a sort of bloom on a woman. If you have it, you don't need to have anything else; and if you don't have it it doesn't much matter what else you have."

And Alpha has—charm.

COURTESY

WE HAD just about concluded that the good, old-fashioned afternoon call had been put aside by the time-eliminating, energy-saving telephone, when our companion—a fine Gamma Phi alumna of many years' standing, of unbounded enthusiasm—remarked with the air of

introducing another modern problem, "The acknowledgment of a note of courtesy is also a past art. The spirit of the age—for, of course, everything is blamed upon the spirit of the age does not give us time for the personal touch." We waited for further explanation, and she added—"For example. Before college closed, I wrote several little notes to girls in whom I was interested, to whom pleasant things had happened. One had gained Phi Beta Kappa—I congratulated her upon her laurel crown; another had announced her engagement—I wished her happiness. Another had worked faithfully

and well in the sorority office which had been given her—I sent her a word of appreciation. And how many acknowledged my good wishes—how many responded in appreciation of my friendly messages? Not one.

Efficiency has been impressed with deadly persistency upon the college girl. Courtesy is a running mate. For, after all, as the good alumna said, it's the personal touch that counts. Even if it takes the time and effort of a busy college girl, it is never a mistake to be grateful for kind thoughts and friendly words that come her way.

Our Contemporaries in Black and White

First of all, an article from the Sigma Kappa *Triangle* which should be read by each chapter correspondent; not only read, but digested and put to practical use. We print it in its entirety, hoping that its suggestions may be followed:

THE EVOLUTION OF THE CHAPTER LETTER

By Frances Warren Baker, Sigma Kappa (Reprinted from Banta's Greek Exchange)

November 10, 1874 LaFayette College

Lafayette is enjoying her usual quiet and repose, and each day the sun gilds the hilltops and spires of our town, does but work another step in her advancement. Fraternities are flourishing. The Δ K Es are as treacherous and deceitful as usual, and about as far down in the scale of popularity. The Φ K Ψ is flourishing, and they deserve it, for generally they are good fellows, although, like all other communities of Adam's sons, they have an occasional black sheep. We would ask our brothers when they think of Pennsylvania A to remember that she was started in the midst of great difficulties. We fondly hope the present and past are but faint harbingers of what she will one day become

November 17, 1874 Franklin, Indiana

There are three fraternities at Franklin College—viz: two Greek, the Φ Δ θ and Δ T Δ , and one half breed affair the O.P.G. We have eleven active members, having taken five this year and will initiate another sometime during the present month. The Δ T's have taken but two men this year, one of whom we rejected. For the past six months they have been bragging about how fine they were going to make their hall. Without any fuss whatever the Thursday before the holidays we raised \$51.50 among our active members and the next day \$10 more.

 Φ K Ψ still sticks to her motto "numbers not men," having some twenty of the former. B Θ II has ten men and is reported to be on the decline. Σ X has seven men and Φ Γ Δ three. We are trying the benefits of chapter correspondence and recommend it to sister chapters.

One chuckles, reading these letters taken from a prominent fraternity publication of 1874 and thinking not only of the change in rushing methods and house financing but of the changes in style and content of chapter letters. Certainly chapter letters have changed radically in the fifty-five years since college lads bombarded their editor with the above examples of startling frankness, blatant braggadocio, and acrimonious abuse.

But have they changed enough? It really does not take much of a search to unearth

chapter letter gems in contemporary fraternity and sorority journals which provoke smiles. Not to murmur about those jewels which have been cut and polished by editorial shears and blue pencils utterly beyond recognition! What peans of praise-what eulogistic verbiagewhat sentimental descriptions-what soggy college humor never sully printers' ink!

The question of chapter letters, whether or not they deserve the space they usurp, has been exhaustively discussed. Some editors attack them with the argument that they are only read by the alumni of the particular chapter and are therefore not universal enough in interest to merit the space. Other editors defend them, contending that they are vital and give the news that alumni and college members really want most. The majority of magazines, however, retain this troublesome department, and the following comments are for the hundreds of harassed chapter correspondents who will dash off letters during the coming college

Conciseness is most important, since space is limited, even though some correspondents apparently believe that the editor's major worry is to beg, borrow, or steal enough material to somehow fill the yawning pages! What editor really needs extensive paragraphs of greeting, lengthy leave taking, rambling weather reports, adjectives upon adjectives about the newest pledges to pack his pages with? Is this an example of the sort of verbal excelsior one craves?

Groan! Groan! All this mud and I would so like to give you our news, for we've lots of it this time. But the weather here is not all that it should be, but it's to be expected this time of year. Come, come, Bessie, quit playing and solve the mystery. I'm speaking of weather, mud, etc., because it's the time of politics, when sweet, starchy smiles are spread lavishly hither and yon; when dinners are interrupted by nervous, anxious to please candidates; and when literature is scattered all over our fair campus.

Conciseness is economy in the use of words. Repetition and wordiness should have no place. The average chapter letter can be trimmed to nearly half its length without seriously affect-

ing its news value.

Clearness should be the aim of chapter correspondents, rather than a literary style. Chapter letters, after all, are fundamentally intended to tell the main news about the chapter rather than to allow would-be authors to see their literary effusions in print. While a breezy style is refreshing, a hurricane is not! The aspiring author would do better to send his outbursts to his family, since most families have only one collegiate writer at a time to appreciate, while fraternity editors have dozens. Pity the poor readers as they peruse the chapter letter department and jump from style to style, from humorous to poetic, from studious to collegiate, from stilted to wilted.

Trite phrases, bane of every editor's copy editing days, continue to pop up in their heads

in spite of all the editorial pounding. "To know her is to love her," "—the gay dresses of the girls, the soft lights, the strains of the orchestra combined to make a picture long to be remembered." "One of the most unique," "Never in the history of—," "Tripped the light fantastic," "Worked like Trojans" are among the phrases which draw the blue pencil. One encouraging sign is that the "cream of the campus" has been practically skinymed from the pus" has been practically skimmed from the accounts of pledgings recently.

Where, when, why, what, who-the famous five W's-are excellent guides to the goal of concrete and specific information. People reading the letters want full facts-not vague references. Take the correspondent who dismisses an important national convention thus: "One of our girls went to the XYZ convention and had such a lovely time." Who was the girl? Where was the convention? What was accomplished? When was it held? Why does the correspondent mention it at all, since she tells

nothing about it?

News should be evaluated and the space apportioned accordingly. One wonders what sort of a mental outline the correspondent had who dismissed rushing with "We pledged ten darling girls" and then went into a three paragraph rhapsody over the refreshments at some tea, describing the color of the frosting, the design

on the candies, etc., etc.
In general Panhellenic and general college news is distinguished by its aloofness from the pages of chapter letters. This is unfortunate. Although one's intensive interest lies in facts pertaining to one's own fraternity, that interest is derived from the fact that it is one of a number of college Greek letter fraternities, and their whole system is bound up with colleges and education. Therefore outstanding facts about Panhellenic, collegiate, and educational developments are in place, in a concise and timely form, in chapter letters. Of course Panhellenic comments need not be quite so pointed and direct as they are in the quoted letters of 1874.

Certain subjects, which are apt to be greatly emphasized, might better be eliminated. Take the weather. Think of the paragraphs of weather comments which are doubly uselessbecause they are printed so long after they are written that they are no longer timely, and because all of the comments in the world can do very little about the weather man's verdicts. Here is a good example of weather gushing:

"Time for the June letter is at hand, but one can't effuse quite as recklessly about this year's California spring weather for just a few nights ago fur driving gloves would have felt oh so good! Letters from New England friends tell of balmy breezes and gorgeous blossoms that would vie with those of the Pacific Slope. Ah, well-a Californiac is a Californiac!"

Examinations also rate the taboo list-for after all they are surprisingly common in most colleges. Descriptions about food should at least be curtailed. Accounts of the pledges are apt to be overdone in general remarks and underdone as to practical facts, such as full names and home towns.

Some practical working suggestions for the

chapter correspondent:

Read the letter aloud at a chapter meeting and let the other members comment on it. They will call attention to omissions and may also be frank about adventures in literary style.

Jot down items for the letter from time to time, instead of waiting until the last minute

to remember everything.

Post a slip for the chapter members to list their recently acquired honors on, or pass it

around at a meeting.

Read the letter, when it is finished, with the point of view of an alumna of your own chapter, then with the point of view of a member of another chapter of your own national fraternity, and last with the point of view of a member of a chapter of another fraternity on your own campus.

Appropriate to this issue wherein alumnæ are conspicuous, we print from Kappa Alpha Theta:

AN ALUMNÆ ANALYSIS THE UNUSABLE ALUMNA

This is the "lost-sheep" alumna, the one who is so engrossed in the affairs of the after-college world that she is utterly indifferent to the sisterhood which once meant so much to her. To the fraternity she is a total loss and to the chapter or alumnae secretary an outer darkness into which her first class mail matter vanishes without a ripple.

THE OCCASIONAL ALUMNA

Almost as useless is the occasional alumna. She remains for a period of years in the outer void but by some accident suddenly bobs up at the chapter house, forms snap judgments, hands out criticisms, serves as an irritant and then disappears into the unknown.

THE AVERAGE ALUMNA

Once in awhile she answers a letter and occasionally does get back to visit the chapter and does plan some day to take an active interest in the fraternity. A nice woman—but one who needs to be prodded seven times to get a sign of life.

THE GOOD ALUMNA

May her tribe increase. She does answer letters, she does send in items for the magazine, she does contribute to the Pine Mountain fund and the like, and she does take a real interest in the college chapter and lends its members sane and wise counsel when it is sought.

THE A-1 SUPER ALUMNA

The A-1 super alumna is such by divine calling, and she is rare indeed. She may be depended on to do the job assigned her and to do it right. The fraternity is one of her major interests and she puts into its service the effort

and thought that other people devote to amassing money, to painting great pictures, to solving great human problems. To the fraternity she is a gift from the gods, striving to put into it the reality of sisterhood. She is a practical idealist and her constant effort is to create an organization which shall realize to the fullest the underlying spirit of fraternity.

