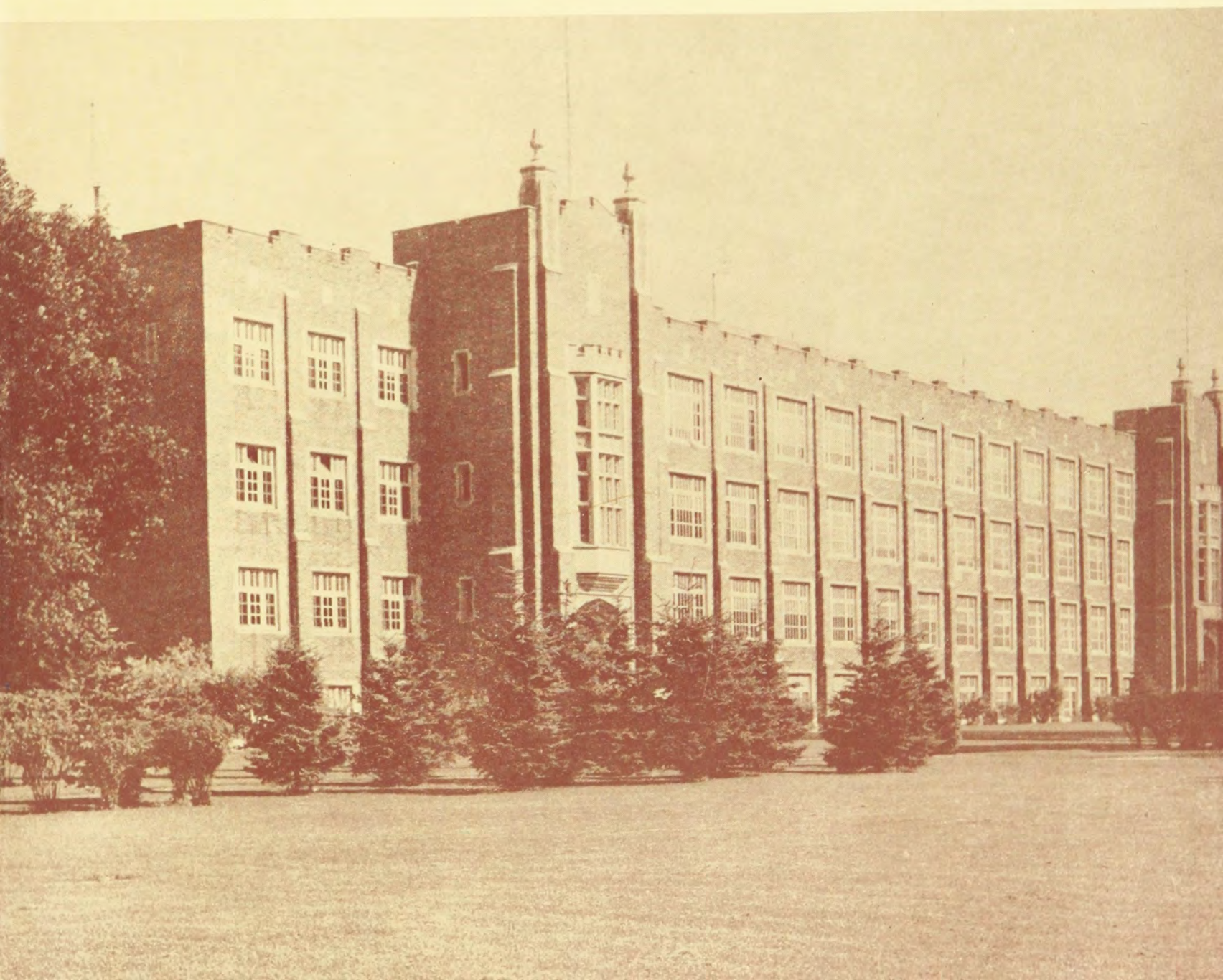


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Schedule of Officers' Duties

Greek-Letter Chapters

PRESIDENT:

In odd years, send Central Office acknowledgement of bound CRESCENT as soon as it is received. Use postal card in volume.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:

By August 1, either send 6 rushing calendars to Central Office and 1 each to Province Director and Traveling Secretary or notify Central Office if Panhellenic has not released rushing dates.

By September 15, send 6 college calendars to Central Office and 1 each to Province Director and Traveling Secretary.

By October 1, send Grand President business for consideration at fall council meeting, include business for consideration of convention in fall preceding convention.

Immediately after pledging (immediately after opening of college if pledging is deferred), send lists of chapter members and pledges (new and holdovers) to Central Office and Province Director on standard blanks.

By February 15, send lists of chapter members and pledges (new and holdovers) to Central Office and Province Director on standard blanks.

Not later than March 25, mail name and home address of new rushing chairman to Central Office.

Immediately after appointment is made, send name and address of CRESCENT Correspondent to Editor-in-chief.

As soon after April 1 as information is available, send 6 lists of new chapter officers to Central Office and 1 list each to Province Director and Traveling Secretary, on standard blanks.

By May 1, send Grand President business for consideration at spring council meeting.

By May 15, send to Central Office list of chapter members (undergraduates and alumnæ) who have passed away since preceding August 1.

By July 1, send list of graduates (include members who have dropped out of college) with home addresses to Central Office and Province Director.

TREASURER:

Pre-initiation and final fees due in Central Office within two weeks following pledging and initiation. (See schedule of CRESCENT subscriptions below.)

First semester audit due Mrs. Howe before April 15.

Second semester audit due Mrs. Howe before October 1.
DO NOT SEND TO CENTRAL OFFICE.

Alumnæ Chapters

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:

By October 1, send Grand President business for consideration at fall Council meeting.

By January 1 of a province conference year, send nominations for Province Director to Grand President.

As soon as elections have been held, send 6 lists of chapter officers to Central Office and 1 each to Province Director and Traveling Secretary, on standard blanks. If complete list is not available by March 25, send name and address of member who will be responsible for rushing recommendations during the summer. Send name and address of CRESCENT Correspondent to Mrs. Pinkerton and Mrs. Marek.

By May 15, send list of members who have passed away since preceding August 1 to Central Office. Include married and maiden name and Greek-letter chapter.

CRESCENT CORRESPONDENT:

Alumnæ chapter letters for May issue and marriages, births, deaths, feature stories and glossies due Mrs. Marek Feb. 20.

Feature articles, newspaper clippings, pictures about alumnæ may be sent to Mrs. Marek between deadlines.

At the end of each chapter letter, include name and tele-

Due Central Office by December 1: first installment of international dues and \$6.50 for bound CRESCENTS and subscriptions to *Banta's Greek Exchange* and *Fraternity Month*.
Due Central Office by March 1: second installment of International dues.

Fiscal year begins August 1, ends July 31. All dues paid between those dates cover the period between and cannot apply to the next fiscal year no matter how late they are paid.

SCHOLARSHIP CHAIRMAN:

Comparative rating of NPC sororities on campus for preceding year due Mrs. Ord immediately after reported, if possible by Nov. 1.

PLEDGE TRAINER:

Immediately after pledging order pledge manuals (50¢ each) and song books (\$1.00 each) from Central Office. Enclose check.

By May 15, send report for new edition of Pledge Manual to Central Office.

CRESCENT CORRESPONDENT:

Pledge lists, glossies, chapter letters for December issue due Mrs. Pinkerton Oct. 1.

Chapter letters, glossies, features for February issue due Mrs. Pinkerton, December 15.

List of members elected to honoraries during past year, glossies and features due Mrs. Pinkerton at close of school year.

RUSHING CHAIRMAN:

Rushing reports due Province Director and International Membership Chairman immediately after each formal rushing season. Continue to report each subsequent pledge.

Order supplies (recommendation and investigation blanks, file and acknowledgement cards, post rush reports) early each spring for following fall, from Central Office. Specify quantity.

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HISTORIAN:

Chapter history for preceding year due Miss Gresham July 1.

phone number of member in your chapter whom alumnæ new to the community may call.

HOUSE BOARD TREASURER:

First semester audit due Mrs. Howe before April 15.

Second semester audit due Mrs. Howe before October 1.

TREASURER:

International dues and camp taxes cover the sorority fiscal year—August 1 through July 31. Both become due August 1 but may be paid at any time during the fiscal year. The chapter is considered delinquent, however, if dues and camp taxes of its members are not paid by January 1.

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Panhellenic Representatives

of various sororities on the steps of the White House as they were to enter to attend a tea honoring them, given by Mrs. Harry Truman, November 5. Mrs. Charlee T. Akre (fourth from right, front row) represented Gamma Phi Beta. She is the incoming president of the Washington Panhellenic. Mrs. Alva Fenn (behind Mrs. Akre and slightly to the right) is Gamma Phi Beta's alternate in that group. Margaret Truman is a member of Pi Beta Phi.

“C” is for Courage!

Noreen Linduska, Illinois '44, is the author of “My Polio Past,” her story of her struggle to overcome the disease, with a message of hope, and courage. Now Mrs. Edward F. Zahour, she and her husband are building a new home for themselves and their small baby.

JUST a wisp of a girl, she was, who lay motionless in the semi-darkened room. Muffled voices . . . brisk steps back and forth . . . an occasional clink of ice in the water pitchers. These were familiar sounds to her. She had spent what seemed like an eternity within these four walls. Legs which were immovable . . . arms, rigid and useless . . . and a voice, stilled in her paralyzed throat, that wanted to cry out in protest against the final authority whose words had come to her keen ears above the hospital noises, “Hopeless. Absolutely hopeless. There is nothing more we can do, doctor. She’ll never walk again.”

And to herself, she said, “Never walk again? I’ll show you. I’ll *dance* again.”

That was Noreen Linduska.

You see, Noreen could never quite fully believe that polio could happen to her, so she couldn’t believe, either, that she was doomed to the life of a mute invalid.

It took a lot of doing . . . physical and mental effort that you wouldn’t believe was housed within this tiny, attractive Gamma Phi. But her heart was full of hope . . . her head whirling with dreams of what she would do, not *if*, but *when* she was back to normal.

She invented exercises to restore life to deadened throat muscles . . . she chipped her front teeth gritting them so hard when first using crutches . . . tears streamed down her cheeks as she laboriously worked her board-like fingers, that they might flex again and someday fly over a typewriter keyboard as she told the beautiful stories that were always in her head.

Her first book has just been published . . . “My Polio Past.” Her comment? “I’m sorry that a polio story had to be my first book, because I’d much rather be criticized as an author than praised as an ex-polio victim.”

Noreen made notes as soon as she could hold a pencil, for she knew she would get well and believed a book of her experiences might be helpful to others stricken with polio. “It was awfully hard to concentrate at the hospital. Nurses were forever running in with glucose feedings, hot packs, exercise business. I thought I’d never get the book in shape.”

Here she was, writing a serene book about her recovery from polio while still unable to walk or swallow food or drink! Shortly after leaving the hospital, on crutches, Noreen went to Mexico to complete her recovery. Despite parental admonitions, “Go straight to Senora di Rosa’s house,” Noreen went straight to a small hotel. She didn’t want the pity of Americans who frequent the larger hotels and she shuddered at the thought of being pampered.

“I was beginning to lose my confidence. Mother and daddy were wonderfully helpful, but their kindnesses and constant assistance were making a cream puff out of me. I had to go it alone for at least a little while.”



Noreen Linduska, daughter “Wissy”

She planned to go down to dinner early, before the dining room was too crowded. Now on two canes, she made a successful trip to her table and ate a sumptuous dinner served by a kindly waiter who brought her extra pats of butter. “My less than 100 pounds didn’t cover my bones too well and I guess he noticed it.”

And now, to make it back up those three marble steps to the lobby, and she would call her first day on her own a success. But on the second step, her important right cane, slipped and fell from her hand to go clattering to the floor. “I stood there, rigid with fear. I knew I couldn’t go after the cane. I was even afraid to move my eyes for fear of losing my balance. It may have been 30 seconds. To me, eons of time passed, before I heard a calm, masculine voice behind me . . . ‘The senorita has dropped her glove.’ Security rushed back through my veins as the cane was firmly pressed into my sweating palm.

“Tears of undying gratitude welled up and rolled down my cheeks as I turned and my eyes met those of the most beautiful man I have ever seen.”

Carlos was that gallant, fabulous, unbelievable man whom Noreen came to know well during her stay in Mexico. Later she wrote a play about him, but it was rejected. “Well written,” the note said, “but too fantastic to be credulous to the play-going public.” Noreen says that every word of that play was true and when she writes her book on Mexico she’ll include the play just to get even for that rejection slip.

Among the interesting and famous people whom Noreen met in Mexico was Dr. Meyer A. Zeeligs, psychiatrist from the University of California in Los Angeles. Deeply interested in her amazing recovery, Dr. Zeeligs swore she would return from Mexico, leaving her canes behind. “The psychology worked,” she recalls. “One day I started to the corner store, realizing

en route that I had forgotten one of my canes. That did it! I threw away the other one and after that I walked without aid."

In the spring of 1946 a proud father escorted Noreen down the aisle to give her in marriage to Edward Zahour, a young lawyer who had had quite a wait for his bride. You see, they had planned to be married three weeks before Noreen was stricken ill.

Worth ("We call her Wissy") came along early this year, via Caesarean section . . . a chubby darling who fills the first of five places set aside in the Zahour family for children.

"If I can't have five," says Noreen, "I'll adopt some. Edward was from a large family, while I was an only child. I know now how heart-breaking it is for a mother whose only child hovers near death. Besides our children will have lots of fun together, living in the country where we're building our little Swedish-style, stone house." Noreen was bubbling with excitement as she told of their plans for a thatched roof, if it will pass the fire laws, and pretty vines and a crocus or two which will be planted along the eaves. There will be a study for Noreen . . . a pony for Wissy to ride to school.

About that baby, the operation was performed without a general anaesthetic, for, Noreen's swallowing is still a voluntary act and sedatives of any kind, even aspirin, slow down her muscular reactions and might endanger her life. She's probably the only mother in the world who talked about new post-

maternity clothes and her next book while doctors performed a section under novocaine injections.

"My blackest moments since recovery from polio," Noreen says, "came about three days after Wissy was born. Somehow, the bleak little private room took me back, mentally, to those four walls of another hospital room and terror clutched at my heart. I seemed to be right back there, coming to grips with polio. I thought I had dreamed of recovery and was just waking up to reality. I guess I went into shock and was completely blotto for awhile. When I finally came out of it and held a very real baby in my arms, I was back on top of the world."

A lesser person than Noreen Linduska Zahour might never have lived to see the fulfillment of her beautiful dreams. Her feet that might never have walked again, were prettily encased in slim high-heeled pumps the day I saw her. Her voice, once stilled by a monstrous disease that knows no selection, spoke clearly of the hope that the word polio would no longer strike terror into the hearts of mothers and fathers.

"My Polio Past" is more than just a book . . . it is another milestone on the way back to a normal life for polio victims everywhere. It sings of hope for all who are weary, sick and discouraged, for it hits a high "C" for Courage.

By ARDIS MAREK

The Alpha Girl with CHARM

By Zayde Kinback McLean

Syracuse '46

MANY of us read *Charm*, the magazine edited particularly for the business girl, but how many of us know that the Editor-In-Chief, Frances Ward Harrington, is one of our own Gamma Phi Betas? We alumnae of Alpha chapter are proud to be able to claim Frances as one of our illustrious alumnae.

