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# July—BOSTON—1931

Bulletin No. 12

By W. H. Battersby

Now boys and girls, let me play with your imagination for a little while. Are you ready? Then let's go. You are to imagine you are one of the lucky thousands that will be here in Boston July 20-25. Time, Monday morning July 20. Place, South Terminal.

SCENE 1: A horde descends from the pullmans and in disorder makes for the gates. The local committee descends on the incoming horde like a well trained riot squad, holds up its hands as a signal to halt. "Now boys and girls," says one of them, "We want you to enter Boston with a smile, and leave the same way, even if you regret having to go back home. There is Mrs. Hull with her movie camera. As you pass her, show her you never forgot to use your tooth brush after meals. Are you ready? Then walk past her to that line of busses over by that door."

SCENE 2: All the visitors and delegates have been seated in the busses after being "shot" by Mrs. Hull. There is a craning of necks trying to see where they are going. The boys make remarks about the streets and the buildings. The girls are talking about the hat that blonde on the corner wore. Up Summer Street to Washington Street, across Washington Street into Winter Street, into Tremont Street, down to Boylston Street, rumble the busses (we call them coaches here), finally turning into Park Square to disembark at the Statler.

Now the fun begins. The wise guys make their wise-cracks and the guys who were not so wise make other kinds of cracks about things in general, especially the system of room reservations. Have you made your reservation yet? The crowd now begins to thin out. The call of the inner man has overcome even the guys who were making all kinds of uncomplimentary cracks. They come back smiling. That's right. Keep it up.

It is now ten o'clock in the morning. Every seat in the historic old Faneuil Hall is taken. The ceremonies go along smoothly and His Honor the Mayor is addressing us. After the ceremonies most of us take the opportunity to look over the Hall carefully, going up stairs to look over the relics in the Armory of the Ancient Honorable Artillery.

At noon we are back at the hotel having lunch. The business of registering the delegates and visitors goes merrily on. A word to the wise, REGISTER EARLY. At one o'clock the poor delegates and Grand Officers go into session. At three o'clock competent guides take groups on a tour of the historic shrines, most of which are less than fifteen minutes walk from the Statler. Thus most of the after-egates in the ballroom of the Statler. we dress for the reception to the delegates in the ballroom of the Statler.

And believe me it is some reception. After the reception comes the ball. We all like dancing and we are going to dance and dance. Of course some of us must sleep, so off we go.

Nine o'clock Tuesday morning finds the convention in session. The visitors are all out again looking over the historic shrines in and about Boston. So passes the forenoon.

At one o'clock all of us assemble for the convention photograph. What a scene. The whole assemblage grouped together, the frantic photographer trying to still the moving hands and arms of those to be photographed. Running hither and thither gnashing his teeth and pulling his hair. His fists extend to heaven in despair. Finally quiet. Click, and it is all over. Then the photo of the Grand Officers and delegates. That is much easier to take.

As the radio announcer says, "It is now 3:30 P. M." There is a long line of coaches in front of the hotel. The hustle and bustle of loading them with the human cargo. The signal to go. We are off! Winding through the afternoon traffic. Out of Boston we roll, over the bridge into Charlestown, passing the Navy Yard, further on catching a glimpse of Bunker Hill Monument. Into Chelsea before you know you are out of Charlestown. Through Chelsea to the Revere Beach Boulevard. Up the boulevard a few miles. Ah! The first breath of the sea. Oh, there it is, stretching out as far as you can see, meeting the sky miles and miles away. Onward through Revere Beach. No, we cannot stop here today. We will come out there again some other day. On we go and before we know it we are in Lynn. Through the shoe city we roll, passing between the great shoe factories, through the residential section and down Ocean Street, till the coaches almost run into the sea. Along the beautiful Lynn Shore Drive to Swampscott, past King's Beach, Blaney's Beach, and Fisherman's Beach, through the residential section where many of Boston's business men have their summer homes. On we go through Clifton into Marblehead, historic old Marblehead, with its crooked winding streets, its old houses and its magnificent harbor, with millions and millions of dollars worth of private yachts of Boston, New York and Philadelphia millionaires. Leaving Marblehead, a few miles further on entering Salem. Famous old Salem, founded four years before Boston. The old Witch house, the House of the Seven Gables, the museums scattered about the city. We cannot stay here long, as we have not yet reached our objective. A few miles further on, the New England Home for the Aged Deaf, Danvers. Here at last. The reception there for a few hours. Looking over the pride of the deaf of New England. Starting for home. On through Peabody, the Tannerytown with its various odors. To Lynnfield, to the Newburyport Turnpike, a link in one of the greatest roads in the country, the U. S. Route No. 1 which runs from the northern tip of Maine

to the Southern part of Florida.