Which group are you in?

—Adapted from *The Urn* of Beta Sigma
Omicron

From the Angelos of Kappa Delta—and, incidentally, every undergraduate and graduate member of Gamma Phi should know that Pearl Buck, author of The Good Earth, is a Kappa Delta:

What is a chapter house? A house or a home? If its value is to be measured in terms of size or stone fronts or silk draperies, then why not rent quarters in a hotel somewhere? Seriously, there is no reason or proportion in a sorority's maintaining living quarters which are greatly beyond the scale of luxury and pretentiousness to which its members were accustomed before they came on the campus. The proper level of expensiveness and elegance for any residence for a group of college students is the custom of the better levels of the community and the average of their own family circles.

In short, a chapter house is not fundamentally a structure worth so many thousand dollars; it is a home. It ought to reflect the good taste and comfort of the girls' own homes plus the mutual effort of the group to live together happily. Cleanliness, comfort, a certain degree of privacy, a proper chance to receive friends-these are essentials without which a sorority house is not desirable. If a group cannot afford them, it should not try to keep up a residence. But no Kappa Delta House was ever hurt much by the lack of a second maid to make up the beds; and the Kappa Delta doorplate is not out of place on a well-kept, unpretentious home where girls live contentedly even if they are not borrowing money to do over the downstairs this fall because somebody else around the corner has just done so.

Kappa Delta has not been built by "the outer powers of money." No new, fine house could be worth more to Theta Chapter than the lodge—the first in the pines—where Pearl Sydenstricker Buck put on a diamond badge.

For our many excellent houses all over the land let us be thankful—most especially so if they are paid for or are being financed comfortably. They ought to be pleasant, livable places, full of happy, honorable memories and of current achievement and jollity. Let's learn our lesson in these hard times! A Kappa Delta House is a home—like the ones we've grown up in, like the ones we hope to make in the future—not a showplace or headquarters for rushing, but a home.





Alumnae



Delinquent: Boston, Ann Arbor, Columbus, Delaware, St. Louis, Madison, St. Paul, Tulsa, Seattle, Spokane.

BALTIMORE

With the arrival of 1933, Baltimore is carrying out several new schemes which will improve the chapter.

The program committee, headed by Helen Turnbull, has excellent plans for each meeting until June. By the appointment of an advisory committee of four we hope to draw closer to the active chapter and to be of some help in solving its problems. Incidentally, the contact will renew enthusiasm.

Alvahn Holmes' report of her interesting travels through Province Eight was inspiring to us all. It is so fine to know that Gamma Phi is becoming strong in our neighbor states.

There have been two recent arrivals in the families of Zeta '24 girls; to Dot Hall Wolf, a son, and to Marion Day DeGroff, a daughter. AMELIA W. SUTTON, Zeta

BERKELEY

The September meeting was held at the home of Barbara Bridge, with E. B. Currier

as hostess. The October meeting was held in honor of Eta's twelve pledges and the charming new house mother, Mrs. Jessie Smith of Berkeley. In November we went to Betty Cook Wells' delightful new home in Lakeshore Highlands in Oakland. The December meeting was held the Wednesday before New Year's at Ora Muir Thelan's and the holiday spirit reigned supreme. It seemed so nice to see Bess Gaskell Waldron who is

now living on an olive ranch in Oroville.

During the fall several out-of-town Eta-ites and former members of Berkeley or San Francisco alumnæ chapters have favored us with flying visits. Mary King of Lambda, now a member of Los Angeles Alumnæ, but for many years a resident of Berkeley, flitted through the old home town like a bird winging southward. Florence Macaulay Ward sailed up from Honolulu with her husband and attended the Big Game. Ellender Wills Dickson of San Marino, California, gave us all a treat by bringing her radiant smile (yes—and her very be-coming hat also—), to Bobbie Bridge's one afternoon. Barbara Leete is now home from her trip to Europe. Dorothy Clarke Petlar visited

her sister in Berkeley this summer and is now living at 701 12th St., Pittsburgh, California. Her husband is to be principal of the Continuation and Night School in Pittsburgh. Ida Hale Livingston came up from Atascadero to visit her parents. Mrs. Donald L. Davis of U.C.L.A. is living at 116 Lake Street, Oakland. Her husband is secretary of the Oakland Forum. Janet Catlin came down from Davis.

Irma Wann Buwalda of Eta is a member of the new state Tax Revision Commission.

Marjorie Legge gave a brilliant concert recently in Berkeley and is to be the guest performer at the next Twilight Musicale at the Berkeley Women's City Club next Sunday evening. She returned last year from a two years' sojourn in Vienna.

Doris Hoyt, violinist, and Bess Woods, pianist, form two of a trio who will give the second January Twilight Musicale at the Berkeley Women's City Club.

Dr. Lois Brock, Eta '23, is resident physician at the U. C. Hospital in San Francisco, in

charge of obstetrics and gynecology.

The sun was out early this morning and we have forgotten the two days' flurry of snow that we had in December; so Nature herself underwrites our good wishes for a Happy New Year to every Gamma Phi.

GRACE PARTRIDGE UNDERHILL, Eta

Births

To Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Ord (Ruth Genung), of San Francisco, a second son. To Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hawkins (Jean

Bogle), of San Rafael, a son on December 22.

BIRMINGHAM

We are grateful for the pleasant visit of Alvahn Holmes, our Province Director, in November;

and we were so happy that she happened to be here on November 11 and was honor guest at our Founders Day banquet.

Our banquet this year was held at the Tut-wiler Hotel in the Gold Room. The program was most impressive; and attractive booklets in double brown held the following:

THEME: Dreams

I. In the Past-Virginia Rav

Lena Margaret Powell

Solo: Greet We Each Other-Mrs. M. J. Sharp (Mattie Will Guthrie) Accompanied by-Mrs. H. B. Englebert (Ruth Herrin)

II. In the Present-Margaret Alford

Solo: Lady of the Moon—Loulie Jean Norman Accompanied by Selma Dale Durham

III. In the Future-Annie Lou Fitch Fidelity

Toastmistress-Malline Burns

During the excitement of entertaining our Province Director and planning the banquet, Martha Mays was married! The alumnæ chapter entertained at a bridge party in her honor at the home of Mrs. J. F. Kimball, and here, Martha was presented with a beautiful silver bowl, which was engraved with Gamma Phi coat-of-arms.

MALLINE BURNS, Alpha Rho

Marriage

On November 5, 1932 Martha Eloise Mays (Alpha Rho'29), to Mr. J. T. Potter, Jr. (Alpha Chi Sigma) University of Kentucky and University of Alabama.

CHAMPAIGN-**URBANA**

Champaign - Urbana has had a number of delightful meetings this fall. In Mrs. September

Staehle was hostess to the group, and we had an opportunity to find out what an excellent president Marie Hostetter really is. In October, Mrs. W. H. Rayner entertained us at a business meeting and dinner. Irene Styan Nolin was a guest at the meeting, and Virginia Keene, (Alpha Omicron) joined our chapter.

Several affairs occurred in November. We were charmed with the visit of Dorothy Jennings, Province Director, November 19 and 20. On account of her visit, the Founders Day banquet was postponed until Saturday, the nine-teenth so that Miss Jennings could be with us. The banquet was held at the Omicron chapter house, and was graced by the presence of our founder, Frances E. Haven Moss. Mrs. Moss spoke in her beautiful manner of the Lake Placid convention which was the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the sorority. Nina Gresham gave a history of the early days of Omicron, and Miss Jennings talked of the various chapters in Province III and their relationship to each other. On Saturday afternoon Mrs. P. V. B. Jones entertained at tea for Miss Jennings, the alumnæ, and the pledges of Omicron. The next day Mrs. Ida Staehle had a small dinner party honoring Miss Jennings. The December meeting of the chapter was

a tea at the home of Nina Gresham in honor of the seniors of Omicron. For the near future we are planning to sew for the summer camps. JENNIS BARRY, Omicron

CHICAGO

The six groups composing the Chicago Alumnæ Chapter were very happy to welcome a

new group into their circle, the West Suburban Group. Now we feel that we truly reach all the Gamma Phis in the Chicago district, and we certainly have had a good time flitting about from the bridge party of one group to that of another. The North Shore Group held a most successful bridge party in November at the home of our president, Mildred Hebel; and this affair brought thirty-five dollars to the Chicago treasury. With this example the Evanston and North Side Groups intend to join forces in a large benefit bridge to be held in February or March at the Georgian Hotel. The Evening Group is sponsoring a dinner and tour of the World's Fair Century of Progress Grounds. The buildings for the Fair, by the way, are rapidly being completed, and I am sure they will be the most talked of edifices of the year. The architecture is extremely modern and unusual. We are hoping to see many of our far off Gamma Phi sisters in Chicago in 1933, as well as more of those who live nearby. In fact this is one of the reasons for the great activity in raising money this winter. Since there will be no convention to which to send a delegate, we intend to do all we can to make visiting Gamma Phis welcome, and we hope to have an opportunity to entertain the Grand Council.

Please don't misunderstand all this chatter about bridge parties, for we do a great many worth while things as well. One of the groups is taking care of a poor family; another sews and rolls bandages for the Red Cross; and another does sewing for our own camps.

We were all charmed to meet our grand president when she visited here in October. Chicago and Epsilon entertained Mrs. Hoffman at a musical tea, which we think was a delightful afternoon. Charlotte Bush, our Province Director, was with us in November, so we feel much better acquainted with our officers than we were before their welcome

Mary Alice Merrill Budinger of New York spent a few weeks in Wilmette in October. Gertrude MacRae McIlwain of Cincinnati came back to Evanston for the party announcing the engagement of her sister, Josephine MacRae, to Mr. Francis Linneman, of St. Louis.