Frances Ward was born in Wichita, Kansas, and spent her childhood on a ranch outside of Brownsville, Texas, in the Rio Grande Valley.

When a junior in Louisville Girls' High School, Louisville, Kentucky, at the age of fifteen, Frances took her first job. She became school correspondent for the Louisville *Courier-Journal*. Winning a partial scholarship to Syracuse University, she came to Syracuse and to Alpha chapter.

Frances worked her way through college as university correspondent for the Syracuse journal during the school year and as a full-time reporter there during vacations. She became a member of Theta Sigma Phi, journalistic honorary, and Phi Beta Kappa. In her senior year she was president of the English Club. Frances graduated with a Bachelor of Arts, magna cum laude.

Her professional experiences are wide. Frances began with a teaching fellowship in English at Syracuse University for one year. Next she established and operated a small chain of newspaper shopping columns in Central New York and Pennsylvania. Following this, Frances joined the New York *Evening Post* where she specialized in fashion and beauty.

As an account executive at Cecil, Warwick and Legler advertising agency, New York City, Frances handled Elizabeth Arden and Eaton Paper Company accounts. She wrote all the copy for Tangee and also wrote radio commercials for Sloan's Liniment, the Warden Lawes program.

Leaving the agency, Frances became Editor of *You Magazine*.



Frances Harrington

From this job she went to Tone Laboratories, Incorporated, a subsidiary of Helena Rubenstein, Incorporated, where she was the general manager. Returning to the magazine field, Frances became the managing editor of *Mademoiselle* and left that to take her present position as Editor-In-Chief of *Charm*.

Frances married Roby Harrington, Jr., an insurance broker for Johnson and Higgins, New York and is the mother of three sons. At present she is living on a small farm near Westport, Connecticut and commuting daily to New York. She is affiliated with the Junior League and a member of the Board of Governors of Fashion Group, Incorporated. » » »

Chicago's Ridge Farm Project

By Ardis McBroom Marek

SINCE 1912, Ridge Farm, located near Lake Forest, Illinois, has been used as a preventorium for girls, but only since last summer has the Farm been able to provide a complete summer recreational program. That program has been made possible through the untiring efforts of Chicago area Gamma Phi Betas.

Through a program change, Ridge Farm now accepts both boys and girls between 6 and 12 years, providing an opportunity for the child to live in a group situation. Most of the 38 children now at the Farm are from broken homes, and will remain there until their own homes are re-established or foster homes can be found. Realizing that each child is an individual with his own interests and desires, the program is as rich in interest as possible to give each child a real feeling of happiness and satisfaction. Thus, the Farm acts as a buffer for the child who must go from his own broken home to a new foster family. In cases where there are two or more children from one family, rather than separate them, they are kept together at the Farm until a foster home is willing to accept all of them.

At present the staff includes a superintendent who is a registered nurse, an assistant superintendent, two teachers who also direct recreation, four house mothers, a physician who visits weekly, a consulting psychiatrist for one day a month, a maintenance staff of five and four summer counsellors. The latter are selected and sent to the camp by the Chicago alumnae chapter, which pays their salaries and buys all material necessary for the summer program, thus sponsoring and financing the entire summer recreation period which opens July 1st and continues through the month of August.

The children are divided into three age groups, each meeting with its leader and participating in crafts, outdoor play and music. Craft classes teach the children to work with their hands in creating beautiful and useful articles, and include textile painting, soap carving, weaving and sketching. Group singing, rhythms and creative music are popular activities and the children recently wrote simple verses which were set to music.

Each child goes to the beach once a week. Other excursions supervised by the counsellors take the children to the movies, Soldiers' Field, Brookfield Zoo and other interesting places in and around Chicago.

The crying need of these children for a feeling of security, love and understanding is greatly alleviated through the guidance and help of their summer counsellors who try to lead them into channels of right thinking and wholesome attitudes so they may face life happily and unafraid.

Miss Cay Preston, a former teacher at the Farm, is director of the summer program, and is assisted by Dolores McHale of St. Mary's College, Leavenworth, Kansas, Wanda Nuhn of Wheaton College, and Ann Lockey of Lawrence College.



Counsellors with children at Ridge Farm Project.

In order to help finance the program, Mrs. William Schroeder, Gamma Phi Beta's chairman for Ridge Farm, introduced the dollar drive this spring by sending letters to all of Chicago's 700 Gamma Phi Betas. Though the return was not 100 per cent, many contributed more than one dollar to this worthwhile project, and the results of the drive were most gratifying. At present Mrs. Schroeder is carrying on her work from a hospital bed, due to a serious accident, and has been ably assisted by Mrs. John Trussell, Epsilon.

In addition to the summer work, each Gamma Phi group in the Chicago area sponsors a birthday party at the Farm with all children celebrating birthdays during the month as guests of honor. Birthday gifts for the children are carefully selected to suit their individual tastes, while all the children enjoy cake, ice cream, candy and favors. The December party is sponsored by the Chicago board with gifts for all.

Such an undertaking as Ridge Farm by the Chicago alumnae chapter must serve as a challenge to other alumnae chapters. Wherever you are, the aftermath of war has created problems in your community of which there are none greater than the insecurity and unhappiness of children. It will be the women of America who will solve these problems and it will be groups such as your alumnae chapter which will band together to smooth the rough path back to a normal life after greater emotional upheavals than you or I shall ever know.

It takes but a little seeking to find a way to help and an unselfish, useful purpose is the best adhesive for making a group stick together. D D D

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Helen Rhoda Hoopes Retires

Charter member of Sigma chapter and for 33 years an English teacher at Kansas University has left the classroom to continue her writing career and to travel.

HELEN RHODA HOOPES, a faculty member in the English department at the University of Kansas thirty-three years, has retired from active teaching.

But she will continue many other activities, such as the writing which made her known as "H. R. H." to thousands of readers of *The Star* over a period of years.

Poet, writer, lecturer, traveler and wit, Miss Hoopes is retiring two years early—"the board of regents permitting," she qualifies.

Travel will be a feature of her retirement program and she also is to complete the manuscript for a book of poetry, "Winter Twilight."

"I may work some on a story about Socrates inventing the hamburger," she says. "It's no joke, either. I really believe I have something there."

In August she was an honored guest at Portland, Oregon, at the council meeting of Pi Lambda Theta, teachers' honorary society which she helped found and which she served as first president. The organization now has thousands of members over the nation.

"Retiring ahead of time makes people think you're going to die," she said at her home in Lawrence. "Well, I'm not. I'm just going to have more time to do all the things I've always wanted to do."

SCHEDULE THROUGH THE WAR

Miss Hoopes has had an unusually heavy schedule through the war years.

"First we told them good-by, one by one," she said, referring to the men leaving for World War II. "Then we had a whole group of girls and 4-Fs, all worried about somebody who was someplace else. Then the wounded began to come back first, followed by a hoard of big powerful men, not boys. It's been exciting but exhausting. I'm not accustomed to so many fathers and mothers in class and it makes school very different."

However, when Miss Hoopes says she will miss her students, she stresses the veterans.

"I've had some pretty grand ones this last year and I'm glad of the experience," she said. "The veterans are great people and most of them are serious and have lots on their hands, including families, present and future."

"They have one really serious fault—they just can't punctuate. And I do hate those Quonset huts, but maybe they do, too. There are so many Quonset huts here, but that's one thing I'm not collecting!"

COLLECTING AS A HOBBY

Miss Hoopes laughed as she explained she collects "about everything else," including miniatures for a complete home, typically Kansas, which she expects to give to the university as a historical document reflecting interests of the period 1930 to 1940. Other collections of Miss Hoopes include Chinese snuff bottles, Chinese and garnet rings, and New Testaments in Greek (which she reads), Latin, German, Swedish, Hungarian, Welsh and Spanish.

"I got my first Greek Testament from Ted Cramer, a K. U. man, in Kansas City," she said, "and at the same time I got two

who-done-its by Dorothy Sayer, the English mystery writer.

"In Canada I couldn't find a French translation, although I went to convents and to priests, but I did get a Lutheran translation there. Then I went to Los Angeles and made a futile search for a Spanish Testament and found only a German translation!"

In the fifteen years preceding the war, Miss Hoopes was a regular contributor of verse to the Starbeams column on the editorial page of *The Star*.

Clad H. Thompson, who then conducted that column, said that "H. R. H. became better known in that column than the C. H. T. signature below it!"

POEM ON GOLDFISH DEATH

He recalled a contribution titled "Threnody," which chronicled the death of H. R. H.'s Christmas goldfish.

"H. R. H. is skillful with verse forms and has the ideas to develop, too," C. H. T. commented. "And she is one of the few moderns who adore Milton. I used to get a whole bundle of her gay, whimsical verse at one time and ration it out over editions until I got another."

Miss Hoopes has great interest in the world of fashion. She once wrote a slap-happy story for the woman's page of *The Star*, detailing "Hats I Have Worn and Why." This traced half a century of Miss Hoopes's hats and drew letters from readers in several states.

"While I never have been included in the list of ten best dressed women, you can bet your bottom dollar that I always know what the glamour girls are wearing," Miss Hoopes asserts.

Many of the stories which are legend about Miss Hoopes she passes off with the comment that she talks so much she never could identify what she did or didn't say. Sometimes she declares one of these stories must have come out of Joe Miller's joke book.

No report on Miss Hoopes, who began teaching at K. U. the year after she got her master's degree there and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa, would be adequate without mention of his mother, Mrs. Jeannette Hoopes, who died in 1935 at 84 years of age. Mrs. Hoopes, at 70, started the Oklahoma City Garden club which now has extended to about 300 clubs over that state.

AND SHE LOVES TO COOK

Cooking is a joy with Miss Hoopes, who lives in the lower part of a colonial duplex in Lawrence with her landlady, Miss Bessie Daum, above. They were classmates in the 1913 K.U. commencement.

In recreation, Miss Hoopes says the theater is her real first love. She has seen twenty-four of Shakespeare's plays, some of these many times.

"Veterans love Shakespeare, too," she commented, "—thanks to Laurence Olivier! I've seen Olivier five times in *Henry V*, myself."

She also has a large library of classical records.

A friend and long-time observer of Miss Hoopes asserts that H. R. H. never has permitted the conventional opinions of others to affect her thinking.

"She never has hesitated to express her opinion," the friend said. "And she can support it against all comers, whether it is on trends of the drama, the merits of popular or classical music, politics or how to hang a picture."—Excerpt from *The Kansas City Star*. D D D

Wins Initial Award



(Left) Joan Boddy (U. Western Ontario '46), first winner of Zella Fawkes Award . . . General Arts Student. Zella Fawkes (right), house-mother of Alpha Omega, London, Ontario. Bronze trophy, "The Zella Fawkes Award."

THE Zella Fawkes award, donated anonymously to Alpha Omega chapter, at the University of Western Ontario, serves a two-fold purpose. It pays tribute to their beloved house mother, Miss Zella Fawkes, and recognizes graduating members of the chapter for making "outstanding contribution to University and Sorority life."

In the past eight years Miss Fawkes has become so much a part of Alpha Omega that it is impossible to imagine the house or the chapter without her. A most efficient house manager, a gracious hostess, and one of the best rushers we have had, no mother could look after her girls with more loving care than Miss Fawkes.

Carol Johnson (Boston) graduated cum laude and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa at Boston University; Elizabeth Mulkern was elected to Phi Beta Kappa and Althea Crilley graduated with distinction in dramatic languages and literature.

Janice Warner (Denver), listed in "Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges" and member of Mortar Board was chosen for Pi Delta Theta (only students with an A in math are eligible). Phyllis Jones of Denver won an appointment for dietetic internship at Chicago University.

She has caught the essence of the sorority and it can be fairly said that Zella Fawkes is one of the finest friends anyone could know.

The girls of Alpha Omega hope that the award will help to tell her and future Gamma Phi Betas how much they value her years of service and companionship.

The trophy is a bronze sphere supporting the figure of a Grecian woman. The crests of the University and the Sorority are mounted on the sphere which rests on a bronze plaque. "The Zella Fawkes Award for Outstanding Contribution to University and Sorority Life" is inscribed in the plaque. The entire trophy is mounted on an oak base.

Qualification for the trophy is stringent. This award is not intended for the star who shines brightly in one or two activities. The one receiving it must exemplify those ideals and oft-time intangible qualities which are the spirit of Gamma Phi Beta. She must contribute her time and energies faithfully to various activities and best approximate the well-balanced personality.

Joan Boddy, '46, first winner of the award, not only met the standard but made the honor higher by virtue of her fine personal qualities.

A scholarship winner at Walkerville Collegiate. Joan came to Western in 1943 enrolled in General Arts.

Joan contributed to both athletic and non-athletic organizations at the University. She was a member of the Woman's Athletic Committee and drew a good bow in the Dominion Telegraphic Archery Team. She was an active member of the Clio (History) Club Executive and acted on the Disciplinary Committee of the Student Government. Frosh will remember her friendly smile when she served on the Frosh Welcoming Committee. Her hair greyed over might reveal her as the mother-in-law in the Player's Guild production of "Fumed Oak."

Joan found time to contribute extensively to sorority life as well. She was president of her pledge class, assistant rushing chairman, and in her final year vice-president.

At the present time she has a secretarial position in Windsor, but comes back to London for initiations, dances and graduations.

A good all-round girl and a fine friend, we are very proud of our outstanding Joan Boddy. D D D

—By Mary Purdy

Alpha Zeta's prize-winning float at the University of Texas's Round-up parade—Mary June Rugel, sweetheart candidate surrounded by pink carnations.



Flies Around The World

MRS. PAUL LAWRENCE (Gladys Wilkinson, Nebraska and Los Angeles alumnæ) has just completed the first trip ever made by a woman on a commercial flight, going by Pan-American clipper on its initial scheduled commercial junket. She is shown here on the ramp of the plane as she took off from Los Angeles for San Francisco. The trip included Honolulu, Guam, Midway, Wake, Bangkok, Siam, Calcutta and Karachi, India, Istanbul, Rome and London, Ireland, Gander, and New York. The planes carried cargo for delivery and loaded freight in other places and many of the passengers were making the trip for business reasons. Mrs. Lawrence crammed her trip with notes to be used as the basis for future articles and sent back to THE CRESCENT a running story of her experiences which we hope to use in a later issue. She visited relatives in Ireland and Scotland and transacted business there in connection with her family's estate. She saw a millinery show in London, was entertained in many places by friends and business connections and enjoyed a gala time in New York. Keenly interested in world affairs, she has served on the Los Angeles Charity League which has distributed 5000 garments in Europe and is a member of the advisory board of the Assistant's League. A member of the Los Angeles chamber of commerce woman's division, she is the former president of the organization's civic beautification com-

mittee. She served as president of the Los Angeles alumnæ and is active in Panhellenic affairs.

Mrs. Lawrence



Hat Designers



Kansas City Star Photograph

Some of the hats created and worn by members of the Kansas City alumnæ association at their Easter hat parade. From left to right: Lillian White Canatsey in an inner tube trimmed with a carrot; first place winner Mary Katherine Dorman Kabler in the "Blue Plate Special"; Nancy Leathers in a playing card "off the face" number; second place winner Anabel Walter in a creation made from a wire egg basket, several wire loops and a feather; honorable mention Kay Winne Rinehart in a hat decorated with chore boys and vegetable brushes.