In closing I want to extend to all Gamma Phis the very sincere wishes of the members of this chapter for a much happier New Year in 1933.

MARION DREW WAITLEY, Epsilon

Death

On September 26, 1932 Mrs. Robert S. Reinardy (Edith Crane, Gamma '22). We miss her beauty and charm and loyalty; and her death from pneumonia was a great loss to us all.

Marriages

On October 4, 1932, at Evanston, Illinois, Ann Mead (Epsilon '31), to Mr. Roger Townsend of Evanston. Mr. and Mrs. Townsend are now at home at 727 Hinman Ave, Evanston.

On October 1, 1932, at St. Louis, Missouri, Dorothy Roach (Epsilon) to Mr. James B. Holston. Mr. and Mrs. Holston are at home at 826 Clara Avenue, St. Louis.

On November 19, 1932, at Chicago, Helen Kappel (Epsilon '27) to Mr. Ray Iverson. Mr. and Mrs. Iverson are at home at Virgin Lake, Evale River Wisconsin. Eagle River, Wisconsin.

On November 24, 1932, at Washington, D.C., Isabel VanKirk (Epsilon '27), to Mr. Hammond F. Henderson. Mr. and Mrs. Henderson are

at home in Washington.

On November 25, 1932, at Evanston, Illinois, Katherine Heberling (Epsilon '28), to Mr. Merrill Mundy. Mr. and Mrs. Mundy are at home in Louisville, Kentucky.

Births

To Mr. and Mrs. James Witherell (Hope Summers, Epsilon '23), on October 19, 1932, a daughter, Dierdre Hope.

To Mr. and Mrs. John McElwain (Jane Mc-Kenna, Epsilon '25), on October 24, 1932, a

son, John Allen.

To Mr. and Mrs. Jerrold Peerman Nesselrod (Elizabeth Burlingham, Epsilon '26), on November 8, 1932, a son, Jerrold Peerman, Jr.
To Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Drake (Frances

Massey, Psi '26), on November 22, a daughter, Judith Ann.

CLEVELAND

In fitting and sincere homage to Gamma Phi Beta, almost every member of our chapter turned out

to celebrate Founders Day at the home of Nan Dimmick. According to our program, this was a supper meeting at which the usual business discussion was waived in favor of a ceremony to commemorate the date. Honta Smalley Bredin who was the first executive chairman of Gamma Phi Beta and who now, to our good fortune, is affiliated with the Cleveland Alumnæ Chapter, thrilled us with her viewpoints as one of the oldest and dearest members. Elisabeth Curtiss represented our infants with a clever speech from the youngest members' viewpoint. In the way of an innovation, we read letters from former members of this chapter, among whom were Helen Sanders in Seattle, Ruby Baston in Minneapolis, and Hildegarde John in Detroit. We certainly appreciated this opportunity of hearing from old friends. The celebration was brought to a most impressive close with a beautiful candle-light service which, I think, inspired happy memories of our own collegiate rituals in Gamma Phi.

December third brought us together again with our monthly business meeting which was

preceded by a luncheon at the Chamber of Commerce in Cleveland's new Terminal Tower. At this meeting, Mary Lyon Dibble announced the future visit of our province director, Charlotte Bush. So it was that twenty-two of us gathered the following Friday evening, December 9, at the Woman's City Club for a dinner party for Miss Bush. Everyone enjoyed her talk about the possibilities of alumnæ and active chapter co-operation.

Despite the ever pressing of expense, not one of our members was willing to dispense with our Christmas party. It seems that holiday contact with active Gamma Phis and pledges who live in Cleveland provides much inspiration for our own activities. Sixteen guests and sixteen alumnæ had a merry afternoon of bridge and tea at the Clifton Club on Decem-ber 27. It was indeed a great satisfaction that we had carried on our Christmas custom.

Our January business meeting is scheduled for the evening of January 9 with Alice Watkins and Ruth Hier as hostesses at a supper in Alice's home in Cleveland Heights. The Cleveland chapter is starting the new year with fresh enthusiasm, and the wish that 1933 will bring many new and interesting honors to Gamma Phi Beta.

MARY LOU FREEMAN, Alpha Eta

Engagement

Mary Lou Freeman (Alpha Eta '31), to Mr. . Hart Speiden (Sigma Nu, Cornell '27), of Louisville, Kentucky.

Birth

To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Scoon (Isabel Brenan, Alpha Nu), a daughter, Laura Louise.

COLORADO SPRINGS

Colorado Springs has long had a group of alumnæ who have been close friends, but now we are a

full fledged alumnæ chapter with a child-the newly installed Alpha Phi Chapter of Gamma Phi Beta at Colorado College. And are we

happy? Ask us!

The last year has been a succession of thrilling events for us: the decision of a local group to petition Gamma Phi; visits from our grand president and a half dozen other officials; getting acquainted with the girls; the installation of our alumnæ chapter last summer, with Lindsey Barbee officiating; visits from Theta and Tau; the word that the charter had been granted the group petitioning; and, then, Gamma Phi rushing (what fun for us old girls!). Several of us visited that marvelous Camp at Palmer Lake, just north of us, too. And you have all read of our installation.

We are all so closely knit to Colorado College that every affair of the active chapter interests us. Five are faculty or faculty wives, several have Colorado College children; and others are former Colorado College students themselves. So you know how we shall work to make Gamma Phi a fine unit on our campus. Since installation, we've had two alumnæ meetings, at Hazel Earle's and at Ruth Gilmour's. Then there was our Founders Day banquet held at President Mierow's house; a luncheon at the Antlers; and a tea at Hermina van Houten's when Mrs. Bryan was here. And when the girls sing those old Gamma Phi songs, we ourselves, feel like girls again. And I, for one, join in with a lusty tenor or alto (shades of those days by that Alpha grate, when Tish Price first taught me to sing whisky tenor!)

On Sunday, January 8, the girls are holding open house in a lovely brand new chapter house. How's that for speed? For in the last three months their old house has been entirely made over, with the addition of a room twice as large as the old house itself. It has been done so tastefully that you would never dream there had been a little house there before. Our president, Lucy Moore Lennox, has furnished it like a dream-house, and given a lot to the house fund, too. So we alumnæ are full of plans as to how we shall raise the rest of the money, and leave our active chapter debtfree.

FLORA JUDD MIEROW, Alpha

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DALLAS

Dallas has had a most interesting program during the season, and we claim several new members. The alumnæ honored Al-

bers. The alumnæ honored Alpha Xi with a buffet supper on December 19 at the chapter room; and at this time they presented the chapter with a set of crystal cups and plates.

Alpha Xi's dance was given at the Lakewood Country Club, and a lovely formal banquet preceded the dance. The table was decorated in double brown, and brown tapers burned in bronze candelabra.

Rush week begins on February 4 at Southern Methodist University, and we are planning an interesting program.

JOSEPHINE QUINKER, Alpha Xi

DENVER

With the coming of the new year came also the election of new officers; and our good ship of state is now under full sail

with more good resolutions and splendid plans than ever before. Those upon whose shoulders the success of these intentions depend, are: president, Norma Van Orman; vice-president, Ruth Jackson; recording secretary, Beth Mc-Keown; corresponding secretary, Genevieve Denious: treasurer, Barbara Bayliss; card secretary, Virginia Gorin; and CRESCENT correspondent, Peggy Moseley.

Along with rush week and its hectic excitement, and the installation of Alpha Phi Chapter, came also a very great honor to our Theta Chapter, for the girls were awarded the scholarship cup at the fall Panhellenic meeting, proving that brains and beauty do go together—with Gamma Phis at least. Shortly after this, on November 23, came homecoming for the Denver alumnæ, and at this time the active

chapter had all us "grey-beards" out to the lodge for a very delightful buffet supper where entertainment was supplied over the radio by two of our talented alumnæ, Barbara Bayliss and Helen Cullen, along with the Theta quartet. After a pep meeting in the college chapel and a bonfire rally, we all felt very collegiate again.

The second week in November was marked by a very pleasant visit from our province director, Lulu Smith Bryan. During her stay one of our loveliest Founders Day banquets was held November 11, at the Park Lane Hotel, with both active and alumnæ groups in full force.

During the fall the Denver alumnæ had a series of four different types of bridge parties, and a nice little sum of money was realized from them.

Much to the delight of both college girls and alumnæ the Denver Alumnæ Chapter at last has been able to present to the lodge the long-planned-for grand piano! It now reposes in state at the lodge, and we no longer pound painfully on the pile of boards and keys which formerly passed as a piano. Theta Chapter also has started a fine arts exhibition of beautiful pictures by old masters for the lovely new library which has just been completed. This exhibition came from the proceeds of last year's play, and the collection will be increased as finances permit.

Denver Alumnæ Chapter has a list of varied occupations among its members. In the city charities we have Eunice Robinson as executive secretary, with twelve Gamma Phi assistants. The teaching staff of the public schools claims a large number; many are in the offices of professional men; one is a buyer in a large department store; some are private secretaries. Four of the Denver alumnæ girls were made provisional members of the Junior League this fall—Thalia VanOrman Woods, Barbara Buchtel Hayden, Marybelle Schaefer, and Peggy Moselev.

Saturday, January 21, was a big day in the lives of Denver Gamma Phis, for at this time eleven freshmen were initiated at the home of Ruth Bretschneider. After the initiation, a banquet was held at the Denver Country Club with Norma VanOrman as toastmistress. Margaret Walling was presented with the freshman scholarship cup by Lindsey Barbee.

Now we are approaching one of the most delightful events of the year for Denver Gamma Phis—the time of Theta's annual play at the Broadway Theater. Lindsey Barbee has written one of her best plays this year in *Top o' the World*, and with the director, Miss Edna Mae Sprague, already working the cast at full capacity, we are all looking forward with enthusiasm to the night of February 25 when it will be presented at the Broadway Theater.