SONG WRITERS!

Join the Contestants

See page 31

Wins Commendation

BEVERLY DIBBLE (Penn State '40), who has been assistant to the Red Cross field director and in charge of Red Cross activities at the station hospital, Bolling Field, Washington, D.C., has received a commendation on the quality of her work at the hospital.

Miss Dibble entered Red Cross service in 1944 and was assigned in charge of the music department at Walter Reed General hospital in Washington. In addition to this work she also assisted amputees on war bond shows and aided various celebrities who entertained at the hospital. After two years at the Walter Reed, she was transferred to the Bolling Station hospital.

An article dealing with her achievements at the station hospital appears in a recent issue of *The Bolling Field Beam*, the field's official publication.

It states that she was commended for her work in a letter from Lt. Col. Harold Funsch, base surgeon, to Howard A. Wilson, district director of the Eastern Area for the American Red Cross.

"Since her arrival at the station hospital," he wrote, "she has worked long hours setting up new programs, services and a great variety of entertainment. She has organized a dramatic club, an orchestra, and handled the details of a pre-natal instruction course."

The letter further states that "On more than one occasion she has used her personal finances to better the service when the official funds have been depleted. She has won the admiration of the officers and enlisted personnel alike as no problem seems insurmountable when the patient is the recipient."

Colonel Funsch closed his letter with "The doctors and nurses respect her decisions and judgement and for this reason, an excellent spirit of cooperation exists throughout the hospital."

A native of Athens, Pa., and a graduate of Penn State, where she was a member of the Alpha Nu chapter, she received her degree in music, and taught music in schools throughout the state for three years, prior to joining the Red Cross. She has been transferred recently to Fort Knox, Ky., where she is in charge of recreation for the Red Cross.



Chosen for Honour Society

Gwen Carlson



Beth MacDonald

COVETED membership in the Honour Society of the University of Western Ontario went to two Gamma Phis this spring. Gwen Carlson and Beth MacDonald of the Alpha Omega chapter were two of the five chosen from the student body.

The Honour Society is a non-athletic non-sorority organization which was set up in 1926 for those who had contributed greatly to school life.

Gwen Carlson, the only girl to graduate in Honour Business Administration this year came to Western in '43 from Emo, Ontario. A Gazette reporter her first year, she finished as editor of the first Student Constitutional Handbook, and received a Publications Key. She also received a Gazette Award.

In her third year Gwen was elected Secretary of the Debating Society. The following year she became President of the Debating Society and President of the Inter-Varsity Debating League. Gwen won Public Speaking awards each of her first three years at Western.

Initiated in '44 Gwen was vice-president of her pledge class, pledge trainer the following year, and rushing chairman in her final year.

As a pledge she wore the Dorothy Tait Pin as outstanding

pledge, and this year was awarded the Ruth Drummond Pin for stimulating Inter and Intra Sorority spirit.

Now working on an M.A. in London, Gwen has received a scholarship to continue her post graduate work.

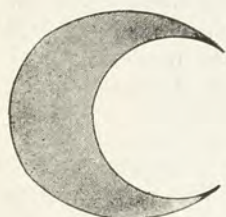
Beth MacDonald, a graduate in Honour Science Applied Biology, came to Western in the fall of 1942 from Essex, Ontario. In her third year she was elected representative to the Students Administrative Assembly and was Vice-President of both the Woman's Science Club and the Honour Science Club.

In her fourth year Beth was again elected year representative to the Students' Administrative Assembly, Vice-President of the Honour Science Club, and President of the Woman's Science Club. She was editor for the Affiliated Colleges of the school year book as well. She received a Gazette Award.

Pledged in '43, Beth has served as Activities Chairman and as house president. She lived in the chapter house in London for four years.

Engaged to John McClarty of London, a Chemistry and Physics grad of '46, Beth intends to instruct at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario, this fall.

—PAT BOURDEAU

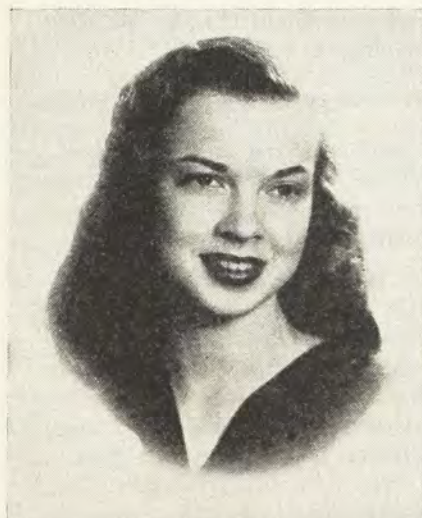


Winifred Willard (Denver) of Washington, D.C., was honored recently with a luncheon at the Ambassador by the Los Angeles and Hollywood branches of the National League of American Penwomen. Miss Willard, who is making Los Angeles her home, has edited the magazine of the national organization for a number of years.



Win Silver Gavel

Catherine Ham



GAMMA PHI BETA won the organized house trophy in the extemporaneous speech contest at the University of Nebraska which is sponsored by Delta Sigma Rho, debate society, thanks to the team of Catherine Ham (left), '48, and Rosa Lee Weatherfield (right), '47. The two girls won the silver gavel with their names engraved upon it; judged the best team of 44 entries. Catherine Ham also took third place in the single classification. Catherine was one of six beauty queens presented at the Valentine Tea Dance this spring. Jon Whitcomb, artist of the illustrations "Back Home For Keeps" selected the 6 most beautiful coeds on the campus from photographs of the sixteen semi-finalists who had been judged by a committee on posture, poise, hands, eyes, smile, make-up, clothes selection, hair, and total effect. Gamma Phi was represented by four girls, Misses Catherine Ham, Jean Metzger, Barbara Rowland, and Pat Toof in the initial presentation and the semi-finalists included both Catherine and Pat.

Rosa L. Weatherfield



Wins ΓΦΒ Lindsey Barbee Fellowship



Marion Farren

MARION FARREN, 115-25 Metropolitan Avenue, Kew Gardens, Long Island, New York, has won the Gamma Phi Beta Lindsey Barbee Fellowship for 1947, awarded biennially through the American Association of University Women.

Marion was born in Schenectady, New York, and there completed her elementary and secondary education. Upon graduating from college she returned to Schenectady and for ten years was a member of the professional staff of the Department of Public Welfare. Marion says, "This experience convinced me of the great need for well trained women employees in public service and sharpened my appetite for social economics."

In 1942 Marion joined the staff of the New York City Area Office of the State Department of Social Welfare, and at the same time undertook the completion of her graduate work in Economic Welfare at Columbia. She received her M.A. in June, 1945. Marion's insatiable interest in economics has spurred her on to more training. She attended the New York School of Social Work and New York University for graduate training in Public Administration. During the 1947 Spring session she had the experience of teaching Economic Welfare at the Connecticut University School of Social Work, and of observing the students' keen interest in the economic problem. Marion writes, "I am delighted to be the recipient of Gamma Phi Beta's interest and generosity. No one who hasn't been on the receiving end of such an experience can appreciate what such confidence and material assistance really mean to a student. For me it will make possible the completion and publication of my doctoral thesis in Economic Welfare at Columbia University, and I hope the end result will be worthy of the sorority's sponsorship and bring

it some measure of satisfaction for its investment in me." Miss Farren will make a study of the social-economic needs of middle class families and single individuals who live in New York City during the period between 1940 and 1947.

Gamma Phi Beta is happy that through their Lindsey Barbee Fellowship they are able to promote social service work.

The Lindsey Barbee Fellowship was started at the Asilsonian Convention in 1915, handled by a social service committee, and named for Lindsey Barbee, Past Grand President and former Editor of *THE CRESCENT* of Denver. The Fellowship was originally \$500.00 and it was the intention of the sorority that it be awarded annually—It was called "The Gamma Phi Beta Social Service Fellowship." In the 1924 Lake Placid Convention the name was changed to—"The Gamma Phi Beta Lindsey Barbee Fellowship" and it was decided the fellowship would be \$1000.00 awarded biennially by the A.A.U.W. There have been 10 Fellows appointed. In order to receive the fellowship, she must first hold a Bachelor's Degree from a college on the A.A.U.W. list; second, she must have had at least one year of graduate work, and third, she must have taken some work in the social science.

During the years our country was at war the award was not given. We are very happy to have the A.A.U.W. appoint such a worthy person as Marion R. Farren to receive the first Gamma Phi Beta Lindsey Barbee Fellowship in our post-war era.

DEAN LOMBARD BROWN
Vice-President, Endowment—
Crescent Board

New Junior Group

BECAUSE so many young Gamma Phi Betas on the North shore, Chicago, with jobs or small children were unable to attend the afternoon meetings of their alumnae group, a new junior group has been organized . . . the North Shore Junior Alumnae group. There was only a handful of girls at their first meeting last November, but since then the group has grown to the point where meetings will be held at the Epsilon chapter house this fall. Officers elected for this year are Mary Larimer, president, Una Corley, vice-president and social chairman, Beverley Hayes, secretary, Jean Couch, treasurer and Jane Owen, publicity chairman.

Chicago alumnae are proud of this newest addition to their chapter, and grateful for the help which the juniors have given on the Ridge Farm project. An invitation is issued particularly to Gamma Phi Betas in the Chicago area who have graduated within the past ten years. However, any member is welcome who is unable to attend the afternoon meetings of the senior North shore group. For time of meetings, contact Mrs. Glenn Anderson, 5726 N. Winthrop, Chicago, Illinois. (Telephone Long Beach 8155, evenings.)
—By MARJORIE JOHNSTON PETERSON

Peggy Leith McCabe graduated summa cum laude from Lake Forest, is listed in "Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges," won Shield Honors and the McPherson prize for excellence in scholarship.

Helen Louise Chase graduated from Lake Forest magna cum laude; is listed in "Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges," and won the Sigma Eta award for excellence in scholarship.

Elizabeth Webster graduated from Lake Forest magna cum laude and won the Sigma Eta award for excellence in scholarship. Gloria June Frank also graduated magna cum laude. Rose Marie Petty and Joan Hitchcock graduated cum laude.

Sums up Attainments of N.P.C.

The National Panhellenic Conference in the Broadmoor Hotel, Colorado Springs, Colorado, November 10-15, summed up its attainments in the last two-year period, and stressed the broadening of its program of usefulness by the admittance to associate membership of American education sororities, Jewish sororities and a Catholic sorority, eleven in all.

The organization received reports from Mrs. Darrell Rasmusen, Alpha Omicron Pi, New York City, who attended United Nations sessions; Miss Amy Onken, Pi Beta Phi, Chapin, Ill., who attended the International Council of Women; Mrs. Beverly Robinson, Alpha Xi Delta, Washington, D.C., who attended state department discussions on the bill for human rights for the United Nations.

The conference has strengthened its program on city and college Panhellenics, on campus housing, its public relations program and its educational program.

New officers were elected during the final session of the conference. They are: Miss L. Pearle Green, Kappa Alpha Theta, of Ithaca, N.Y.; Mrs. Granville Crabtree, Kappa Kappa Gamma, of Brookline, Mass., secretary; Mrs. Alice Morgan Roedel, Alpha Phi, of Palo Alto, Calif., treasurer.

Miss Mary Merritt, Phi Mu, dean of women at the University of Miami, Coral Gables, Fla., and Mrs. Beverly Robinson, Alpha Xi Delta, Washington, D.C., urged more courses for women in colleges and universities to stress the status of women past and

present and to prepare women to carry responsibilities in civic and governmental affairs.

New officers of the sorority editors' conference, held in conjunction with the National Panhellenic Conference are: Mrs. A. J. Verplank, Delta Zeta, Crown Point, Ind., chairman, who replaced Mrs. Roy Pinkerton, editor of *The Crescent* of Gamma Phi Beta; Mrs. Noel Keyes, Alpha Phi, Berkeley, Calif., secretary; Miss Helen Sackett, Kappa Alpha Theta, Chicago, Ill., was elected chairman of the executive secretaries group. Miss L. Pearle Green, who served thirty-four years as editor of Kappa Alpha Theta *Quarterly*, was honored by the editors at their Thursday luncheon. Mrs. Ross Strout, Zeta Tau Alpha, Champaign, Ill., was honored for her twenty-five years of service as editor of the magazine *Themis* of her sorority.

Gamma Phi Beta was represented at the Broadmoor meetings by Mrs. William A. Owen, N.P.C. delegate; Mrs. George M. Simonson, grand president; Mrs. Roger Howe, director of finances; and Mrs. Roy Pinkerton, editor of *The Crescent*.

Dean Dorothy Gebauer of the University of Texas and president of the National Association of Deans of Women was guest speaker at the closing banquet held the last evening.

Miss Amy Onken, president of Pi Beta Phi, retires as chairman of N.P.C. at the close of this very successful convention, which was characterized by a spirit of service and friendship in the interests of the sororities of the N.P.C.

Panhellenic Meet Ends With Banquet

The National Panhellenic Conference held its formal banquet at the Broadmoor Hotel, November 13, closing the four-day convention. Miss Amy Onken, Pi Beta Phi, chairman of N.P.C., and her sorority were hostesses. They were entertained by a trio of Pi Delta Phis from Denver University and a dance team of eight Pi Phis from Denver University, who did a group of folk dances, called by Martha Berton. The decorations for the banquet followed a Western theme. Music for the banquet was provided by a string quartet.

Miss Onken presented the guests of honor: Dean Gebauer, speaker of the evening from the University of Texas, Dean Fauteaux of Colorado College, Dean Bell from Denver University, Dean Northrup from the Colorado State Teachers College, Dean Swift from Drury College. Miss Onken also introduced the incoming Panhellenic officers: Miss L. Pearle Green, Kappa Alpha Theta, chairman; Mrs. E. Granville Crabtree, Kappa Kappa Gamma, secretary, and Mrs. Alice Morgan Roedel, Alpha Phi, treasurer. The Panhellenic delegates were then introduced.

Dean Dorothy Gebauer spoke on the necessity of evaluating the educational objectives of college women and the responsibility of deans of women and N.P.C. officers in obtaining these objectives. She emphasized the need of educating women to meet the demands of the job, the home and the community. She counseled evaluating activities on an educational basis.

"Leadership," she said, "is a quality which sororities have given to the campus, and in the area of relationship, the sorority represents a fine laboratory in group living. All groups are coming together with a greater sense of working together."

Miss Onken, in closing said, "Working with deans of women makes education received on campuses an education in group living."

Crescent Correspondents . . .

Greek chapter letters have been held out of this issue and will appear in the February number. Chapters may send in additional news to be included in the letters now on file. The May issue will carry alumnae chapter letters. Please refer to the calendar on inside front cover for deadlines.

Ruth Wood in Central Office

Miss Evelyn Gooding, executive secretary-treasurer and member of Grand Council for the past 18 months was married to Mr. Ralph E. Dippell jr., September 27 in Champaign, Illinois. With her husband she will make her home in Washington, D.C. Miss Ruth Woods, graduate of the University of Michigan, who served in Central Office immediately after graduation, has accepted the position.

President's Page

By Penelope Murdoch Simonson

International Grand President, Grand Council



Mrs. Simonson

THE ANNOUNCEMENT of the installation of Beta Zeta chapter at Kent University, Ohio in these pages seems a very appropriate introduction to a discussion of our expansion program and presentation of a bit of background.

The interest of the entire panhellenic world has recently turned to expansion and Gamma Phi Beta is no exception. It is apparent that our membership has changed its attitude completely from that point of view held in earlier years when requests from groups in new fields were frequently refused. We oldsters remember those leather bound petitions, so carefully prepared, and the pompadoured photographs of girls wistfully hoping for an affirmative nod from our chapters. Perhaps this conservatism in our voting proved that we were "exclusive," but in the light of the present, there is need to prove another point. This is a truth which always existed and was obvious to our membership but in recent years has become clouded in the minds of the general public. I can best define it by quoting Alvan E. Duerr, Associate Editor of Banta's Greek Exchange and Chairman of an Interfraternity Committee on Publications:

"Those of us who are actively interested in the college fraternity . . . do know that it has high ideals and a worthy purpose; that it is undertaking an indispensable work for college youth; and that thousands of men and women are working earnestly to make their individual organizations and chapters a vital force in the lives of the young students within their ranks."

There are other reasons for expansion besides the belief in the worth of fraternity. New awareness of the importance of higher education, change in curricula of smaller colleges, opening of schools to women which were previously open only to men, the increasingly necessity for college training as preparation for a career, have all enlarged our potential field. These are some of the factors which make it important for us to enlarge our chapter roll.

When shall we do this? The time is now and work is progressing on our various projects with the precision of an engineering contract. Beta Epsilon was installed in April of this year at the venerable Miami University, Oxford, Ohio. Kent University was opened to NPC groups this summer and Beta Zeta was installed October 25. Bradley University, Peoria, Illinois, has recently been opened to sororities and the group to be known as Beta Eta after installation has twenty-two pledges.

Many of our membership in the south, east and west will ask why we are not parachuting chapters into large state universities this year. If one word could answer this question, it would be "housing." No one needs to be told that housing, next to food, is the number one problem in this country. College towns are plagued with housing lack and the type of house suitable for a large group is practically impossible to

find in the locations we wish to enter and where we would be welcomed. Building costs are so astronomical that common sense dictates a conservative policy in recommending immediate building for a new chapter. In the meantime, fields meeting our high standard of academic excellence and reputation are under investigation and consideration. We must remember that administrations are not always ready to admit another group to the existing panhellenic. Entry must be timed to offer proper and fair competition to those groups already established and the proportion of women students to the number of sororities must be satisfactory to the administration and to us.

The need for money for costs of expansion is obvious. A new chapter needs supervision, housing, exchange students, financial help in establishing itself. It is possible that expansion opportunities may come too fast for our budgeted resources. You have contributed generously to the Expansion Gift Fund but we have not yet reached our goal. Your continued response is essential to our progress.

Success in expansion depends on even more than these techniques of planning and management. The really vital factor is the active interest and enthusiasm of our own membership. This we have in full measure and it is indispensable. The willing service and untiring loyalty of our alumnæ over the United States and Canada in the interests of our expansion program demonstrate our faith in the fundamental values to which Gamma Phi Beta is dedicated. No matter how many chapters we add in the future we shall remain unified.

Norma Sybil McCreedy, University of Western Ontario, won honours in political science and the gold medal in honour in economics and political science; she took the Fourth year History Prize and won the Thomas Dana Fellowship Award given by Radcliffe College, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Joyce McMahon (Idaho '47) is Phi Beta Kappa, Mortar Board, graduated with honors, belongs to Alpha Lambda Delta, Delta Sigma Rho, Cardinal Key and Spurs.

Officers Chosen for 1948 Diamond Jubilee Convention Jefferson Hotel, St. Louis

Mrs. Chester W. Kotsrean — Convention Chairman

IT is a pleasure to introduce Beatrice Jennings Kotsrean, chairman of the 43rd International Convention of Gamma Phi Beta. Bea needs no introduction to fraternity people in the St. Louis area, where her name and that of Gamma Phi Beta have long been synonymous. It was a happy day for us when Bea was chosen to be one of the charter members of Phi chapter, for from that day her devotion to the sorority has never wavered.

She was born in St. Louis, the daughter of Mrs. M. D. Jennings, and the late Dr. Jennings. Her sister is Dorothy Jennings, Petite, charming former Director of Province III, who is known and loved by so many members.

Bea received her A.B. degree from Washington University in 1915 and her B.S. in Education from the University of Missouri in 1922. She taught school until her marriage in April, 1924, to Chester W. Kotsrean, well-known St. Louis real estate man. Shortly after their marriage, Bea and Chet went to Europe for an extended tour. This was a second European trip for Bea, as she and Dorothy had enjoyed a similar one several years before. The Kotsreans have two daughters, Nancy and Elizabeth.

Through the years the gracious Kotsrean home has been the setting for countless Gamma Phi Beta rush parties, teas, dinners, and now it is the center of convention activities. Bea has headed every committee and has held all the offices in the St. Louis alumnae chapter, serving as president in 1923-24. She was chairman of the finance committee during the campaign to raise funds for construction of the Women's Building at Washington University. No small share of the credit goes to this capable chairman who managed the campaign so efficiently that Gamma Phi Beta was the first sorority to raise its quota of \$5,000, and as a reward was given first choice of rooms in the new building.

The sorority is but one of Bea's many activities. She has served in the College Club, St. Louis branch of the American Association of University Women, as corresponding secretary, recording secretary, and chairman of the scholarship awards committee. She is a member of the board of the Washington University Branch of YMCA-YWCA. She has been president of chapter DQ of PEO, treasurer of the PEO cooperative board of Greater St. Louis, and in October of 1947 will go to Los Angeles as the delegate of her chapter to the national convention of PEO. She is also a member of the Society of Descendants of the Mayflower; the Wednesday Club, and the Pilgrim Congregational Church. Last year as regional chairman of the Community Fund Drive her four districts, with 200 workers, made a splendid showing by being one of the few regions to make its quota.

Now to this wonderful record of leadership and achievement, Bea adds the chairmanship of the international convention of Gamma Phi Beta. We point with pride to our chairman.



Mrs. Kotsrean

Elizabeth W. Owens Vice Chairman

PROVINCE III is happy to have as vice chairman of the Forty-third Convention capable Elizabeth Wagenbreth Owens. Elizabeth is a native of St. Louis and was initiated into Gamma Phi Beta by Phi chapter at Washington University. She received her degree of bachelor of arts at the University of Wisconsin and is also a graduate of the St. Louis Library School.

Elizabeth has always been active in Gamma Phi Beta. She was president of the Wichita alumnae chapter from 1929-30 and from 1944-45 served as president of the St. Louis alumnae chapter. She has been a member of the board of directors of the St. Louis alumnae chapter since 1945, and at present is busy as chairman of the ways and means committee.

In addition to Gamma Phi Beta activities, Elizabeth has been a leader in her field of library work. For the last four years she has been librarian of the Mercantile Commerce Bank and Trust Company of St. Louis and has been active in the Special Libraries Association. From 1945-46 she was national chairman of the Financial Group; from 1946-47 she served as president of

*Mrs. Owens**Mrs. Maxeiner**Mrs. Myles*

the Greater St. Louis chapter; at present she holds the responsible position of National Membership chairman. Other activities include membership in the P.E.O. sisterhood and work of the Congregational Church. Elizabeth has two daughters. Marabeth, a freshman at Washington University has just been pledged by Phi chapter. Joanne is a freshman in high school.

We feel that Elizabeth's capabilities and record of achievements make her appointment as vice-chairman a wise one. We are fortunate to have her help and guidance in convention-planning.

The Committee for the 1948 convention is making plans now for your participation in the business and pleasure of this gathering at the Jefferson Hotel in St. Louis next summer. Make your plans, too, so that you may renew old friendships, find new ones, and continue to be an informed member.

Mrs. Philip A. Maxeiner Convention Secretary

PRESIDENT of Phi chapter in her senior year at Washington University and delegate to the International Convention at Del Monte, California, Elaine Foerster Maxeiner (Phi '39) is well fitted for the role of Convention Secretary. As an undergraduate Gamma Phi Beta she served as pledge trainer as well as president, and also held many campus offices. She was elected to Mortar Board, women's senior activity honorary, and Phi Beta Kappa.

After graduation, Elaine was associated with the Southwestern Bell Telephone company and later became secretary to the business manager of Washington University, a post she held until her marriage in 1940 to lawyer Philip A. Maxeiner, a Washington University graduate and member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity. They have two children—Nancy, aged five, and Tommy, almost three. During the war, they spent two and a half years in Washington, D.C., where Phil was stationed after overseas duty, and where he so distinguished himself in his Judge Advocate work he was awarded the Legion of Merit.

A loyal and enthusiastic Gamma Phi Beta, Elaine has been a mainstay of the St. Louis alumnae chapter, and we're proud to have her a member of the Convention committee.

Mrs. James Myles, Treasurer

A NATURAL for the post of treasurer is Gladys Hecker Myles (Phi '38). She made an excellent treasurer for Phi chapter during her Junior year at Washington University, and is now serving in that capacity for the St. Louis alumnae chapter. In addition to her personal qualifications, she doesn't have to go far for advice and assistance in matters financial, for her husband is a Certified Public Accountant. All this adds up to achievement: since she took office as treasurer of the alumnae chapter, the paid membership has almost doubled.

Gladys had an active and varied campus career, climaxed by her election to Phi Beta Kappa. After graduation, she served as secretary to the Dean of Men and Assistant Dean of the College of Liberal Arts at Washington University. In 1942, she married James Myles, also a Washington alumnus. They have a daughter Marjorie, aged two. Jim's army career took them to Fort Benning, Georgia, where they lived three years, and where Gladys was active in the Panhellenic group doing war work.

Gladys has always given unstintingly of her time and efforts for Gamma Phi Beta because of this interest and diligence, we feel that the office of Convention treasurer is in good hands.

— See p. 31 for Gamma Phi Beta Song Contest —

Personnel of Our Own Camps

THE DIRECTORS and staff are by far the most important factors in selecting a camp for children. Good, simple, adequate equipment is essential to the operation of a good camp. Behind all this is the camp board, whose work starts early in the spring and continues through the camping season. The camp tax contributions make it possible for these alumnæ boards and counselors from the active chapters to do the kind of philanthropic work our sorority has chosen—campships and the Gamma Phi Beta camps for little girls.

Your International Camp Chairman worked as counselor at both the Colorado and British Columbia camps this summer and also with the camp boards. It was indeed a most interesting experience, and gives one a warm feeling of just pride in Gamma Phi Beta to meet such fine women and college girls—members who devote so much time, effort and ability to the service of others less fortunate than themselves.

The following members served as counselors at the Colorado Camp near Lookout Mountain: Nancy Schneider, Tau, Head Counselor; Frances Wolverton, Tau; Wilma Frazer, Omega; Mary Jane Rugel, Alpha Zeta; Marjorie Stamm, Alpha Nu; Laura F. Cottingham, Alpha Delta.

The Colorado Camp Board under the excellent and untiring leadership of Elma Griest Painter, Pi and Theta, are responsible for a splendid six-weeks' camp, giving forty-six youngsters a two-weeks' joyous holiday. Invaluable aid was given a camp board made up of the following Denver Alumnæ: Jean Yancy, Theta; Lorena Jones, Tau; Glad B. Collier, Alpha Phi; Helene Geib, Tau; Hermine Bybee, Alpha Phi; Verna Johnstone, Theta; Shirley Littrell, Theta; Roberta McDougal, Tau; Florence Sprouse, Theta; Dotty Bell Joyce, Theta; Helen Irion, Theta; Joan Eames, Alpha Phi; Ruth Cressman, Theta; Mildred Young, Psi; Louise Wyatt, Theta.

At the Canadian Camp at Boundary Bay, 36 children camped in the four-weeks' period. The counselors were under the direction of an active from Alpha Lambda. Taddy Knapp, Alpha Lambda, Head Counselor; Laura F. Cottingham, Alpha Delta; Dorothy MacLeod, Alpha Lambda; Margaret Steele, Alpha Lambda; Dorothy Moore, Alpha Lambda; Joanne Finning, Alpha Lambda; Trudy Price, Alpha Lambda; Rita Hutt, Alpha Lambda; Bobby Wright, Lambda; Anne Adams, Lambda.

The very efficient camp board of the Vancouver Alumnæ was headed by Marion Murphy, Chairman; Beth Robertson, Co-chairman; Florence McLeod, Laura Wilcox, Barbara Sutherland, Joanne Finning, Verda McGillivray, Mary Donegani, Betty Meredith, and Florence Brown.

Marion Murphy writes that "Beth Robertson put in as many hours as all of us put together."

The six months' groundwork for our camps were superbly laid by the alumnæ boards. Camp sites were chosen, insurance taken out, fuel, laundry arranged for, camp equipment re-inventoried and replaced, a cook employed (both cooks were splendid), balanced and varied and appetizing meals were planned and the food purchased. Many other time-consuming jobs were accomplished.

The children were chosen from the various community agencies and called on by an alumna. Transportation and medical examinations were arranged for, and last and most important, the choosing of a competent staff to carry out the final plans was accomplished.

To all who had a part in the successful reopening of the Colorado and British Columbia camps we of Gamma Phi Beta owe a debt of gratitude, a sincere appreciation of work well

done, and a realization of the outstanding abilities of our membership throughout the United States and Canada. D D D

LAURA F. COTTINGHAM

International Camp Chairman



Nancy Schneider, Colorado College '47 Head Counselor Colorado Camp

Letters From Campers

Gamma Phi Beta Camp
Boundary Bay
Washington, U. S. A.
August 14th

DEAR GAMMA PHI BETA:

I have had a very nice time at the camp and the councillors are very nice to us. They have taught me and my others how to swim. We went on a Weiner Roast and a hike to Sunrises Farm. To-day we all got dresses of pretty flowers and colours. We have had surprise from day to day. We have many games and we always busy. There is a cook that make all the food she make very nice food her name is Miss Ethel and is very good to us. We all have had a lovely time at camp.

Your Truly

DAWN

Diamond Jubilee

Grand Council, meeting in St. Louis in early November devoted time to consideration of plans and program for Gamma Phi Beta's Diamond Jubilee convention which will take place in St. Louis at the Jefferson Hotel late in June, 1948.

"Our Camps— A Challenge, an Opportunity"

Marjorie Stamm, Alpha Nu, Wittenberg college, whose home is in New York writes of her experiences as a counselor for five weeks at the Colorado Camp.

A WITTENBERG, OHIO active from New York writes most interestingly of her experiences as a counselor for five weeks at the Colorado camp.

"Although I am now back on Long Island in time to 'enjoy' a sweltering heat wave, my spirits are still with our Colorado camp, especially the ones that carry me back to snow-capped peaks and the days and nights when wool slacks and flannel pajamas were 'musts.'

One of my greatest joys was in seeing the many beautiful wild flowers growing all over the mountainsides. Learning their strange names and identifying characteristics was an interesting project, and the scrapbook offered a fine challenge. Most of the Lookout Mountain flowers we found have either very remote relations or none at all, to the flowers here on Long Island where the altitude is almost negative instead of towering. The children were delighted to take part in bringing about the scrapbook and worked hard on the page decorations. The children spent quite a number of happy hours on their artistic creations and also thoroughly enjoyed the hikes for wild flower study.