Though it is still winter, Denver members are looking forward to summer when we again shall be looking for girls worthy to wear the crescent pin, and again be working with our

Denver camp. Louise Wyatt and her committee already are hard at work on quilts and clothes for the poor children who will be given the happiest, healthiest time of their lives at our Denver camp. Peggy Moseley, Theta

DES MOINES

Des Moines meets the first Saturday of each month, enjoying a luncheon which is followed by a business meeting

Because of the great difference in ages and interests of the members, we have discussions which are unique and interesting. We have the fresh young viewpoint of some who courageously accepted changes in their college plans and are putting their shoulders to the wheeland these new business contacts may prove to be of extraordinary value. Also, we have a number of professional women. Nell Fischell is one of our city's bacteriologists. Drake University is most appreciative of the efforts of Mary Belle Nethercut, who acts in the capacity of librarian.

The dramatic talent of our beloved Chloris Waterbury Straight and of lovely Mercedes Stuart was brought into prominence during recent productions of the Little Theatre.

Our girls have taken a most prominent and creditable part in the philanthropic activities which are the urgent need of the hour. Some work in the Junior League; others in the city's soup kitchens; and one of our members is active on the Children's Home Board. Two of our number have young daughters who entered college this fall. Helen Cowles Le Cron's Mary entered Northwestern and was pledged to Gamma Phi. Lu Vern Gray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Gray, registered at Drake University and has been pledged to Kappa Alpha Theta. And we have a new baby girl who chose for her mother, Ruth McKee of Omega.

Our stellar party of the season was a ban-quet given early in December and sponsored by Des Moines Panhellenic. Agnes Helmright, who is girls' adviser at one of the large high schools, acted in the capacity of president and splendidly graced the occasion. Our distinguished guest at that time was Mrs. Hoffman, who spoke on "The New Deal." Her pleasant, wholesome attitude urging all of us to see the practical side of life was fittingly presented.

We are beginning the new year with Mrs. Kraetsch as president; Mary Bell Nethercut, vice-president; Margaret Moore, recording secretary; Mrs. Robert Frush of Adel, corresponding secretary; Sadie Whitney Mischler, treasurer; Chloris Waterbury Straight, publicity; Loulu Mann Gray, Crescent correspondent.

LOULU MANN GRAY, Epsilon

DETROIT

The November meeting of the Detroit Alumnæ Chapter was held at the home of Evelyn Roehm May on the night of November 18. We had an election of officers to fill some regretfully accepted vacancies.

Lucille Jones Haas was elected president; Gladys Martin Ginn, vice-president; and Delphine Johnston, corresponding secretary. Following the meeting we had a delightful con-tract bridge tournament. The prizes were very appropriate to the Thanksgiving season; for we left with plum puddings and home-made spiced fruits tucked under our arms.

On December 10 we had a buffet supper at the home of Ardis Wisner. After supper Alice Camerer gave a fascinating lecture on her recent trip to Europe which she illustrated with some splendid slides. There were many vows heard to save pennies right then and now for

a similar trip.

We are delighted to welcome some new members to our chapter this year: Olive Chadwick, Miriam White. Jessie Forbes Koenig, Katherine Watson, Florence Willson, and for a short time Katherine Chase, while she was engaged in laboratory work in a clinic here in Detroit. Mary Watson Taylor of Flint attended our last meeting as she was in town with her small daughter visiting her sister, Katherine Watson.

We miss Melinda Kinyon Stevens who has been so active in our chapter and now has moved to Ann Arbor; and likewise Mary Helen Holmes, who was our former rushing chairman,

has moved to Ann Arbor.

DELPHINE JOHNSTON, Beta

Marriages

On June 30, 1932, at Evanston, Illinois, Alice Howard Cady (Epsilon, University of Michigan, '32) to Mr. John Luther Pickering (University of Michigan, '32). Mr. and Mrs. Pickering are at home at the Merton Manor, Merton Road, Detroit.

On August 20, 1932, in Wesley Chapel of Metropolitan Methodist Episcopal Church, Detroit, Helen Kumerow (Beta, '30) to Mr. F. Gerald Smith (Alpha Kappa Lambda, University of Michigan, '28). Mr. and Mrs. Smith are at home at the Aberdeen Apartments, Third Avenue, Detroit.

On October 29, 1932, at Grand Rapids, Michigan, Esther Emery (Beta, '32) to Mr. Dimitrius Gerdan (University of Michigan, E '32). Mr. and Mrs. Gerdan are at home at 914 West

Euclid, Detroit.

Births

To Dr. and Mrs. Ethelbert Spurrier (Virginia Tanner, Beta, '25) on August 4, 1932, a

daughter, Virginia.

To Mr. and Mrs. Eric J. Kermath (Emily Ely Woodward, Beta, '27), on December 3, 1932, a daughter, Helen Elizabeth.

Deaths

On November 5, 1932, Harriet Taylor Summers (Mrs. B. S.), Beta, ex-'96, at Port Huron, Michigan. We extend our sympathy to her husband, Mr. B. S. Summers, her son, Taylor Summers, and her daughters, Quinneth C. Summers (Beta, '21) and Bertral Summers Van Cleave (Beta, ex-'22).

We extend our sympathy to Jessie Forbes Koenig (Beta, ex-'28), who has lost her hus-band, Harry B. Koenig.

We extend our sympathy to Helen Bush Mills (Mrs. Jack), Beta, '30, who lost her father,

Charles W. Bush.

FARGO

Fargo is in the midst of an influenza epidemic, and I am one of the victims. This, together with the

fact that the notice regarding the alumnæ letter was mis-sent, will account for the delay in mailing. Despite the two D'sdepression and disease—we have managed to maintain at least a semblance of our usual business and social activities. Although our financial difficulties are fast becoming chronic, we feel fortunate in being able to continue the Irene Leimbacher Scholarship at least through this year. The recipient of this scholarship is

Aldyth Pinkham, a non-sorority girl.

Our more recent social activities have been in keeping with the spirit of the season. The December monthly dinner meeting was a Christmas party with a Christmas tree and an exchange of presents; and for a couple of hours we laid aside our immediate worries and pressing problems, and devoted ourselves to the intricacies of making noises from an assortment of tin shapes, making other things that were just as "tinny" but not so noisy walk and move their limbs, and enjoying various objects left by Santa Claus, née Valerie Sherlock, Alpha Beta.

On December 28 we revived our old custom of having a Christmas formal which we are hoping to make traditional again, for it is a pleasant way of seeing all the members of the group who are away during the year. Again, because of the demon "Flu," there were many last-minute cancellations; but those who were up and about substituted the pep which the missing ones would have supplied and carried back to their sick sisters a glowing account of

a gala time.

The one outstanding innovation of the year has been the establishment of a contact committee of five with Katherine Eddy Powers as chairman. This functions during the year and works for and together with the active chap-ter in making plans for 1933 rushing. As a direct result, several gatherings were held for the purpose of becoming better acquainted with the actives and pledges. A Pumpkin Pep Party was given at the home of Magdalena Birch (Gamma) at which the pledges and their sorority mothers were entertained by an alumnæ group. The evening was spent informally in singing, dancing, and conversing-and I mean informally. Later, Frank Lamb and Mildred Welter entertained the actives, pledges, and alumnæ at a tea in Mildred's home. Frances E. Haven Moss has expressed her appreciation of our efforts in these words: "I believe one strong reason why Gamma Phi Beta has kept its high standing and its high ideals is because the alumnæ are so strong and helpful."

In response to a letter written by Magdalena Birch telling of our Founders Day, Mrs. Moss said that she was sure that it must have been a great success and that she had received a vase from the Council with the crest on the side, in addition to innumerable telegrams and congratulations which kept coming in all day. "I was made to feel that Gamma Phi is more than a formal tie," she wrote, and there are no better words to convey our sentiment.

Elinor Morrissey, Alpha Omicron

IOWA CITY

There is little of import to record this month. Our roll call, continuing the decline indicated in May, dropped

from twenty-five to the low point of fifteen. Now, however, it rests at seventeen—our two autumnal acquisitions being Georgia Smith Maxwell and Rosemary Royce, both alumnæ of Rho.

October 15, the alumnæ gave a tea for Rho Chapter—actives and pledges and Mrs. Crabbe -at the home of Lucy Tait Gibson. It was an especially pleasurable occasion, for most of us had not seen the entire chapter assembled in

one spot, and they make a goodly showing. In November Millicent Lees Hoffman was here for a short visit. It was a very great pleasure to have her, and we wished that our alumnæ luncheon might be extended on into dinner.

December 1, our patronesses, Mrs. C. C. Williams and Mrs. George Stoddard, entertained us at the home of the former. We were so inspired by the delicious dinner and the resultant conviviality that we made sundry, tentative plans for the future-such as hemming napkins for the active chapter, cutting dresses for the camp out of gingham donated by Mrs. Stoddard, and inviting the Cedar Rapids alumnæ to see the camp film.

Christmas vacation saw a scattering of the clan-Georgia Smith Maxwell to Montgomery, Alabama; Katherine Theilen Ruckmick to Camp Point, Illinois; several—including Ilo Gifford Brown, Margaret Decker, Marguerite McConkie Rehder, and Doris Tuttle—to other parts of Iowa. The rest of us, who didn't scatter, remained here, one of us at least, notably Lucy Tait Gibson, succumbing to the epidemic of influenza which is current these days. Doris Tuttle, too, is quite seriously ill.

We have just learned, much to our regret, that Alice Camerer was in town during the holidays. We would have enjoyed seeing her.