Each new group of campers brought an entirely different situation to the camp as far as the program was concerned. Needless to say, there was great variation in personalities and individualities with each group. It seemed to me as though the first camping period had youngsters who enjoyed a different activity each evening, but were dependent upon the counselors for suggesting and carrying out to a large extent, the program.

Not so with our second group, which was comprised of several young tap dancers and other types of 'show talent.' One of the first things the older girls wanted to do was to give a puppet show for the younger campers. They went ahead and diligently made their 'theatre' and scenery and characters, worked out their lines, and presented it. Not a day went by when someone didn't have an idea or desire to develop some form of entertainment for the hours between supper and bedtime.

Again a different situation presented itself with our third and last group of young campers. How those children did love to sing songs—learn new ones, sing old ones, and even write their own! I had a girl in my cabin who showed me the results of an afternoon's rest period—a two or three page song!

As you know, hiking was one of our daily activities. However, as counselor, each hike meant a new and lovely view, a chance to see more flowers and lovely trees and insects (I do wish I could have had more time to delve into the latter things), an opportunity to see Buffalo Bill's grave and the Memorial Museum, and the shrine of Francis Xavier Cabrini (a six mile hike and picnic which brought every camper and counselor quite a sense of fatigue, but also great satisfaction and pleasure).

Even when we repeated hikes as new groups came, I felt the exhilaration again of seeing the countryside. Not one person in camp did not feel the thrill of seeing Denver twinkling away every night below us in the distance. The green, white and yellow lights were always a delightful spectacle.

Counseling is not always an easy job, so there were times when things seemed difficult, but one thing never failed. During the evenings after a trying event we counselors would be together in the BLACK NAG (all our cabins received names from folk dances) discussing our harasses, and the next thing we'd find ourselves in gales of laughter.

Speaking of counselor 'get togethers'—those evenings were fun. We seemed to be a good combination of North, South, East and West. Our various chapter traditions, customs and practices along with their problems, made endless worthwhile conversations. Meeting Gamma Phis from different chapters is a grand experience. For myself, I've derived things as a counselor that money won't buy. The further experience in working with children will be valuable to me whether I become a teacher or a dentist. Seeing parts of the United States hitherto unseen, and getting to know more people, especially Gamma Phis, is certainly worthwhile and delightful.

Our Gamma Phi Beta camps are certainly a challenge and opportunity, not only for the children, but for the counselors. I enjoyed helping the children with their handicrafts even though my previous experience was practically nil. As a philanthropical venture, Gamma Phi Beta is doing a worthwhile project. Most of the campers appreciate it and certainly need such an opportunity. The general concept of a sorority is obviously narrow, especially when the Greek alphabet is employed. Our laundry was marked 'Gramma Pai Bata' or 'Gamma Pie Beta' or some other equally ridiculous combination. It got to the point where we counselors would immediately examine labels to see what new appellations we were erroneously given! However, outsiders did get the general idea as to who was operating the camp and thought it commendable. This letter was not intended to be a journalistic manuscript. The more I wrote about my feelings and experiences associated with camp, the more plentiful was the flow of memories never to be forgotten, of a few weeks in the Rockies as a Gamma Phi Beta counselor. Being a Gamma Phi Beta means more than just living in a chapter house. I want to thank you most heartily for the part you had in moulding my summer." D D D

MARJORIE STAMM, Alpha Nu, Wittenberg College

Tops in Scholarship

Beta chapter, University of Michigan and Omicron, University of Illinois were first in scholarship ratings on their campuses. Lambda, University of Washington took second place, according to a report released by Mrs. E. O. C. Ord, scholarship chairman.

Campships Bring Rewards

Hundreds of children who would have missed a vacation otherwise were given campships by alumnae and actives chapters in those cities and areas removed from our two established camps.

Camper's Letters

State College, Pennsylvania

DEAR GIRLS:

I enjoyed my two weeks of camping at Barree very much and I would like to tell you a little about it.

When I arrived there on Sunday they gave me a card saying I was in Canadaow. So down I went with my suitcase and blanket Roll. The Counselor told me I was in tent four. I was pleased because, to me, it was the camp's best tent. It had a little stream right beside it that sang all the time and around the tent were lots of large trees and bushes. I was the first one in our tent, and later my two tent mates came. We had loads of fun all the time. The one girl had a tin box that she used for a storage place for our candy and crackers, for we had little "night visitors." By the time I had my bed finished and was settled, I knew all the counselors. Their names were "Teko," "Pokey," "Patch," "Rue," and "Millie." For supper that night we had lots of good things to eat, even ice cream for Desert. But then, all our meals were good. After supper we all went to the playground and Danced and had a camp fire. Then it was bed time and that ended my first day at camp.

After Breakfast each morning we went back to our tents and did "capers," and then went swimming. Then we returned to clean our tents. Oh, what a lot of fun we had! "Arts and Crafts," was right after "Rest Period," which followed every lunch, then Supper and trading post time, and of course, our camp fire activities. The second Sunday I was there we had some swimming "Cheers," and the water skippers won. Boy, were they happy! We sang songs for them and they all got life savers. Mother was sitting outside waiting to see me, and she said our singing was delightful. A few nights later we had a square dance. The campers were divided. Half of them were to be boys. I was a girl. All girls made the "boys" ties, and the boys made corsages for the girls. Some men from the village played the music for us. What gay tunes they were! Everybody liked the Dance. One night we slept on the playground, and we cooked out. The main dish was squaw corn. That was so good that I made that for Mother after I was home.

In Arts and Crafts I made a basket for my cot. I was stung by four yellow jackets and a bee. Mother said that added to my experience, but, since I was the one who was stung, I think I could have done without that experience. I didn't do as much swimming as I would like to, but all in all—even with the bee stings, I must say this year was the interesting year of all my camping, and I am truly grateful to all of you girls for it.

I hope that one day I may be one of your sorority and help to send some girl Scout to camp because, in my opinion, there is no place like camp.

I am enclosing a picture in appreciation of your kindness.

Sincerely yours,

SUE-LANE

DEAR GAMMA PHI BETA:

I'm having a very nice time here. To-day we had moving pictures taken of us by Mr. Whitefoot.

We had a big surprize, they gave us lovely dresses.

We went on a wiener-roast and three times we went on 3 hikes to the farm and once on a picnic to the hills.

Miss Lora who is our mother but went away before supper. I liked her very much and the other councillors, too.

We have nice kits for our toothbrush and paste, comb, bobby pins and perfume, and we have knitted slippers we can keep all the things I have mentioned and our rain kerchife, runners, dresses. We play on the sand bars and build things from story books and go in swimming in the afternoon.

The games we play are badminton, pollyanna, checkers, coutouts, and colour. We sing around the fire at night sometimes we play games at night. I have to go to bed now so good-bye.

Yours Turely,
BETTY

Gamma Phi Beta Camp
Boundrey Bay
August 14, 1947
Washington, U. S. A.

DEAR GAMMA PHI BETA,

I learned how to swim out here at Boundrey Bay. I think this is a very fine camp. At least it's better than staying in a stuffy room in a hotel. We went on two hikes, one was at night for a wiener roast. Our counclers names are, Taddy Nap, Miss Laura, Miss Dorthey, Miss Marge, Miss Do. Are you the person who helped make the camp posable? If you are, I think your swell.

We had our pitchers taken to-day for the movies. Every day we go out and build things in the sand. On Sunday we have our own Sunday School. To-day we got a going away present (from Miss Laura) it was a dress, for 18 children. They gave us things to were, to us, like soap, perfume, tooth past, boby pins, and coumbis.

Yours Truly,
JEAN

DEAR GAMMA PHI BETA,

I wish to thank you for the wonderful time I have had here. I'm very sorry to go because I keep thinking of the weiner roasts, hikes and swimming I will miss. The counselors are all swell, and we were all very sorry to have Miss Laura leave before it was over. When Mr. Whitefoot came and took movie pictures of us, we were all very thrilled. As I said before, thanks a million for this wonderful camp.

Yours sincerely,
DOT

Emily Stacey is Phi Beta Kappa at the University of Kansas, and a member of Mortar Board; Beverly Fox is Phi Beta Kappa and Shirley Otter and Geraldine Nelson are members of Delta Phi Delta.

Province Conference Reports

By Anna Lois Dubach

Director of Provinces, Grand Council

NOTHING makes the earth seem so spacious as to have friends at a distance; they make the latitudes and longitudes" Thoreau

Nothing else can so unify and harmonize our widely-scattered chapters as meeting together as friends from a distance at a Province Conference of Gamma Phi Beta.

This spring conferences were held for all Provinces—Syracuse, New York; Evanston, Illinois; Nashville, Tennessee; Ames, Iowa; Norman, Oklahoma; Seattle, Washington; Tucson, Arizona; and Richmond, Virginia.

Each Greek-letter and alumnae chapter were represented by a delegate and alternate. Province Directors planned and supervised the business meetings and programs, with the Greek-letter and alumnae chapters in the towns acting as hostesses. The conference lasted three days, with guests arriving Friday and leaving Sunday night. Luncheons on Saturday were featured by an outside speaker, usually the Dean of Women. Formal banquets followed Saturday night with a representative from Grand Council as speaker. Tours of campus were delayed till Sunday.

The business meetings were formal and followed the model Order of Business for Conferences. By-laws were revised and amendments proposed in many cases. Conferences closed with reports from the recommendation and resolution committees.

Round table discussions on various subjects were introduced by the reading of bulletins from National Chairmen relative to their particular department.

The explanation, information and instruction in all phases of Gamma Phi Beta work which was learned through speakers and discussions at round tables gave delegates definite facts to take back to their chapters concerning procedure, regulations and goals of Gamma Phi Beta. Delegates were inspired to develop the highest type of womanhood through education, social life and service to country and community.

Our Founders—Helen, the student; Fanny, the idealist; Eunice, the friend; and Minnie, the aristocrat—gave us our rich heritage of culture, ideals, friendship, and pride. These ideals characteristic of Gamma Phi Beta were stressed at all Conferences.

Scheduled and supervised study habits planned for girls chosen because of real interest in developing leadership finds Gamma Phi Beta still characteristically the "student."

Gamma Phi Beta's pride is still a distinctive quality and apparent particularly at a Conference when a delegate with feeling, but modestly, tells of her chapter's triumphs and awards.

From arrival till departure time of guests, hostess chapters, true to cherished tradition of culture and friendship strengthened this significance of Gamma Phi Beta proving that "Gamma Phi Beta is the friendly sorority."

Gamma Phi Betas never convene without planning our future progress. Fortunately, we idealize first and then intelligently carry out our ideals. The wish is for "more friends in distant places."

Could it be that Andre Maurois once by accident "dropped in" at a Province Conference to write—"Intelligence is nothing without cultivated habits but when the two are combined in a woman, you have one of the loveliest products of civilization."



Province III conference, left to right: Mrs. Marius Lindloff, international song chairman; Mrs. A. C. Daugherty, international membership chairman; Mrs. Kenneth Dubach, chairman of provinces; and Dr. Doris Phelps, director Province III.

Province I

IN ADDITION to Alpha actives and Syracuse alumnae, twenty-six delegates and guests assembled March 28, at the Alpha chapter house for the Province I conference. After the excitement of meeting and greeting and a buffet luncheon, the business meeting was called to order by our director, Judith Harlow, and the long planned-for conference was actually under way.

We considered ourselves fortunate to have our International vice-president, Margie Marvin, with us for the week-end, but were sorry that our own Grand Council member, Ursula Owen, had to be out of town on official business, so that she couldn't be with us too.

The active guests and Mrs. Marvin stayed at the chapter house while the alumnae delegates were housed at the homes of Syracuse alumnae. It was interesting to note that each active chapter sent two representatives, and that all the alumnae chapters, but one, were represented by at least one member.

The discussions were informal, with expansion, rushing and scholarship holding the most interest to the group. Rushing is always of paramount interest, and with our New York State Rushing Chairman, Marcia Payne, to lead and guide the discussion, the actives took away some new and helpful ideas.

At the buffet supper at the chapter house on Friday evening, we had as our guest Mrs. Sidney Windham of the Dean of Women's office who spoke to us on "Sororities as a Democratic Institution." Her talk was timely and interesting and we enjoyed having her with us.

The banquet Saturday evening, at the $\Gamma\Phi$ house, with over one hundred attending, combined Alpha's initiation banquet with the Province banquet, and it was a fitting climax for the week-end. It gave us the opportunity to see Alpha's newest initiates, and it was a thrill to them to be welcomed into the sisterhood by a banquet attended by our International Vice-President and representatives from so many other chapters, as well as our own Syracuse alumnae. D D D

ANNETTE H. WITMEYER

Province II

GAMMA PHI BETA actives and alumnae, met at Epsilon house in Evanston, Illinois for Province II conference April 18. Those of us who were entering the house for the first time felt the atmosphere of sisterhood from the moment we crossed the threshold. We gathered in the dining room for a buffet



Harry L. Wells, business manager of Northwestern University who was Province II conference speaker. His wife and two daughters are members of Gamma Phi Beta.

breakfast, where we had an informal time and an opportunity to meet members from the Province.

At the opening meeting recognition was given the "baby" chapter, Beta Epsilon, at Miami which sent three delegates.

The first general discussion topic covered public relations. The several delegates mentioned their problems and projects in this field.

The convention then broke into two groups, active and alumnae, where problems pertinent to each were discussed. It was refreshing and helpful to receive suggestions and to hear the solutions of the different chapters. We found that fundamentally we all faced the same problems and that each of us had found a solution that could be used by the others.

Then came the Carnation banquet, where the tables were decorated with menus and song books made by Epsilon chapter. At the close we heard an address by Mr. Harry Wells of Northwestern University. He brought out our duties as sorority women in the world of tomorrow and pointed out the advantages which we have in working and playing with others as we go out to make our way in the difficult situation which we are facing.

Mr. Wells is very close to Gamma Phi since both of his daughters are members and his wife had been recently initiated.

We then returned to the chapter house for a model rush party, which was instructive as well as fun. Many of us were in the position of rushees for we knew few people there and the girls at Epsilon gave a perfect example of how to help the stranger feel at home and enjoy herself.

We were up bright and early on Sunday for breakfast, and then into our final sessions. The first was on philanthropies. We discussed $\Gamma \Phi B$ camps and their support by every Gamma Phi Beta. We passed a suggestion that each active chapter promote a competitive Panhellenic philanthropy night. Each group would display a booth illustrating its national philanthropy, with a prize for the most effective. This would promote good fellowship and understanding of Panhellenic accomplishments.

In the meeting on expansion, it was brought out the necessity of the chapters making financial pledges and various suggestions were made for raising the money. We were told of the fine contributions of some of the chapters, particularly Epsilon and Beta. Also the work of some of the alumnae chap-

ters was mentioned in making Beta Epsilon a reality.

At the close of this meeting we again gathered in the dining room for luncheon, when the speaker was Mrs. Ruth McCarn the dean of women at Northwestern who spoke on "Getting what you want."

We turned our attention to the service that the sorority can and does render the university and the community. As each group told of its activities in this field, we found that the two were closely aligned. For service to the university is service to the community, and service to the community is service to the university.