This month Helene Blattner, one of our most talented members, is playing the title rôle in The First Mrs. Fraser which is being given by the University Theatre. Other members are prominent in club work. Katherine Theilen Ruckmick, our alumnæ president, is also president of the University Club, the University of Iowa's faculty women's club. Cora Jackson Carson, who was one of the organizers of the Woman's City Panhellenic Council in Iowa City twelve years ago, has been president from that time until last June when she ten-

dered her resignation. The group is still trying to persuade her to reconsider, and we all hope she will for she has always been such a splendid representative of the Gamma Phi Beta spirit. She served as alumnæ representative on the university Panhellenic council until the alumnæ representatives were discontinued, and is still the alumnæ adviser to the active chapter. Her daughters, Virginia and Grace, who are carrying on the Gamma Phi tradition, were here for the holidays. Helen Hanes Olin is not only secretary of the League of Women Voters but is voluntarily doing a remarkable work with the scholastic problems at the house. Florence Brockhausen Knight is secretary of the Shakespeare Club, vice-president of the Child Study Club, and was in charge of the Social Service League's toy shop at Christmas time. As for the rest of us, we are by no means twiddling our thumbs but are less apparently active and are engrossed in our books, babies, and homes.

Marjorie Lofstrom Morton, Kappa

Marriage

On September 7, 1932, at Kenilworth, Illinois, Georgia Smith, Rho, to Mr. W. O. Baldwin Maxwell.

KANSAS CITY

We have only one item of interest this time but we are proud to be able to mention it. Marjorie

Garlinghouse Gard opened the Christmas program of the Kansas City Musical Society with an organ solo. That was sweet music to our ears.

Marriages

On October 15, 1932, Mary Ruth Welsh (Alpha Delta, '28) to Mr. Cecil MacDonald. Mr. and Mrs. MacDonald are at home at 5101 Wyandotte.

On November 5, 1932, Margaret Lewis (Alpha Delta, '28) to Mr. Curry Hopper (Delta Upsilon, University of Missouri). Mr. and Mrs. Hopper are at home at the Park Lane Apartments.

On December 23, 1932, Winifred Douglass (Alpha Delta, '28) to Mr. Herschel M. Alton (Delta Sigma Phi, University of Missouri, '29). Mr. and Mrs. Alton are at home at 330 West McDougl! Phoenix Arizona

McDowell, Phoenix, Arizona.

In December, 1932, Frances Payne (Sigma, '27) to Mr. Thomas O'Brien (Beta Theta Pi, University of Kansas). Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien are at home at 1043 West 57th Street Terrace.

LOS ANGELES

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The highlight of our activities for this year was the Founders Day banquet held in November,

at the Hollywood Knickerbocker, and attended by eighty-three Gamma Phis, representing nineteen chapters. Music and the prize-winning Hi Jinks skit by the Alpha Iota actives; and toasts responded to by Helen Steensland Neilson, a charter member of Gamma Chapter, and by Margaret Kreider Downey, a Kappa charter member, and by others, made a most enjoyable evening.

We have resumed our literary teas, at the chapter house in Westwood, with Gail Hall Wright—who hob-nobs with all kinds of celebrities—in charge of the programs. The first one was held in October, and Gladys Wilkinson Lawrence was the chairman. The subject was "Genealogy," and the speakers were Dr. Orra Monette, vice-president of the Bank of America, and Major Victor Bruce Grant—with a delightful burr—an internationally famous heraldry artist. Colleen Moore and her sister-in-law, Ruth Abbott Moore, an Iowa Gamma Phi, were also guests of honor. Other teas are planned for the future, with well known and interesting speakers, followed by music, tea, and gossip.

We have also resumed meetings of the bridge and sewing groups, and both were entertained together recently by Sadie Platt Greening and Mary King Arbury at the home of the former. Another joint meeting will be held in January at the new home of Elizabeth Buffington Rabbitt. A buffet supper meeting at the chapter house provided our October meeting, and it was a pleasant affair, as was the tea at Florence Mackey Jeffers' home during the Christmas holidays. At this tea we were delighted to welcome Grace Partridge Underhill, who now lives in San Francisco, and the Klamrtoth twins, now Mrs. W. McD. Neill and Mrs. H. C. Pyle, both with adorable youngsters in tow.

Do you read the movie magazines? Gail Hall Wright, Sigma, is a frequent contributor to Screenland, and has an article in the December number, "Ten-Minute Interviews with Six Popular Stars."

We regret to record the death of Hazel Plate's mother, on December 7, at Los Angeles.

Bertha White, Epsilon

Marriages

On December 22, 1931, at Pasadena, Helen M. Neilson (Gamma, '19) to Dr. E. R. Parker, of Riverside, California. Helen is a daughter of Helen Steensland Nelson, Gamma, '89.

On October 3, 1932, at Pasadena, California, Louise Gibson (Alpha Iota, '27) to Mr. Paul Pfuetze, of Manhattan, Kansas. Temporarily they will be at home at Pasadena.

On July 18, 1932, at Yuma, Arizona, Marjorie Kelly (Alpha Iota, '26) to Lieut. A. W. Borsum, U.S.S. West Virginia.

Engagements

Mildred Ingvoldstad (Alpha Iota, '29) to Mr. Robert Paxton of Los Angeles, California. The marriage will be solemnized at the Wee Kirk o' the Heather, at Glendale, January 21, 1933.

Births

To Mr. and Mrs. Walther Furman (Helen Austin, Alpha Iota, '28) on November 4, 1932, a daughter, at Los Angeles.

MILWAUKEE

The members of Milwaukee Alumnæ have been busy this fall with a number of different activities.

In October the annual rummage sale was held, and although our stock was not so large and the prices were lower, we feel that it was a success. Immediately after the rummage sale, the Community Drive started. Most of the chapter helped with that under the leadership of Margaret McDonald. That, too, was more difficult this year. Just before Christmas we aided in the sale of Red Cross seals.

Now that the holidays are over we are making plans to sew on articles for the camp children. This will no doubt keep us busy until

the last meeting this spring.

Mildred Lindsay gave a delightful candle-light program at the College Women's Club for members and their friends. She sang French and Italian songs, Shakespearean numbers, and a group called Loose Lyrics of Lovely Ladies. In spite of a raging blizzard, the program was well attended and enthusiastically received. But how could anyone help being enthused over Mildred's lovely voice! Mrs. Frederick Wirtjen accompanied her.

ESTHER SCHWARTZ HANSEN, Rho

Births

To Mr. and Mrs. W. Richard Dalton (Virginia Vliet, Rho), in July, a son.
To Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Drought (Estelle Pipkorn, Alpha Mu), a son.

MINNEAPOLIS

At the time of this writing, Minneapolis has just enjoyed one of the most beautiful Christmases in

its history. Snow, at its kindest and most beneficent, covered every shabby, or not-so-good spot, left by the Recent Unpleasantness, and gave it a Hans Christian Anderson aspect. Now, sitting back in holiday repletion and with the workaday world beginning again, it is time for both inventory and plans.

To begin at Founders Day Banquet, which is always an event of November, given by the active chapter to entertain the alumnæ. This year they presented a little skit The Higher Education which was both clever and apropos.

On Election Day, in the midst of a downpour -foretelling benefits or calamities according to your persuasion—a tea was given at Mrs. Little's home on Lake of the Isles in honor of our twenty-six pledges. Notwithstanding civic responsibilities and wet feet (literally), it was attended by over a hundred most satisfactorily.

November 25, when the Grand Council met in Chicago, we had three of our members who are national officers present—Millicent Hoffman, Louise Smith and Sarah Finley. Louise Smith leaves this week, January 5, for the installation of a new chapter at William and Mary's in Virginia. Dr. and Mrs. Smith spent several weeks in Bermuda during the fall.

Now for future plans. Enthusiasm in Cul-

bertson and Rival Circles continues high. A fourth Bridge Club has been formed for those girls whose business prevents them from attendance at the afternoon ones. A bridge tournament is in the making with Eva Rutherford as chairman, wth intention to nourish the treasury thereby.

A guest in Minneapolis during the holidays was Lucile Babcock from New York, where she is connected with the Butterick Company. While here she gave a talk before the Minneapolis

Advertising Club.

Many ideas for 1933 are still in the budding period, but prospects seem bright for a successful and drastic pull out of the contemporary "Slough of Despond". The same to all of you! LAURA H. HOLLADAY, Kappa

Marriages

On October 22 in Minneapolis, Martha Shute

to Mr. William Sandison. On December 20 in Minneapolis, Helen Page to Mr. Harold Alexander Gray.

NASHVILLE

The announcement that was sent to me asked that I list the recent achievements of the chapter. Were I a Win-

chell I could either make a story of nothing or dig into the private affairs of the local members and find that there are many personal accomplishments and achievements of the members that possibly are very gratifying to the individual but a closed secret to the rest of the world.

The greatest thing that the chapter has done was the purchase of the Alpha Theta chapter house. We have assumed the down payment and the actives have very successfully taken over the regular monthly payments. The house is not only comfortably but beautifully furnished.

Then if it does not detract from the deed I shall tell you of a very special and personal interest that we have developed. We obtained from the local charity commission the name of a deserving family, and we found that this family consisted of the mother, and father and three daughters of high school age. The father's income had been cut to almost nothing; so the committee from our chapter investigated their needs and bountifully filled them. We supplied the necessary coal, groceries, and clothes for the girls. Although it has ceased to be fashionable to mention the depression, I will say that the past few months have made such a draw on us all of us financially that the clothes we found in the closets that were still usable, were few but enough to make much joy in the hearts of those girls that received them.

The Nashville chapter wishes all those of the invisible group all joy for the New Year MARY CECIL MORRISON, Alpha Theta

NEW YORK

Greetings for the New Year to all from the New York Alumnæ Chapter!

Our functions have been many and delightful during this past year. A supper meeting was held in October at the home of Grace Burgard Holcomb in Forest Hills, Long Island; and we held our Founders Day Banquet at the Panhellenic House with Mrs. Kingsbury presiding as toastmistress. Carnations and smilax adorned the dining room which was lighted by candles. A chapter roll call was taken; and each person responded for her chapter and was asked to give a summary of the work in which it was now engaged. Needless to say the positions varied and it was very apparent that the Gamma Phis in New York are a busy group. Through the kindness of Ruth Russum Shearman we were able to secure a movingpicture machine, making it possible for us to see the Vancouver Camp pictures.