Each of us who had the privilege of attending these meetings returned to her respective chapter inspired with many helpful suggestions and a broader realization of sisterhood than she previously had. It is not until we can meet and talk with other Gamma Phi Betas from different sections of the country that we can truly know what it means to be an international organization. D D D

RUTH WHITE
Alpha Nu

Province III

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE, the "Athens of the South"! What better place to hold the 11th biennial conference of Province III?

Just as Nashville represents a center of learning and culture reminiscent of ancient Greece, so Gamma Phi Beta carries forward the torch of learning and culture by the interchanging of ideas and ingeniously worked-out systems among the six chapters in the province. Each chapter has something to offer . . . some special talent for rushing, or pledge training, or entertaining that it has developed successfully and outlined for use by others.

The atmosphere in which the conference opened on March 28 was one most certainly conducive to high, intellectual standards, for the meetings were held in University Center which includes Vanderbilt University and three other colleges. Nashville also boasts three other colleges and a full-scale replica of the original Parthenon. This educational background plus the gracious hospitality of Alpha Theta chapter gave the entire conference a tinge of the "old South" and "old Greek" cultures which have given so much to the civilization of the world.

And so we hope Gamma Phi Beta can add to the world's civilization. In this postwar world where we are setting up new aims and goals, it is well to remember that "In Gamma Phi Beta we learn" and "In Gamma Phi Beta we serve," two phrases prominent on the conference program.

Within the chapters, each individual learns from the other; within the province and international organization, each chapter learns from the other. Applying the knowledge within the chapter and without our province, we serve society in the particular community and in the international set-up. And Province III is proud of its inside cooperation and its record of service to humanity. Here are some of the individual chapters' accomplishments:

Omicron, at the University of Illinois, is famed for its gracious living and polished entertaining. "One lump or two?" . . . and with it is served a very special brand of grace and charm. Omicron's biennial Faculty Tea is one of the outstanding social events on the Illinois campus. It is the very sound foundation of effective business management, cooperation with alumnae, and a supervised scholarship program which makes this exterior aspect of Omicron so brilliantly charming.

Definitely looking ahead is Pi chapter at the University of Nebraska. The chapter is wisely progressive and always agog



Closing dinner, Province VII conference, Tucson, Arizona: standing, left to right: Mrs. Edward O. C. Ord, Jr., national scholarship chairman; Mrs. Roy Pinkerton, editor, The Crescent; Mrs. G. M. Simonson, International Grand President; Mrs. Wanda Falk, Phoenix alumna, toastmistress; Mrs. Jo Pinson, province director; Jocelyn Birch, national entertainment chairman.

with new ideas and systems with which to experiment. She is completing a four-year program which sets aside one year for improvement of each of the four main topics. It is a very sound chapter, and, partially by virtue of its willingness to plan ahead, a strong campus leader.

Style is the keynote of Sigma's activities at the University of Kansas. The chapter cherishes and works at preserving Gamma Phi Beta traditions and records, and proof of her success is not lacking! Sigma is acutely conscious of the importance of the bond between the alumna, active and pledge and, in this flow of advice and help from the experienced to the newly pledged lies the reason for much of Sigma's success.

Accentuate the positive! That's the story at the University of Missouri with Alpha Delta. The new pledge training program best exemplifies Alpha Delta's attitude. Each pledge is allowed 125 points a week gratis and, each week, points are added on or taken away according to the pledge's weekly behavior, attitude, etc. It's a positive basis and one found in other aspects of the chapter. Alpha Delta is noted for its enthusiastic spirit for intramural, musical, journalistic, and dramatic activities; there is little need for negative enforcement to interest the pledges in such activities. The spirit of the chapter carries them along.

It's Phi chapter at Washington University in St. Louis that truly exemplifies the bond of Gamma Phi Beta. The chapter is composed largely of town girls and has no house. Consequently it is deeply conscious of its obligations as an organization within an international group not just with "a home to call our own." There's a mature attitude in the air around Phi. It comes from the comprehensive ability of the chapter to sense an intangible bond between girls who do not live in the same home and see each other every day. And it's evident in the definitely high-class rushing carried on by Phi.

Grey matter . . . interspersed with the brightness of extra-curricular activities and individual charm—that's our very gracious conference hostess, Alpha Theta at Vanderbilt University. The chapter can be extremely proud of its scholastic and honors record. Twenty-three years old and the baby of the province, Alpha Theta carries its capacity for deep thinking into all aspects of its chapter. New systems are thought out carefully before being put into effect. There's a healthy, intellectual note to everything Alpha Theta undertakes—and over

it all, a sunny, Southern hospitable manner.

On this basis—one of teaching others by explaining how each chapter arrived at its particular strong points—the conference was set up.

It is Dr. Doris Phelps of Vanderbilt University, outgoing province director who has been with us for three years, who has formed this basis of close, inter-province cooperation for best results in learning and serving. She has made us realize how much we all have to gain by working together, how fine and tremendously important is the relationship between chapters in the province and between provinces in the international group.

She deserves a very special vote of thanks. By outlining the different chapters' accomplishments each year, she has painted an over-all picture which enables each chapter to pick out and emulate the highlights in others, study their foundation work, and apply the principles to corresponding phases in their own groups. What better way to learn? What better way to serve and strive for postwar ideals? D D D

PAT STANGELYE, Missouri '47

Province IV

THE BIENNIAL province conference of Province IV was held at the Omega chapter house, Ames, Iowa. Following the formal opening, Maxine Sutherland, Omega president was elected chairman of the conference. She welcomed the delegates on behalf of Omega chapter, and Mrs. Glendiva Timm welcomed them on behalf of Ames and the Des Moines alumnae chapters. The various committees were appointed by the chairman, and the meeting got under way. Mrs. Lola Howe, secretary-treasurer of Province IV, gave her report. Following the acceptance of her report, Mrs. Ruth Phillips, province director, reported on the status of the various chapters and called upon the presidents to supplement her reports. It was noticed with pleasure that all of the chapters were prominent in activities without letting their scholarship suffer.

Mrs. Cubach, chairman of provinces presented a message from Grand Council and complemented the girls on their reports.

Luncheon was in charge of the Des Moines alumnae group, and was highlighted by a talk by Martha Duncan, of WOI, Iowa State College radio station. She presents two programs daily over WOI and is nationally known. Her subject was "Are sororities democratic?"

The afternoon meeting opened with a round table discussion on "Gamma Phi Beta's Place in the Post-war World," led by Maxine Sutherland and Helen Manuel, and everyone participated actively. It was concluded that Gamma Phis owed it to themselves, their chapter, their communities and their nation to become more active and to lead more useful lives. Dinner was in charge of Omega chapter and the Ames alumnae group.

Saturday evening will be remembered long. The Omega girls had provided dates for the visiting girls, and the delegates spent the evening dancing, playing ping-pong, or seeing movies. A further surprise for Saturday evening was the spread which was waiting when we got in. Hot chocolate and sandwiches occupied the girls and singing prolonged their party.

Attendance at the conference was good—about 50 were present. Omega chapter topped the attendance record of course, but Rho chapter was well represented, with eight girls, Elaine Simmons, Nan Romine, Elaine Hess, Mary Ann Riley, Betty Janssen, Doris Havencamp, Martha Humphay, and Elizabeth Riordon.

Kathleen Richardson of Alpha Kappa had the distinction of coming the longest distance. She was also among the first to leave; connections to Canada seemed to run at odd hours.

Other delegates were: Gamma—Dorothy Proudfast, Andai Schlimgen. Kappa—Jean Phillips. Pi—Doris Havencamp, Eloise Simmons. Omega—Maxine Sutherland. Alpha Beta—Marlys Kauchten. Alpha Kappa—Kathleen Richardson. Alpha Omicron—Marjorie Sebens, Jean Wallarius.

Maxine Sutherland the charming and capable Omega president was in charge of arrangements for the conference. She was assisted by the Omega girls who will be long remembered for their friendliness. They will also be remembered for the charming Gamma Phi Beta match boxes which they presented to all the girls.

Also prominent on the scene were the Ames and Des Moines alumnae groups who helped with the arrangements and planned the meals.

One of the honored guests was Mrs. Kenneth Duback, who is remembered by those who attended convention. It was a pleasure for the girls to meet and talk with her.

Others were Mrs. Ruth Phillips and Mrs. Lola Howe who assisted in planning the conference and did so much work toward assuring its success.

So, the girls returned to home campuses and chapters carrying with them a better understanding of Gamma Phi Beta and a closer kinship with their many sisters. One of the most delightful aspects of the conference was the lovely sunny weather which was a welcome visitor to many.

DORIS HAVENCAP, *Rho*

Province V

HIGHLIGHTED by the presence of our Grand International President, Mrs. G. M. Simonson, the combined province conference of Province V north and south was held at Psi Chapter house at the University of Oklahoma, Norman, March 21, 22 and 23.

The efficiency award for officers reports to the national office for the past year was awarded to Psi chapter.

Thirty-eight delegates and guests were present for the conference. These were Marguerite Haynie and Runelle Loyd, Alpha Zeta; Hope Hanscom and Betty Jo Holt, Theta; Charlene Leedy and Iris Parker, Tau; B. J. Thaxton and Betty Braham, Alpha Phi. Ann Gilliland, Marilyn Loomis, Nancy Jourdon, Mary E. Harrison, Mary Jane Langham, Nancy Price, Jo Hardin, Doris Baxley, Betty Murray, Alpha Xi; Lucille Crimmins, Josephine Wade, Lady Alys Dallas, Mary Louise Chambers, Lucile Dragert, Christine Coffee, Dallas; Marjorie Cowell, Houston. Eula Fullerton, Dorothy Herald, Dolores Hall, Oklahoma City; Mary Jane Hipp, Colorado Springs; Stella Jo LeMaster, Marjorie Newman, Helen Pence, Lutie Hoffman, Tulsa; Pearl Herrington, Della Brunstetter Owl and Helen Davis, Norman; Mrs. William J. Wyatt, director of Province V north, Mrs. Carl T. Sprague, director of Province V south, and Mrs. J. B. Jinks, Jr., secretary-treasurer of Province V south.

Guests became acquainted with Psi members at an open house Friday evening. A black-face minstrel show with Lila Fern Escoc and Mary Ansel as end men and Mary Gold as Mr. Interlocutor was presented. Mrs. Edna Koerner, Psi's housemother, and Jean Brown, Norman presided at the tea table. The evening was spent informally singing songs of Gamma Phi Beta.

Following registration, the business meetings were held in Psi's chapter room. Jane Johnson, president of Psi, was conference chairman.

Miss Virginia Reinecke, Counselor of Women, spoke on "O. U. Sororities as Democratic Institutions" at the Saturday luncheon. The speaker's table was centered with clay figures of the four founders and athletic clay figures and collegiate pen-



The presidents confer . . . the six chapter presidents of Province III in Alpha Theta's living room. Left to right: Gladys Dowdy, Alpha Theta; Adele Green, Pi; Marty Stevens, Alpha Delta; Beatrice Parsons, Phi; Elizabeth Evans, Sigma; and Lois Bolle, Omicron.

nant place cards were used. Greek letters of the chapters in the provinces were in the center of each table.

Round table discussions were held on "What the Sorority Expects of Its Members," "What the Members Expect of the Sorority," "Methods of Promoting Higher Scholarship," "Promotion of Higher Social Culture," "Closer Cooperation with Central Office," "Publicity," Panhellenic Relations," "More Efficient Pledge Training," "Training of New Officers," Alumnae Advice," "Gamma Phi Beta Week," "How the Alumnae Can Help," "State Rushing Plan Explained," "A. R. C. Plan Explained," "Standards of Membership," "Suggestions and Aids for Rush Parties" and "Expansion."

The Pink Carnation banquet was held Saturday evening in the Union building. Mrs. Carl T. Sprague introduced Mrs. G. M. Simonson International Grand President who spoke about Gamma Phi Beta's history. The sorority flower and gold Greek letters of Gamma Phi Beta were used on the banquet tables.

This was followed by the formal Crescent Ball in the chapter house. Sunday dinner, which used yellow jonquils and green candles, marked the end of the successful conference.

The ideas exchanged and the friendships gained from this worth-while meeting will long be remembered by all who attended and each chapter represented will profit by the knowledge exchanged at the round table discussions. Province V is looking forward to its 1949 conference. D D D

JANE STEINHORST

Province VI

LAMBDA CHAPTER was honored to have the conference of Province Six in Seattle in May. Representation from each of the five chapters present included the delegates from Nu, Joan Preble, Mary Lou Anderson and Jean Swift; from Xi, Geneva Ferguson and Phyllis Halley; from Chi, Marcia Knapp, Catherine Lambert and Pat Hastings; from Alpha Lambda, Marilyn McLeod and Maxine McClung; and delegates from Lambda, Marilyn Marshall and Barbara Franklin. All of these girls were housed in our chapter house. There were alumnae representatives from all of the cities in this province; from Eugene, Mrs. O. F. Stafford; from Everett, Mrs. Catherine MacDonald and Mrs. Kirk Gebert; from Portland, Mrs. Roe D. Buzan and Mrs. F. C. MacDonald; from Salem, Mrs. Lester Carter; from Seattle, Mrs. F. T. Isaacson and Mrs. Milton Brown; from Spokane, Mrs. Lester Edge Jr.; from Tacoma, Mrs. Smalling; and from Vancouver, Miss Laura Wilcox and Miss Marion Murphy. It was an honor to have present our

International Grand President, Mrs. George F. Simonson; and our province officers, Mrs. Clarence J. Stevens, Director, and Mrs. Thelma E. Brady, Secretary-treasurer.

The conference was officially opened with a reception with members of Lambda chapter present, as well as a large group of alumnæ and the out-of-town delegates. This affair gave everyone the opportunity to become acquainted with one another. The chapter presidents and their house mothers, from other sororities on campus, were invited to attend the open house. The opening was a success, and all of us were pleased to meet and know our province officers and grand officers, as well as girls from other chapters. Following the reception, moving pictures were shown of the Gamma Phi Beta camps for underprivileged girls. These were interesting and made clear the work that was being done at our summer camps.

Marilyn Marshall was elected chairman for the business meetings and Mrs. Simonson gave a message from the Grand Council.

Mrs. Simonson began by telling of the importance of these conferences to Grand Council. These indicate what the chapters need and tell what the chapters are doing. She went on to explain the objectives of Grand Council; to bring each chapter of Gamma Phi Beta to top level and to be sure that it is functioning well.

Marion Murphy spoke on "Camps." This program has been reopened after a five year lapse during the war. Marion explained how the camps operate, and answered questions.

Our guest speaker, Mrs. Hansbury, Dean of Women at the University of Washington, spoke on "The Sorority as a Democratic Institution." She said that there has been much false publicity about the sorority system, which all of us must try to combat. The sorority is a democratic institution where girls learn to live and work together; an interest is taken in every girl pledged; and the girls plan things and set out to achieve them, taking responsibility in doing so. Mrs. Hansbury also reminded us of our obligation to our campus and community as well as to our sorority.

After buffet luncheon, both the active and alumnæ groups conducted round tables. The round table of the active chapters consisted of topics assigned to the various representatives, who spoke on the subjects first, and then turned them over to the group for discussion. The topic, "Service to the Sorority" was discussed, and the duties of officers and executives; cooperation with International; and keeping track of records and events were points emphasized. "Service to the Chapter" was then opened, and everyone agreed that cooperation is the stem of everything; and that each girl should include herself in the responsibility. The subject "Service to Society" was next. The important points brought out were that each member should establish and maintain fine individual standards for herself; and that the sorority should encourage leadership. On the subject of "Service to the Campus" it was agreed that girls should be urged to participate in campus activities. "Service to Individual Members" brought out some important points. The sorority should help the girl to overcome her shortcomings and to aid her in gaining poise and social graciousness. On the subject of "Scholarship," the group had many valuable suggestions. Some of these were: teach the pledges good study habits and instill a good attitude toward school work; actives should set good examples; have well-organized study regulations. In order that new pledges should have an understanding of Gamma Phi Beta, there was some exchange of policies concerning "Pledge Training and Gamma Phi Beta Week." The round table discussions were closed with the subject of "Rushing," with all of the chapters taking part.

A banquet at the Women's University Club in the evening concluded the conference. Lambda chapter was happy to com-

bine the annual Founders Day Dinner with this affair. This was quite impressive, with one hundred and fifty Gamma Phi Betas present. Mrs. Simonson was our guest speaker for the banquet. Her speech was entitled "Looking Forward," and in this she reviewed Gamma Phi Beta's brilliant past and spoke of a very promising future.

Further business was discussed on Sunday morning, with Mrs. Hartman of the Seattle Alumnæ presiding. The findings committee gave its report, and the resolutions were read.

I am sure that all of the members present at the conference felt that they know more about Gamma Phi Beta and what it means to them. The achievement lies, in the exchange of ideas between the various chapters, and the awareness of the responsibility of each girl to her chapter and to those outside the group.

SHARANE HAVLINA, *Lambda Chapter*

Province VII

THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS of the Gamma Phi Beta Province VII Workshop of March 14-15-16 are a matter of record, but there were many things gained by those who attended that will not appear in the minutes. Many resolutions were presented, and many important decisions reached, but perhaps the most important results of the conference never reached the printed page.

This convention seemed, from the first to lack strained formality, and in its place was a feeling of friendship, cooperation and good fellowship. This spirit was enhanced by the presence of Mrs. G. M. Simonson, Grand President, who, through her graciousness and fine sense of humor, immediately put everyone at ease. The opportunity of becoming personally acquainted with her pleased every pledge, active, and alumna member present. Further, the presence of Mrs. Josephine Pinson, the incoming Province Director, added to the air of good feeling. "Jo," as she immediately became to all those present, contributed immeasurably to the success of the conference. Her knowledge of her new duties and her ideas for the future of Province VII convinced everyone that our new director had been wisely chosen. In addition, the conference was pleased to play hostess to such notable Gamma Phi Beta alumnæ as Mrs. Ruth Ord, International Scholarship Chairman, Jean de Spain, Province VII Secretary-treasurer, Jocelyn Birch, Entertainment Chairman, and Mrs. Roy Pinkerton, CRESCENT Editor.

Delegates arrived in Tucson from all sections of Province VII. There were active members from Eta, Alpha Gamma, Alpha Iota, and Beta Alpha, and alumnæ members from Pasadena, Berkeley, Los Angeles, San Francisco, San Diego, Long Beach, Reno, Santa Barbara-Ventura and Phoenix. These guests were welcomed by the members and pledges of Alpha Epsilon and the Tucson alumnæ. Soon after their arrival, little groups were chatting in the rooms at the sorority house, and the visiting alumnæ were entertained in the homes of the Tucson alumnæ.

The business of the workshop was quickly and efficiently disposed of with a minimum of confusion, and following this, a banquet was held at the El Rio Country Club for all the visiting Gamma Phi Betas and pledges, actives, and alumnæ in Tucson. This event was the highlight of the whole conference, and will long be remembered by those present as perhaps the most hilarious and entertaining event of this type ever attended. Mrs. Wanda Falk, of the Phoenix alumnæ, acted as toastmistress, and skillfully maneuvered the proceedings to the delight of everyone. By reversing the appearance of the guest speakers, as they appeared on the program, she was able to render their carefully prepared speeches useless, and they were forced to rely upon their wit to see them through. Fortunately, each speaker seemed well endowed with this ability, and the

results were most entertaining. The best remembered speech was that made by Mrs. Simonson, when she demonstrated just what goes on in those Grand Council Meetings we have all heard about.

The convention was concluded with the presentation of resolutions and a summing up of accomplishments, but the unwritten resolution from the Province VII workshop might read like this: "1. Be it resolved that the bonds of Gamma Phi Beta are not limited to one age group or one chapter, but that the common interests of this sorority are able to join all ages and chapters in a spirit of friendship and a sense of belonging together." I am sure this resolution would receive a hearty "second" from every delegate at the Province VII workshop.

EDITH WHITE HALES, *Arizona, Tucson Alumnae*

Province VIII

RICHMOND here I come," was the slogan of many Gamma Phi Beta actives and alumnae as they started for the 1947 Province VIII conference.

The first get-together was the lovely buffet supper by the Richmond alumnae at the home of Miss Marie Rogers. Twenty-one chapters were represented at the conference. Mrs. Seamans, president of the Washington Alumnae, said she had always claimed Penn State as her baby chapter because she helped organize it and was their alumnae advisor. Mrs. Marvin International vice president who was the guest from Grand Council gave a short talk on the early sorority minutes.

Louisa White, past president of Beta Beta, presiding at the business meetings. The group was divided into actives and

alumnae for the round table. Mary Jean Wellford, Alpha Sigma, was chairman of the Active Round Table. Mrs. Seamans headed the alumnae Round Table.

As the general round table began Barbara Rommel, Alpha Chi, gave a talk on "Gamma Phi Beta's Place in the Post War World." Mrs. Marvin also spoke to the group.

The Saturday luncheon was held at Oak Leaf Inn outside of Richmond. Dr. Salon B. Cousins was the guest speaker and pointed out the worth of fraternal organizations and the place which women such as Gamma Phi Betas are privileged and obliged to take in carrying on the affairs of their communities and the world community.

We saw the historic spots of Richmond before returning to the hotel. Everyone enjoyed the tour because many of the women had not seen the historic places in Richmond and Richmond in the glory of a beautiful spring day is a memory not to be soon forgotten.

The climax came when the Richmond alumnae chapter was installed at the Formal Banquet held in the Monroe Room of the John Marshall Hotel. Mrs. Marvin installed the chapter which had worked very hard to make this conference a success.

The actives from all of the chapters gathered after the banquet for an informal and unscheduled meeting.

The final luncheon was held at the Cosmopolitan Restaurant. Friends of two days' standing parted after the luncheon feeling as if they had known one another for years because they were Gamma Phi Betas. The parting words were "See you at the 1948 Convention." D D D

—LOUISE WHITE, *Maryland*

Beta Eta Formed at Bradley University

OCTOBER 5 was an exceptionally happy day for both the alumnae and the new pledges of Gamma Phi Beta in Peoria, Illinois, for it marked the climax of a unique week of rushing and the beginning of the Beta Eta chapter of Gamma Phi Beta at Bradley University. The 22 potential charter members of Beta Eta are: Virginia Clough, Western Springs, Illinois; Jill Holliday, Farmington, Illinois; Peggy Hunt, Washington, D.C.; Diane McCormick, Hollywood, Illinois; June Anne Walker, Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada. The pledges from Peoria are: Mavis Bishop, Barbara Bogard, Carol Brandon, Barbara Campbell, Kay Cashin, Rita Chandler, Janet Clement, Marile Dyslin, Joanne Garrott, Joanne Hicks, Nancy Meredith, Rosalie Orchard, Nan Seelye, Rosalie Sommer, Mary Lou Taylor, and Barbara Weyler. The pledging ceremony was held at the lovely home of Mrs. Selma Neumiller, and was conducted by the alumnae president, Mrs. Mary Miller. Pledge trainer is Marilyn Mueller and alumna advisor is Martie Blair. Jean Plack and Marilyn Mueller, as co-rush chairmen, were hard-working throughout the summer and are largely responsible for Beta Eta. The newly elected pledge officers are: president, Marile Dyslin; vice-president, Joanne Garrott; treasurer, Virginia Clough; recording secretary, Rita Chandler; corresponding secretary, Mary Lou Taylor.

The first event of Rush Week was a tea at which the Peoria Gamma Phi Beta alumnae were at home to the rushees. Since we do not have a house as yet, our tea table was laid at Constance Hall, a girls' dormitory, and it was impressive with silver coffee urns at either end, a five-branch silver candelabrum in

the middle flanked by floral crescent moons made of baby chrysanthemums shaded from pale yellow to bronze. A radio show was the theme of the informal party, cleverly announced by Eileen Van Horn, and concluded by a fraternity serenade. The guests at the preferential dinner found at their places baby announcements announcing the birth of Gamma Phi Beta at Bradley University.

In her speech at the preferential dinner, Ruth Brock told us that the crystal gazer whom she consulted said she saw in the near future a lovely "dream house," beautifully furnished and with an industrious group of young girls scurrying around to make it their very own Gamma Phi house.

We have wonderful plans for the new chapter in the coming year—and all the years to come. Our first big project is to obtain the house, and that obstacle should be overcome in the near future. A trip to near-by University of Illinois for a week-end at the Omicron chapter house is being planned, as well as a football game and a day at Northwestern at the Epsilon house. The alumnae are planning a Mothers and Daughters Tea, to take place in mid-autumn.

We have been given a furnished room in the "Wigwam," the student union building, to use until we have our own house—and already decorating plans are being made to make it an attractive meeting place for the girls during the day and for the regular scheduled pledge meetings. With such a promising pre-charter group, Beta Eta is certain to be a glowing success. D D D

MARTIE BLAIR

Installation at Kent State

THE BEAUTY of the autumnal hues on the wooded campus of Kent State University was matched by the colorfulness of the festivities incident to the installation of Beta Zeta chapter of Gamma Phi Beta during the weekend of October 25. A total of thirty-eight, including twenty-nine members of the former local group, Theta Sigma Tau, and eight alumnae were initiated in Moulton Hall on the campus by twenty-two installing actives from Alpha Eta chapter, Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio. Beta Zeta chapter constitutes the first local sorority at Kent to gain national Panhellenic standing through installation, though its chartering was preceded by that of Chi Omega whose group was formed by colonization. It becomes the 54th chapter of Gamma Phi Beta International and the fifth chapter in Ohio.

Kent State University was founded as a normal school by authorization of the state legislature in 1910. It opened its doors on May 20, 1913, continued as a normal school until 1929 when it became Kent State College, and was chartered as a university in 1935. Composed of three colleges, Education, Liberal Arts, and Business Administration, the university's enrollment this year is 6,226, including over 600 students in its Canton, Ohio division. Last year, the enrollment showed a 272% increase over that of the previous year since a majority of the male students are veterans. Two hundred twenty-five married veterans live in a government housing project nineteen miles from campus.

Ohio-born George Bowman became Kent's president in 1944 after serving as Superintendent of Schools in Marion, Chillicothe, and Youngstown, Ohio, which posts followed his early apprenticeship as rural instructor and high school principal. He received his A.B. from Western Reserve University, his A.M. at Teachers College, Columbia University, and did graduate work at University of Chicago and Harvard University. He heads a faculty of 130.

Kent State has a widely known course in journalism, where students gain practical experience in editing the campus publication, *Kent Stater*, four times a week. Each spring a week's course in News Photography is held on campus for 300 photographers who receive instruction from the nation's leading photographers and newsmen. Also the journalism department sponsors the yearly Ohio Press Clinic for 1000 high school journalists, as well as the Public Relations course.

The university furnishes many proficient teachers, and offers pre-professional work in medicine, nursing, and dentistry. Its buildings are valued at over \$4,000,000, and it has an ambitious building program in view for the near future. The state legislature has already appropriated over \$1,000,000 for the erection of men's dormitories, a Student Center, Hospital and Industrial Arts Building as soon as the necessary materials are available. At present it has about fifteen buildings on campus, including women's dormitories, library, administration



Mrs. George Simonson presenting Beta Zeta charter to Betty Hoy, chapter president

building, and well-equipped gymnasium with swimming pool.

Grand Council members and ranking state officers of Gamma Phi Beta who attended the installation ceremonies were: Mrs. George M. Simonson, Piedmont, California, grand president; Mrs. William A. Owen, Syracuse, New York, National Panhellenic Delegate and Expansion Chairman; Miss Anne Duffy, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, ritual chairman; Miss Mary Jane Hipp, Denver, Colorado, traveling secretary; Mrs. Lester Bernhard, Dayton, Ohio, Province Director; and Mrs. James Baldwin, Toledo, Ohio, state rushing chairman. They were house guests of Ann Ramsdell Bridgwater (Alpha Zeta) at her home in Silver Lake, Ohio.

Following the rites of initiation, a formal banquet was held at the Robin Hood Inn, Kent for over 80 guests. At this time the grand president presented the charter for the new group to chapter president, Betty Hoy, Cleveland. Mrs. C. McDowell, Jr. (Beatrice Knapp, Alpha Eta), president of the Akron Alumnae chapter sponsoring the new group, acted as toastmistress at the banquet. She introduced the council members and officers to the guests. Specially honored initiates were two faculty members at the university, Miss Laura Hill, Brilliant, Ohio, member of the English department, and Miss Eleanor Mellert, department of physical education, who is faculty advisor for Beta Zeta.

Greetings were given by various active and alumnae chapter representatives and a congratulatory telegram was received from Alpha chapter. Entertainment was furnished in the form of

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(1) Shirley Hill (Missouri), responsible for Alpha Delta's twice winning the Intramural Cup; member of Kappa Epsilon Alpha; Vice President of Sigma Epsilon Sigma; Sigma Delta Pi; Vice President of WAA; on the Executive Board of Workshop; Vice President of "M" Women; Tiger Claws; Swim Club; on the following Varsity teams: volleyball (2 years), basketball (3 years), hockey (1), and softball (3); table tennis and badminton champion. (2) Margaret Andrews (Arizona '47), Editor Yearbook, The Desert; "A" club; Women's Press club. (3) Patricia Greenwood (Washington), Totem club; "W" Key; Vice President Associated Women Students. (4) Charlene McPheeters (Missouri '48), Mortar Board; Secretary, Student Government Association; Editor of the 1947 Savitar; Secretary Campus Publications Association; Kappa Epsilon Alpha; Women's Panhellenic, president of Alpha Delta chapter. (5) Bonnie Gordon (Arizona '47), Phi Beta Kappa; Phi Kappa Phi; "A" club; WAA board; Hammer and Coffin. (6) Janelle Liebold Epperson (Oklahoma '47), Mortar Board; secretary AWS; treasurer YWCA and national convention delegate; Psi Chi. (7) Juilanne Williams Zimmerman (Washington '47), Phi Beta Kappa; Magna cum laude; Mortar Board; Totem club; editor Tyee, U. of Washington yearbook; Sigma Epsilon Sigma; Omicron Nu; awarded senior cup of Gamma Phi Beta; graduated in three years with an accumulative 3.7 average; majored in home economics, minored in journalism. (8) Shirley Lishen (Missouri '47), received Jennie Emerson Miller Memorial Award for having the best scholastic average for the past three semesters in Alpha Delta chapter; had the best grade average in her pledge class; received a year's subscription to Journal of Business Education for being the outstanding commercial student in education; Pi Lambda Theta. (9) Pat McKee (Missouri), Kappa Epsilon Alpha; Purple Mask (highest dramatic award); Workshop Executive Board; played the parts of Kay Thorndyke in "State of the Union" and Ado Annie in "Green Grow the Lilacs," two major productions of Workshop at Missouri University in year 1946-47. (10) Anne Gillmore (Arizona '47), Society editor The Wildcats, campus newspaper; Women's Press club. (11) Janice Liepold (University of Iowa '47), attendant to Interfraternity Queen. (12) Frances Reynolds (Arizona '47), Phi Beta Kappa; Phi Kappa Phi; Women's Press club; Journalism honors. (13) Joan Bowman, (Michigan State College '47), President Panhellenic; office manager, Wolverine; Pi Mu Epsilon, mathematics honorary; Sigma Epsilon, Business administration honorary. (14) Martha Holmes (Illinois), Mortar Board; senior manager of Star Course; Torch; Shi Ai; Alpha Lambda Delta. (15) Elaine Sebastain (Illinois), Mortar Board; Star Course; Panhellenic council; treasurer of Panhellenic; WGS Career conference; Torch; Shi Ai.