On Sunday afternoon, December 4, 1932, our yearly tea was served as the Panhellenic House. An unusual treat was in store for us, as the tea had recently arrived from the Far East and was a gift to us from Pauline Kutzner. The afternoon culminated in a delightful surprise by the rendition of several beautiful vocal solos by

Miss Tuseano.

We are now looking forward to our next get together which is to be at the studio apartment of Elfie Slack in January.

DOROTHY A. COSBY, Alpha Mu

OKLAHOMA CITY

Oklahoma City opened the fall season with a Regis-

tration Tea at the home of Mrs. Henry Robert Herold. After several musical numbers, the year books were distributed, and everyone enjoyed getting together

again.

We decided to make our meetings educational as well as business discussion. On October 17, Pauline McKinney was hostess, and Faye Deupree talked on Baird's Manual. On November 7, Reba Sanger's subject was Banta's Greek Exchange. For future meetings there will be talks on Gamma Phi Beta, such as Installation, Camp, Convention, etc.

On January 3 we had our annual Christmas party which included the husbands and escorts. It was held at the Oklahoma Gas and Electric Bungalow, and after dinner, bridge was enjoyed. "White elephant" gifts also were distributed. The year book lists many other interesting

gatherings.

IRENE W. DOZIER, Psi

OMAHA

Regardless of much sickness at this time of year, Omaha has managed to carry on meetings with fair attendance. We lunch

and play bridge and always make plans, plans, plans! Don't we all though? And some go astray as did our annual Christmas Mother and Daugh-

However, on the last day of the year some fifteen of us gathered at the Paxton for lunch-

eon and bridge.

The question of the moment . . . to convene (next summer) or not to convene! Before another Crescent we will know of course. Since

the new year we are trying to say, "That was some Depression we HAD, wasn't it?" Hold the thought!

GERTRUDE HAYS HOLLAND, Xi

PORTLAND

Portland had a busy fall. At the first meeting at Helen Houghton Peterson's home, it was decided to make guest

towels for Mu and Chi; so material was purchased and brought to Frances Warren Faville's for the October meeting. A dozen natural linen towels were monogrammed in brown cross stitching for each house. During the sewing, the literary works of Lindsey Barbee and Charlotte

Kellogg were discussed.

Thirty-five members from many chapters had an interesting evening at the Founders Day Banquet in November. In November, too, Mrs. Dillard Beck, affectionately known as Lou Beck, was the center about which a Gamma Phi circle gathered. The Chi girls gave a luncheon in her honor at the Sign of the Rose Tea Room, and the Portland chapter gave a tea at Mrs. Pat Allen's lovely home.

In early November, a rummage sale added dollars to our treasury. The December meeting at Beatrice Locke's home was the best attended so far, with forty-five present. Plans that may prove of interest in the future were discussed. The younger alumnæ members gave a charming tea at the home of Jean Leonard during the Christmas holidays in honor of rushees and members of the active chapters.

Ruth Lorraine Close (Mu), harpist with the Portland Symphony Orchestra, made a concert tour on the Pacific coast and to Honolulu. She

also is heard over the radio.

Bertha Masters Patterson (Nu and Mu) is a director on the board of the Home for the Blind and has done much to aid these people

Alice Benson Allen (Eta) received national recognition for her work as chairman of the American Legion Auxiliary in charge of the convention held in Portland in September.

Caroline Benson Unander acquitted herself very creditably as chairman of the building committee of the beautiful new Science Church.

Vernita Sweazea Seeley received favorable comment on the three etchings which she exhibited at the Art Exhibit in the Multnomah Hotel during September.

JANICE PARKER HOLMAN, Lambda

Marriages

In December, Dorothy Raymond (Nu) to Mr. John Myers. Mr. and Mrs. Myers will make their home in Shanghai, China.

In December, Maybelle Allen (Nu) to Dr.

Ralph Monroe Prag.

Births

To Mr. and Mrs. John D. Dundore (Genevieve Clancy, Nu) in November, a daughter.

To Dr. and Mrs. John Fitzgibbon (Beth Smith, Zeta), in October, a daughter. To Dr. and Mrs. Willard F. Hollenbeck

(Dorothy Dixon, Nu) on December 24, a daughter.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ryan (Virginia Benson, Lambda), a daughter.

Deaths

Our sympathy is extended to Irene Strowbridge Wheeler (Nu) on the sudden passing of her mother, January 3.

RENO

In spite of the closing of banks throughout Nevada the first of November, the Reno alumnæ carried on. Plans for a card party at the

chapter house on November 5 were continued, and although several tables were cancelled we were able to clear a nice profit. Betty Hood sponsored several raffles the same day which also added materially to the empty treasury.

We had a pleasant visit from Mrs. Keith, our province director, on November 11, and although the financial condition made it impossible for us to entertain in a lavish manner, we had a delightful meeting with her and tea later at the home of our president, Edith Cunningham. Mrs. Keith remained several days longer, staying at the chapter house.

On December 21 the pledges entertained the actives and alums at the annual Muffin Worry and Christmas tree. Most unique and improvised costumes were in evidence; Santa Claus paid his annual visit showering lovely gifts upon the house—china from Janet Morrison, goblets from the alums, and a perfectly adorable coffee table from our housemother whom we are all most sorry to lose. Mrs. Mathews is going to Alpha Epsilon at Arizona where we know she will be loved as much as she was here. Few housemothers have it in their power to do as much for a chapter as has Mrs. Mathews; and while we alums especially regret her loss, we are consoled by the fact that she still will be with Gamma Phi sisters.

The Alpha Gamma girls living in San Francisco, about fourteen in all, have organized a social group of their own and sent a most welcome check to the house as their Christmas gift. Georgiana Steiner, '20, who is a member of the Los Angeles alumnæ, was in Sparks over the holidays. She has just returned from her second visit to the Orient and Dutch East Indies. Several of the Reno and Sparks alums gathered at her home for an informal tea during Christmas week and were delighted with her accounts and pictures of life in the East.

As yet we do not know how many girls will be back to live in the house, nor have we a new housemother. But it is hoped that the New Year will bring an improved financial condition to Nevada.

LAVERNE BLUNDELL, Alpha Gamma

SAN FRANCISCO

It has been a summer and autumn of real achievement out here in San Francisco. The

Mu chapter house was pitifully in need of repair, for the "brown house on the hill" had reached the stage where it needed so much that some of us were guilty of thinking, "what's the use?" However, through the efforts and enthusiasm of those others who can see only forward and can think constructively, a positive transformation took place.

Paul Jeffers, an architectural engineer whose wife is Florence Mackey Jeffers of Mu came up from Los Angeles and gave his time and skill to the first essentials—the changes in the actual structure of the building. He then obtained from the university the loan to finance the repairing and enlarging of the house. Presently, the roof was lifted; a new guest suite appeared; also new servants' quarters, remodeled butler's pantry and kitchen; while a sun room, sleeping deck and positively impressive new baths emerged.

With a challenge like that, San Francisco just had to do the refurnishing. The result was that the girls came back in autumn quarter to a house that ranks with the very best on the campus—a practically new home, well-planned and executed, completely refurnished in every detail from servants' quarters to the guest suite. Naturally, this meant the incurring of great expense, and our rather small but loyal group has had to use every bit of ingenuity to raise the necessary money.

First of all, a direct appeal was made by letter to all Mu members. Then we had a bridge luncheon and fashion show under the management of Mrs. Mary Bray of Eta—a delightful affair with door and bridge prizes and attended by seventy-five members and guests. Next came a theater party—our second year for this—which seems to gain momentum with repetition and which was supplemented by a candy sale at the theater.

We eliminated the rummage sale since this year there is a real need for giving clothes; but we try to have one money making affair every month so that we can keep abreast of the furniture fund.

Although our chapter is only four years old and still small (about twenty members) the members are active. We are trying to increase the membership during 1933 by having night meetings in San Francisco so that the younger alumnæ who work will have an opportunity to hold and to attend gatherings.

A bridge luncheon and musicale are on our spring calendar; so you can see that we are busy and full of enthusiasm and hope for the coming year. We earnestly invite any Gamma Phi to join us at our regular luncheon meeting on the second Tuesday of each month. Also, we shall appreciate any suggestion for raising money or for improving our social program. Such ideas can be sent to Mrs. Frank E. Allen 405 El Centro Road San Mateo.

Allen, 405 El Centro Road, San Mateo.

The rebuilding of the house meant much increased work for individual members. Mrs. Paul Merner (Frances Sheldon, Mu) in addition to her extensive social obligations took care of the legal aspects; Mrs. Claire Smith (Wanda Westerfield) handled the finances; Mrs. Clayton B. Neill (Dorothy Meyers) and

Mrs. Frank E. Allen (Luella Behrens) managed plans and supervision; Mrs. Almo E Roth (Mildred Hayes) and her committee had complete charge of the refurnishing. Mrs. Roth is the wife of the comptroller of Stanford University and very active in university affairs. Her home is on the campus and her help always has been instantly available and invaluable. Mrs. W. N. Smith (Gamma) has been a steadily active faculty alumna for several years. Hazel Dillon Skelling already active in faculty affairs is our new Building Company treasurer.

In San Francisco, Dorothy Hager Rogers (Lambda) recently has become a member of the Junior League; Margaret John Supple (Mu) has completed her second successful year as president of the San Francisco Stanford Women's Club; Doretta Bly Jones (Mu) continues to be active in Panhellenic. On the peninsula which, with San Francisco, comprises the territory of this chapter, one of the most active social organizations is the Burlingame University Club on whose board is Mrs. William A. Boekel (Mu) and Mrs. Edward Gerth (Kappa). Mu's very active Mothers Club co-operates with the alumnæ group at every opportunity and is planning a tea at the chapter house on January 26 at which time Mu hopes to present a fine pledge class. The Mothers Club and the alumnæ were entertained by Mu at an Open House so that everyone could see the improve-

Violet Keith (Lambda), director of Province Seven, belongs to our chapter and has chosen her officers from our members. Mrs. Clayton Neill, our retiring president is now alumnæ advisor to the college girls, in which capacity she will be excellent, conscientious and untiring. HELEN BRANT HOFFMANN, Mu

SPRINGFIELD

The greatest activity of Gamma Phi alumnæ at Springfield was a sub-

scription dance on December 23. This dance, with Margaret Mc-Kenzie as chairman of the committee in charge of arrangements, attracted quite a number of Springfield's younger married set and young folk in the city during the holidays and was

acclaimed a success by all.

Our membership roll has increased. Graduation at Wittenberg gave us Rachel Snyder, Margaret McKenzie, Maxine Rhodes, Jeanne Trout; and the other new members are Jeanne McCullough and Catherine Trout, who are not in college this year. However we have lost Margaret Edison, who has moved out of the city, and Leah Kissel, who is studying at Fashion School of Dress in New York. To take their places Mary Peebles has been elected treasurer, and Mary Ellen Lohnes, CRESCENT correspondent. A new quota of dresses is about ready for Nu camp and a quilt is being pieced. Martha Dunbar, one of our alumnæ, has re-cently taken the part of leading lady in *Skid-*ding, a Springfield Civic Club Play.

In the early part of December we were very pleased to have Charlotte Bush, Director of Province II, visit Alpha Nu at Wittenberg. The alumnæ entertained with dinner and later went to the home of Mrs. Homer McFadden to get better acquainted with our charming director

Springfield alumnæ are looking forward to a new year of increased activity.

MARY ELLEN LOHNES, Alpha Nu

Marriages

On September 20, 1932 at Springfield, Ohio, Mary Ellen Christopher (Alpha Nu '29) to Mr. Edwin Lohnes, Alpha Tau Omega, Witten-

Births

To Mr. and Mrs. Fred B. Swingle (Charlotte Bell, Alpha Nu '27) a daughter, Cynthia. To Mr. and Mrs. Albert Brant (Alice Gard,

Alpha Nu '27) in April, a son, Alan.

SYRACUSE

The fall and winter calendar has been full of interesting meetings for the members of the Syracuse chapter.

The program of our November meeting at the chapter house, in honor of Founders Day, was a huge success. After a short play, musical selections, and a few readings, we witnessed the movie of the Gamma Phi summer camp, shown by Ruth Abell '14. Everyone seemed keenly interested in having the news of the

camp so attractively pictured. At the close of the meeting, members listened to the reading of the resignation of our president, Mildred Faulkner Rice '17. It was accepted with great regret. Those of the alumnæ who have been active during the past five years know how kindly and faithfully the services of our former president were given. A word of thanks is hardly enough to express real gratitude; and we sincerely hope that our future actions will show some appreciation of her splendid leadership.

The problem of finding a new president was left in charge of a committee under the able direction of Dr. Minnie Mason Beebe '90. At a special meeting called soon thereafter, Marion Beecher Scott '10 (Mrs. W. H. Scott, 903 Bel-levue Ave., Syracuse) was nominated and elected.

Our December meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Scott. With all confidence in our new president, we go forward wishing a happy and prosperous New Year to one and all. EDITH C. NOBLE

In Memoriam-Helen M. Saxton

There are certain personalities which stand out in relief when processions of our friends pass in mental review. Alpha of Gamma Phi Beta has lost such a member in the death July last in Clyde, N.Y., of Helen M. Saxton, ex-'97, after a long and painful illness. The writer who saw her a number of times during the progress

of that illness can remember only a charming and lovely friend full of interest in the lives of others, with never a hint of or reference to her own condition. She had a great deal of poor health after leaving college but she bore all of it with great fortitude and unselfishness and these fine traits have endeared her to all who knew her.

She has always been a loyal and active member of the sorority and has left in her will a gift of \$100.00 for the chapter house, an expression of her interest and devotion which is deeply appreciated and which will be used as another memento of her radiant and gracious

life among us.

GRACE W. EDGCOMB

TORONTO

Toronto has been occupied with the needs of the city's poor this winter. Towards this end, we gave a very suc-

cessful bridge at the Granite Club, when Leone Harris was the very able convenor in charge of arrangements. With the money we secured from this venture, we started a Social Service Fund, and, at Christmas-time, we were able to help

several needy families in not too small a way. Because of the changes made in our local rushing rules, the alumnæ were unable to help as much as usual in rushing. However, we did what we could by financing a rushing tea dance held at the home of Janet Moffat, of Alpha Alpha, in Weston. In a very few days, we will know who our new pledges will be, and we are confident that many charming rushees will be unable to resist the allure of our active

The alumnæ meetings are being held in a large private room at one of the local tea rooms, the Diet Kitchen, for this season, and they take the form of supper parties, followed by a brief business meeting. Special features are planned to follow the business meeting. Twice, for instance, we have had speakers on the modern conception of Socialism, followed by open discussion, which usually lasts far into

the night.

Our Christmas season has been brightened by the return from London, England, of Evelyn Bull Gooderham and her husband, Ronald Gooderham, who are in town for a month's visit. Ev is a very popular member of the alumnæ chapter and has been greatly missed since she left Toronto two years ago to make her home in England. Another traveller welcomed home at Christmas-time was Ruth Orr, who has been spending the past six months on the continent.

EMMA WEIR MUIRHEAD

Engagements

Marxine Wrigley, to Mr. Gordon Galbraith, Phi Kappa Sigma, Toronto.

Margaret Young, to Dr. Van Vleet Snell, Phi Rho Sigma, Toronto.

Marriages

Isabelle Whitlam, to Dr. Arthur Higgins, on September 3, 1932. Dr. and Mrs. Higgins are living at 79 Indian Grove, Toronto.

Births

To Mr. and Mrs. Valentine Wilson (Jean Stevenson), a daughter.

To Mr. and Mrs. Burnie McClelland (Marion

Stirrett), a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Curtis (Elsie Mc-Bride), of Kingston, Ontario, a daughter.

VANCOUVER

Just two or three days ago we saw again most of

the forty children who were our guests at Camp last July. The occasion was a Christmas party under the direction of Jessie Casselman and Doris Shorney, when the children and Councilors played again the games they had enjoyed most, and wiggled happily to The-smoke-goesup-the-chimney and other action songs. Mothers' Club gave a present to each child, and the excitement was at its height when movies of last year's camp were shown. The screen tests were extremely popular.

Two Councilors had come some distance to attend the party-Barbara Leiter from Portland, and Helise Arneson from Seattle. Later, we had a general talk-feast at Dot Patterson's, when not a single girl took time out, even to

We are enjoying the new rooms which the alumnæ helped to decorate and furnish; and are really proud that the actives should have such a suitable apartment to show to rushees.

Wanda Smith of Burlingame, California, and secretary of Province VII, has decided to come to Vancouver to live. We are delighted to have

her affiliate with us.

Mildred Campbell will soon bring us honor at Toronto, where she will receive her Ph.D.

degree.

Marion Casselman and Dorothy Poole are at Manitoba Agricultural College, taking courses in Home Economics.

Ruth Cheeseman won a scholarship in Nurs-

Betty Whiteside, after completing her Dietetics course, received an appointment at Royal Columbian Hospital, New Westminster.

Margery Patterson is in touch with Alpha Tau, as she is taking a Library course at Mc-Gill University.

ELSIE RILANCE DAVIES

Engagements

Claire Menton (Alpha Lambda '30) to Mr. Jack Barbarie.

Doris Baynes (Alpha Lambda '26) to Mr-Ewart Woolliams.

Marriages

Rene Harris (Alpha Lambda '30) to Mr. Clarence Burtch.

Births

To Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Maxwell (Leila Lewis, Alpha Lambda '29), a son.

To Dr. and Mrs. Rogers (Dorothy Hager, Lambda '24) a son.

Deaths

Mrs. D. E. McKenzie, mother of Mary Mc-Kenzie (Alpha Lambda '23) and Dorothy Mc-Kenzie (Alpha Lambda '30).

WINNIPEG

The Alumnæ Charity Ball on November 9 was a great success socially and financially. By a new ruling of

the university, actives are not allowed to sell tickets so the whole burden fell upon the alumnæ. Consequently we were quite worried that we would not have as large a crowd as usual, but our worries were unnecessary. The dance was most novel. It took the form of a night club publicly known as Baked Alaska to be held in the Fort Garry Hotel. Before actually entering the ballroom one passed numerous inviting tables where light refreshments were served, and then on into the room itself—which was decorated to represent the inside of an igloo with icicles hanging from the ceilingpenguins around the walls, polar bears and a small igloo at one end out of which there later came a chorus of eight Eskimo maids. From the dance the alumnæ made \$123.04 which was given to the Back-to-the-Land-Assistance Association, the Tribune Empty Stocking Fund, Margaret Scott Mission and the Gamma Phi Beta Camp.

Just before Christmas the alumnæ gave a tea for Marian Bridgman who was home from Geneva where she is connected with the Canadian Embassy and for the active chapter.

LOUISE HALLS

Marriage

On November 19, Bettina Gilman to Mr. John Marshall Moore.

Birth

To Mr. and Mrs. C. Gordon Smith on November 6 a daughter, Nancy.

Alumnae Associations

DAYTON

The Dayton alumnæ group has been exceptionally active this fall. Many and varied have been its activities.

Previous to the opening of college we entertained a group of prospective freshmen, and

are proud to have two pledges from Dayton at Wittenberg. One is a sister of Helen Rogers. Our first meeting of the year was held at Elizabeth Dressler's home. We enjoyed a delightful supper, after which we heard a review of the fiftieth anniversary of Beta Chapter which was given by Caroline Brumbaugh, a former member of Beta.