Evelyn Peterson (U. N. Dakota), Mortar Board; YWCA president; Sigma Alpha Iota; Wesley Foundation officer; Madrigal club; KFJM radio station program.



Faye Loyd (Texas '47), selected one of the most outstanding students on the University of Texas campus this year; served as associate editor, Daily Texan, student newspaper, for 1946-47, and as editor-in-chief during the last part of the second semester; Awarded the crested Gamma Phi Beta ring as the chapter's most outstanding senior for the year; senior Panhellenic representative; Crescent Correspondent for two years; Theta Sigma Phi; Cap and Gown; Campus League of Women Voters; Sidney Lanier Literary Society and the Press Club.



Elsie Ann Brown (U. N. Dakota), Dacotah, yearbook associate editor; Playmakers; press agent and member UND Band; Dakota Student desk editor; Theta Sigma Phi.

Ann Berhimer (Penn State), Junior Senator W.S.G.A.; Chairman of May Day Committee; Symphony Orchestra; Blue Band; Louise Homer Club; Cwens; Freshman Council; Wesley Foundation.



Jeanne Harrisburger (Colorado College), vice president Tiger club; treasurer AWS; editor The Tiger, campus paper.

Barbara Everett (Michigan), President Women's Glee club; Scroll; chapter president.



Shirley Smith (Illinois), candidate for Illio Beauty queen; Omicron's pledge president; Art student at the University.



Marie Hefferan (Wisconsin '48), WHA (University radio station) Wisconsin player; Secretary of Forensic Board; Zeta Phi Eta (speech sorority).





Bea Morrison (Syracuse), Sigma Alpha Iota; Syracuse Singers.



Barbara E. Simons (William and Mary), president of Wesley Foundation; Representative to Student Assembly; secretary of Student Publications Committee; secretary of Dramatic Club; secretary of Kappa Chi Kappa; editorial staff of Flat Hat; member of Theta Alpha Phi, Inter-club Council and Chorus, Rushing Chairman for Gamma Phi Beta; Orientation Sponsor; major roles in "Ladies in Retirement," "Murder in the Cathedral," and "Juno and the Peacock."



Phyllis Box Woods (Ohio Wesleyan '48), Mortar Board; YWCA Big-Little Sister committee chairman junior year; social chairman for Monnett Hall for women; Sophomore Commission.



Betty Jane Newell (Wittenberg), class orator at commencement ceremony of 1946 graduation class; a Miss Wittenberger candidate.



Florence Kingsbury (Michigan '48), editor two years yearbook Michiganian; Scroll; Student Legislature; junior captain Women's League; Merit-Tutorial Com.



Joyce Sorenson (U. N. Dakota), Mu Sigma Pi; YWCA Cabinet; Sigma Epsilon Sigma; Panhellenic Council.



Diane Mead (Oregon), Elected to Rally Squad; member of Kwama, sophomore women's honorary.

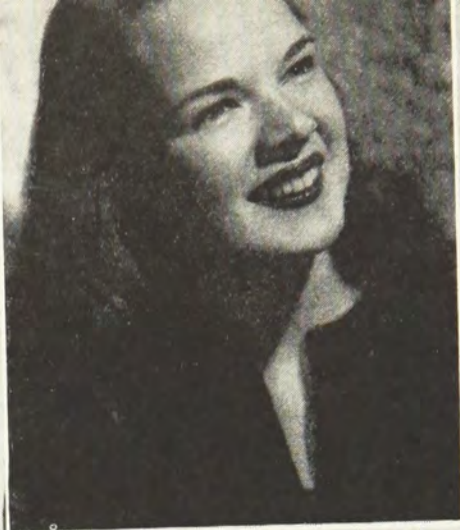


Dorothy Jeanne Bowen (Illinois), won two first prizes at Northern Indians art salon.

Janice Ehleb (Illinois), chapter president; treasurer Panhellenic council.



Gene McPherson (Oregon), Graduated with honors, now a graduate assistant.



Melodi Blocki (UCLA), Campus theater; Starlight Tropicana princess.



Marjorie Dunmyer (Penn State '47), cheerleader; participant in the Aquacade; active in sorority intramurals; Lakonides, local women's physical education honorary.

Pat Parkinson (Ohio Wesleyan '48), Student at the University of Oslo, Norway, the summer of '47; secretary-treasurer of Pi Delta Epsilon, journalism honorary; Red Cross chairman of Wesleyan trips to Chillicothe Hospital; Alpha Eta pledge trainer; Bijou, yearbook, business manager during junior year; radio workshop, dramatic workshop, Canterbury Club, YWCA.



Elise Young (Colorado State), president Pi Delta Epsilon; chosen an Annual Personality.



Jean Laurance (U.C.L.A.) Prytanean; R. C. Board; Californian club president.



Marion Doty (Penn State '47), associate editor La Vie, yearbook; Alpha Nu, astronomy honorary; secretary-treasurer Mathematics Club.

Barbara Termohlen (Ohio Wesleyan '49), Sophomore Commission; YWCA.



Marilyn Sidnell (Ohio Wesleyan '47), Phi Beta Kappa; Mortar Board; Mu Phi Epsilon; Pi Kappa Lambda; Wrote own musical compositions and presented recitals.



Tributes to Laura Case Sherry

EXPONENT OF DEMOCRACY

BY EDWARD P. HALLINE

IN MAXWELL ANDERSON'S "Joan of Lorraine," which stars Ingrid Bergman, one of the other principal characters remarks that the theater is a temple of democracy.

That is precisely what the Wisconsin Players was under the inspired guidance of Laura Sherry, whether she was working with them in the remodeled residence they once used or in the old church building they later acquired in the "ward."

It was a temple which drew all creeds, all nationalities, all economic and social stations of life and, pretty much, all ages. Over 30 years its many casts of characters included shopgirls, school teachers and business executives, the socially prominent and the obscure, the incurable amateurs of the stage and a good many others who went on to fame.

It made no money. So no one had to worry about the box office or how long the run would be. Its motive power was the enthusiasm and energy of its stage struck players and, above all, the skill and devotion and unflagging efforts of Laura Sherry.

It was the first of the little theaters—the first of these temples of democracy, now so widespread about the land. More than glittering Broadway, with so much pretense and artifice and synthetic glamour, it was of the people, by the people and for the people.

For Laura Sherry liked people as much as she hated pretense and artificiality and snobbery. She could talk to the great and the little. She could find poetry and warm emotion in the picturesque French settlers of her native Prairie du Chien. She could converse equally with the intellectuals, idealists, crackpots and radicals who swarmed on the fringes of the artistic world in Paris, New York or elsewhere.

Her mind had the breadth and tolerance of maturity without losing in the least the vigor and resilience of youth or a liberal democratic detestation of the totalitarian enemies of civilization.

Without a press agent and with hardly any fanfare at all, Laura Sherry has done as much as any one to make this community aware of its own cultural resources. And, thanks to such as she, even the professional theater may be on its way to becoming a true temple of democracy.

In a long and colorful career, Laura Case Sherry had toured as an ingenue actress with the famous Richard Mansfield, collaborated with Zona Gale and Prof. Thomas H. Dickinson of the University of Wisconsin in founding the nation's oldest little theater—the Wisconsin Players.

She had taken the same group on a daring and successful invasion of Broadway. Also she helped produce an English stage version of Dostoevski's "Crime and Punishment," had written poetry herself and battled early in the century for such "moderns" as Carl Sandburg.

The Wisconsin Players, in which she was the leading spirit as well as financial backer for most of 30 years, was, to use her own phrase, a "workshop" of the experimental theater as well as an incubator of future stage and radio stars.

Alumni of the Wisconsin Players include such famous names as Ethel Wait Owen, radio actress whose last stage appearance was in last year's revival of "Show Boat"; Eugene Loring, another former Milwaukeean who won fame for creating the ballet, "Billy the Kid," and for his work in the choreography of "Oklahoma"; Vincenzo Celli, one of New York's top dance directors; Angna Enters, the famous dancer; Eduard Franz, who has been in several Broadway plays; Victor Wolfson, well known playwright; Paul Swan, famous for his evening recitals in New York, and the celebrated Hildegard.

The production of "Crime and Punishment," which Mrs. Sherry did in 1935 in collaboration with Wolfson, was not a box office success, but it generally won the approval of the critics.

In her own account of the project in the Sentinel, Mrs. Sherry remarked that the first night audience was a strange mixture of Park Avenue and Greenwich Village, of "stuffed shirts" and Communists. Her comment then was:

"The Communists have appropriated Dostoevski; why, I do not know. The Communist believes in the material well being of the individual; Dostoevski believes that spiritual well being is more important than material; he clearly proves through his penetrating psychological analysis that the end does not justify the means.

"In spite of the desirability of the end, brutal means defeat themselves by brutalizing the employers of these means."

She was an active worker in both World Wars.

Her father, Lawrence Case, was an eminent citizen of Prairie du Chien. She herself was a bridesmaid in the wedding of Mrs. Violet Dousman Young, granddaughter of Col. Hercules Dousman, Wisconsin pioneer, in the historic Villa Louis in Prairie du Chien.

She studied at the University of Wisconsin, Northwestern University, the Alvord Dramatic School, Chicago, and the Wheatcroft Dramatic School operated in connection with Charles Frohman's Empire Theater in New York. She was married to Mr. Sherry in Prairie du Chien in 1902.

From the *Milwaukee Sentinel*

Collee Ide, Michigan '48



MORTAR BOARD; winner of the annual award for activities and scholarship presented by the Ann Arbor alumnae chapter; general chairman of Panhellenic-Assembly Ball; assistant chairman of Micholodean Carnival; vice-president Women's Athletic Association; W.A.A. board member; booth chairman for 1947 J-Hop central committee; president University figure skating club; chairman University skating carnival; general chairman of 1946 Gym-Jam; member of Junior Girls' Play. Collee swims, bowls, plays basketball and as Beta chapter's sports manager was responsible for the chapter winning an intra-sorority cup for the most achievements in sports.

—CARLA COBB

In Memoriam

Laura Case Sherry

Gamma and Epsilon

LAURA CASE SHERRY died suddenly in mid-April in her apartment in New York City at the age of 71.

A beloved and famous member of both Gamma and Epsilon chapters, she had crowned a professional stage career with a lifetime of pioneering in the little theater movement. A native of Prairie du Chien, and a long time resident of Milwaukee, she had spent her winters in New York City and her summers in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin since the death of her husband, Edward P. Sherry, Wisconsin industrialist, in 1942.

(Tribute to Mrs. Sherry's career will be found on page 29)

Minnie Rice

Omega

MISS MINNIE RICE, for many years an active member of the Des Moines alumnae chapter of Gamma Phi Beta, passed away in September. A member of Omega chapter, she was registrar of Des Moines University, now not in existence. She was secretary of Plymouth Congregational church and later was secretary of the Women's Chamber of Commerce of Des Moines. She later became a house mother at Indiana University, but when her health failed returned to Des Moines. Her passing is deeply mourned by Des Moines Gamma Phi Betas, who found her a loyal loving friend.

Bettye Field

Chi '32

BETTYE FIELD died July 5 in Glendale, California following a brief illness, ten days after the death of her mother. She was treasurer of the Field Transportation Company and was active in Panhellenic circles. She had assisted with the founding of Beta Alpha chapter at the University of Southern California and had been a loyal member of Gamma Phi Beta. She will be greatly missed in sorority circles as well as by her family and friends.

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skits by the Ohio Wesleyan group and songs by the new Beta Zeta initiates who wore pink carnation corsages. These girls won the campus song trophy last year, and their presentation of "Begin the Beguine" will long be remembered.

On Sunday morning, the Ohio Wesleyan actives conducted a model meeting at the chapter house, followed by attendance at the Congregational church, Kent.

On Sunday afternoon, the Akron alumnae chapter and members of Beta Zeta were joint hostesses at an open house tea for over 200 guests, including faculty members and sorority and fraternity representatives from other campus organizations. The house was festive with myriad bouquets, the gifts of other sororities and fraternities. President and Mrs. George Bowman, Dean and Mrs. Raymond Manchester, and Dean and Mrs. Fred Muselman attended.

Guests were welcomed by Mrs. Alice Vaughn, housemother, and a receiving line composed of Miss Hoy, Miss Mellert, Mrs.

Harriet Young Burchard

Kappa '06

MRS. SIMEON BURCHARD (Harriet Young, Kappa), died July 30 in Temple City, Calif. Mother of Betty Burchard, Kappa and Alpha Iota.

Maud Hyser Wallace

Kappa '04

MAUD HYSER WALLACE (Mrs. W. L.) charter member of Kappa chapter, died in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, in November. She was the mother of Jean Wallace, Beta, and had spent some years in Ann Arbor.

Mary Rhodes Hale

Kappa '14

MARY RHODES HALE (Mrs. Wm.) died after a long illness October 17 in Minneapolis.

Bernice Smith Lafromboise

Lambda '26

MRS. CLARENCE LAFROMBOISE (Bernice Smith, Lambda '26) plunged to her death in the surf at Long Beach, Wash. in an effort to help her son Richard, 14. Dr. John S. Taylor lost his life in a futile attempt to save Mrs. Lafromboise. Richard managed to extricate himself, and survives. Mrs. Lafromboise, wife of the publisher of the Enumclaw *Courier-Herald*, had been active in civic affairs in her home town. A graduate of the University of Washington, she had been president of Lambda chapter and a member of Phi Beta Kappa and was a beloved and distinguished alumna.

Ione Garnett Raney

Eta '08

In October 1947

Owen, Mrs. Bernhard, Miss Hipp, and Mrs. McDowell. Presiding at the tea table were Mrs. Baldwin, state rushing chairman, and Mrs. D. C. Thomson (Harriet DeWeese), Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Mrs. Bridgwater served as general chairman of the installation arrangements assisted by Louise Stevenson (Tau); Mrs. Harold Stevens, Ravenna, Ohio, initiation; Jean Sigmond Harper (Omega), local reservations; Mary Ann Allison Burnham (Alpha Eta) out-of-town reservations; Mary Jane Krumroy Carl (Alpha Eta) Ways and Means chairman; and Polly Waters Johnson (Alpha Eta) publicity.

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