Martha Campbell entertained at the November meeting. This was quite a treat as we had dinner at a lovely Inn, and returned to her home for the business meeting. A committee was appointed to draw up and submit to the Association a number of by-laws for our constitution. These by-laws were accepted at the next meeting, a party held in honor of Founders Day, at Joe Conklin's. Bridge was the main diversion of the evening and Mary Gutermuth won the first prize.

Charlotte Bush, our province director, made a flying trip to Dayton in the early part of December. We were inspired with her visit and only wish that she could have remained with us longer. We are all fired with enthusiasm to make Gamma Phi Beta better known in this

part of the state.

We are quite thrilled to have Ruth Mary Hart, who comes to us from Ann Arbor, in our group this year. We know that Ann Arbor was sorry to lose her, but we are fortunate to have her here in Dayton where her husband is physician at the Miami Valley Hospital.

Ruth Dunkle entertained us with a delightful Christmas party, where the pledges and actives were the guests. Everyone brought a ten cent gift, and what fun we had opening our packages!

Two of our members have returned to college this fall. Ellen Janes has been taking work at the University of Cincinnati, and Martha Vinson is finishing work on her M.A. degree in Home Economics at Columbia this semester.

It is our wish that the New Year will bring Happiness and Success to every Gamma Phi Beta.

MARTHA VINSON, Alpha Epsilon

FORT COLLINS

During the past year most of our activities have centered around our informal luncheons.

They have always been a great success; and this year we have made them a financial success also, as we are using this means to raise money within our own group rather than rummage sales, benefit bridge parties or any of the usual outside activities. The most interesting meeting was a luncheon given by the association last spring at which we had the pleasure of having with us our charming grand president Mrs. Hoffman. After hearing Mrs. Hoffman speak with such clearness and vision of the hopes and plans of Gamma Phi we felt not only drawn closer together as a local group, but more vitally interested in Gamma Phi as a whole. At our summer meetings we always enjoy having with us not only our own girls who have returned for the vacation, but Gamma Phis from other chapters who are here for summer school. This fall the Tau alumnæ living in Denver had

lunch with us, and later in the afternoon we all attended the Panhellenic Tea at the chapter house. The December meeting, with Mrs. Stover and Mrs. Ault hostesses, was made very interesting by having Mrs. Bryan the province

director with us.

Mirian Gatley has received a degree of Doctor of Philosophy. After graduating from Aggies in 1922 Mirian has had a very interesting scholastic record. She took her Master's degree at the University of Denver in 1925. The following year she received an assistantship in English at Leland Stanford. The summer of 1928 was spent doing special work in Middle English at the University of Chicago. During 1930-31 Mirian assisted in English Composition at the University of California at Berkeley. In the fall of 1931 through Leland Stanford she was awarded the American Fellowship for continued work in a specific field of English Literature, the Middle English Romances. For several months she studied manuscripts and sources of English Romances in England and

France before receiving her Doctor's degree. Another of Tau's alumnæ who is enjoying new and interesting experiences is Charlotte Leach Sheely who is living in Fairbanks, Alaska. Mr. Sheely is the director of extension for

Alaska.

GEORGIA FLEMING, Tau

LINCOLN

With the beginning of a new year we find ourselves more or less ahead of the game compared with previous years.

We have scheduled all of our meetings so that half will be held in the afternoon, the other half in the evening. This will enable all of us

to attend some of the meetings.

We also have a new group of officers with Belle Farman, president; Nanki Field, vicepresident; Florence Barlow, corresponding secretary; Mrs. John Klopp, recording secretary;

and Mrs. Clifford Hicks, treasurer

Early this fall the alumnæ association had the privilege of entertaining Dorothy Jennings of St. Louis, province director, at a luncheon at the chapter house. Twenty of us were there and enjoyed a very pleasant afternoon, for we always anticipate our visits from Miss Jennings.

On December 7 we held the first of our evening meetings at the home of Dorothy Klopp. This meeting was in the form of a buffet supper; and at this time a committee was appointed to begin preparations for the quilt which we intend to make for our camp. So it

looks like we shall be very busy this winter. And honors are still being showered on us. Mrs. Arthur G. Christensen has been appointed chairman of the press and publicity department of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. The appointment was made by the executive committee of the general federation. Nanki Field has been re-elected president of the Adrix club, an organization made up of women actively engaged in journalism and advertising.

At this time the chapter wishes to extend sincere sympathy to Mrs. Gerald Merrit (Fayne Smithberger) and Mrs. Louis Smithberger (Dorothy Pugh) upon the death of their father and father-in-law.

WINIFRED HARDING

Marriages

On August 6 Clarice McDonald '29 to Mr. Donald A. Keys, Alpha Tau Omega.

Thelma Uter to Mr. John Henry Adair, Delta Tau Delta.

Irmanelle Waldo to Mr. Lynne M. Correll,

Alpha Sigma Phi. Beulah Grabill, Hilo, Hawaii to Dr. Max Finlayson, Alpha Sigma Phi.

Neva Jones to Mr. Roger D. Collins. On December 4 Mary Ball to Mr. Lewis K. Nommensen, Pi Kappa Alpha.

OTTAWA

There was at first in the Ottawa alumnæ group a feeling of isolation, due, we decided, to the fact that the nearest

university with a Gamma Phi Beta active chapter was over one hundred miles distant, this being McGill University in Montreal. Even if our city is the capital of Canada, we missed the enthusiasm and spirit which contact with

an active chapter inevitably gives.

However, this feeling was to a great extent dispelled by the visit in December of Mary Herold West Easterbrook, from the New York Alumnæ Chapter, and Director of Province I. Our president, Jean McElroy, met Mrs. Easterbrook's train, and entertained her at lunch at the Château Laurier. After a tour of some of the capital's fine government buildings, they joined the rest of the group at tea at the home of Ina Gillies Letts. Mrs. Easterbrook made a friend of everyone through her bright, appreciative personality

Our group is contributing articles of clothing for the Boundary Bay Camp at Vancouver, B.C. Anne Connor Hanna, having visited this camp, gave us a vivid picture of it which quick-

ened our interest.

Miss B. F. Haanel (Alpha) has had four of her paintings of the famous Gatineau district exhibited in the Little Picture Exhibition held here this winter.

INA GILLIES LETTS, Alpha Alpha

Engagement

Jean McElroy (Alpha Alpha '30), to Mr. Delmer Ellis, C.A., of Ottawa.

PHOENIX

Quite a feather in the collective cap of the Phoenix alumnæ association was the bridge benefit given this last

November under the capable direction of Nancy Rhuart, vice-president. With just twelve working members, tickets were sold for over fifty tables, a style show was planned and presented, refreshments for the dessert bridge were prepared by the members (and served—an item!)

the club house was decorated at no expense, and the whole affair termed an immense success by the guests. The net profit for the affair totaled seventy dollars, which was sent to Alpha Epsilon chapter.

Putting Gamma Phi definitely in the Phoenix lime-light was the election of Louise McMarten (Xi '24), as president of the Phoenix Panhellenic. For the past two years Louise has served

as treasurer of Panhellenic.

BLANCH BARNETT KETCHAM, Mu

SAN DIEGO

Gamma Phi Beta alumnæ members in San Diego are successfully directing Panhellenic activities this year.

It was through the enterprising Gamma Phis that the Panhellenic holiday dance tradition was carried out; and the dance was given December 27 at the Zlac Rowing club house. Mrs. Gaylord Parkinson (Epsilon) is Gamma Phi Beta president of Panhellenic, and the December alumnæ meeting was held in her home.

The local Gamma Phis have no more serious objective in meeting this winter than to enjoy delightful social afternons together and to play informal bridge; but during these days of limitation it is a good objective which will scout

too much seriousness.

EILEEN DROYER JACKSON, Alpha Epsilon

Engagements

Ruth Bailey (Epsilon), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elwood T. Bailey, to Mr. Joseph Beerkley, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Beerkley, of Long Beach. Mr. Beerkley graduated from University of Nebraska (Phi Kappa Psi).

Marriage

Marjorie Kelley (Alpha Iota), teacher of art at San Diego State College to Lt. A. W. Borsum (DC), U.S.N.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

This fall we co-operated with the Tri-Delt alumnæ

group here in putting on a rummage sale. We had a little excitement when the salesroom was invaded one night, and some of our "choice" old clothes were spirited away; but despite everything, the sale was quite successful and

metted us a neat little amount.

We are looking forward to seeing Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Hoffman when the stop here en route to Williamsburg. A few of us are planning to go to the installation, too. We are thrilled at having another near-by chapter, especially in such a charming place as Williamsburg.

ERNESTINE HALL ROLLS, Beta

Death

We offer our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Merle Adams Thurlby (Mrs. Stanley), who died in Washington, D.C., November 10, 1932, at the Emergency Hospital. Mrs. Thurlby was pledged at Sigma and initiated at Pi.

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Our meetings are held on the second Monday of each month. We usually meet for

luncheon at some tea room in the environs of Orange, Summit, or Plainfield, and after lunch we hold our meetings there or go to the home of some alumna. Our business meetings are short, our gatherings most informal. We have met at Highgate Hall and Marlboro Inn in Montclair and Canoebrook Country Club in Summit this year.

We are planning to make sun suits for the Denver camp, instead of nighties as we did last

vear.

We should welcome heartily any alumnæ in this part of New Jersey and wish any eligible members would communicate with Mrs. L. D. Warren, 132 Buckingham Road, Upper Montclair, N.J.

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Fraternity men throughout the country were shocked by the news of the death of Calvin Coolidge, thirtieth president and a loyal alumnus of Phi Gamma Delta. The late president was an undergraduate student at Amherst College, graduating with the Class of 1895.

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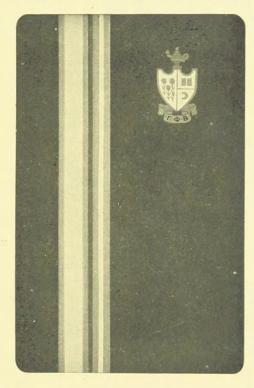
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