Down the Turnpike we roll merrily along through the various cities and towns, into Malden and Somerville, thence into Charlestown again. We stop at Bunker Hill and look the place over. The grounds and the monument are self explanatory. Here and there one finds a tablet telling just what took place at that particular spot. We look and in our mind's eye envision what took place. We can see the ranks of British advancing up the hill while the Patriots wait for the signal to fire. Then the awful scene as the guns spit death. The red coated ranks fall back, reform and advance. Again there is the terrible waiting for the signal to fire. Again the muskets spit fire and again the red ranks falter and retreat only to reform and advance again. This time it is different. The red ranks reach their objective, but at what a terrible cost.

The monument itself is about two hundred and twenty feet high. There is a winding stairway leading to the top, with about two hundred or more stairs. I do not advise you to try to do it unless you have a good pair of legs. The platform at the top is rather small and not very many people can be there at one time.

Finally we have seen all there is to see at Bunker Hill and we start for home. It is not so far to go now and we are soon back at the Hotel Statler. It is now about ten thirty or eleven o'clock, and we are pretty well tired out, so we say good night until Wednesday.

In the next and final bulletin, I will tell you about the other days, namely Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

## CONVENTION NOTICES

### Hotels

The local committee has received requests for room reservations from quite a few and those making the requests almost always fail to state what price they wish to pay. please remember we are glad and willing to be of assistance to all but you must do your share, too. Therefore when applying for room reservations, please observe the following rules:

Give the name of the hotel.

Give the type of room you wish.

Give the price you are willing to pay, with a second price in case the type of room you wish is not available.

Give the date and time you expect to arrive in Boston.

State how long you intend to stay.

Do these things and you will be assured of perfect service. The committee cannot go into a description of the different types of rooms. We have received requests for descriptions, and will say that if you pick out a good hotel you will just naturally get a room worth the price you pay.

### Official Movies

We have appointed Mrs. Viola L. Hull as the official movie photographer of the convention. For the last four





CONVENTION HEADQUARTERS—HOTEL STATLER, BOSTON

years the Local Convention committee has taken every cent that was raised by the Division for its convention fund, with the result that the Division's local fund is so small that it can hardly be seen. In an effort to recoup the local fund, we intend to take movies of the convention from start to finish, and rent them to other Divisions or organizations throughout the country. Therefore we do not care to have outsiders come here, take movies and rent them to other organizations and use the money for other purposes. We hope all will see the justice in this, and refrain from calling whatever pictures they take Official Convention Movies.

#### Registration

We have gone to great expense in getting out a convention badge that will always be cherished as a memento of the convention. Because of the cost of these, the number is limited and it will be a case of first come first served. Our badges are of natural bronze with engravings of Bunker Hill, Faneuil Hall, the Old State House, and the Frat emblem on the pendant. The name plate is of plain bronze, with a silk ribbon. The colors of the ribbons will identify the wearer: royal blue for Grand Officers, red for delegates, light blue for visitors, and orange for Local committee members. As usual we will

charge a dollar registration fee to all who register, and registrants will receive a convention badge and a copy of the convention program. You can help us out by registering as soon as you get here. It may mean other things to you in the end.

#### Reservations

We earnestly request that all those planning to attend our banquet and other affairs, make their reservations on Monday. We will have to give notice to the different firms with whom we are dealing a day or two in advance. After the time limit for reservations is up, it will be impossible for us to accept any more requests for tickets, etc. You may secure tickets for all our entertainments, outings, etc., immediately after you register, and let me say here, with the exception of the banquet which will be charged at cost, all the other affairs may be had for a fraction of the regular charge for these trips, etc. Because of the low prices charged we are endeavoring to arrange so that every one will go on these trips and outings.

#### DEATHS

- March 17—Pattie Kirkland, sister of Patrick Kirkland, Birmingham, Ala.
- March 19—George Gray, brother of William Gray, Marcellus, N. Y.
- March 23—Mother of Herman Tegtmeyer, Chicago, Ill.
- March 27—Father of Rudolph Huhn, Detroit, Mich.
- April 4—Mother of James Di Natale, Batavia, N. Y.
- April 11—Pearl Williams, wife of Willie Williams, Clinton, Ark.
- April 19—Bernard Jezewski, brother of John Jezewski, Milwaukee, Wis.
- April 20—Norman Sloat, father of Martin Sloat, Albany, N. Y.
- April 20—Mother of Oscar Bloch, St. Louis, Mo.
- April 21—Margaret Herlan, mother of Edward Herlan, Oneida, N. Y.
- April 23—Harry Golowen, brother of Samuel Golowen, Brooklyn, N. Y.
- April 25—Step-father of Chester Higby, San Gabriel, Cal.
- April 25—Beatrice Fisher, wife of John Fisher, London, Ont.
- April 29—Amelia Englert, mother of Frank Englert, Rochester, N. Y.
- April 30—Robert Collins, father of Lewis Collins, Portland, Me.
- April 30—Sister of Rocco Montesano, Chicago, Ill.
- May 1—Brother of Max Himelstein, Chicago, Ill.
- May 2—Mary O'Donnell, sister of Coleman Casey, Portland, Me.
- May 3—Father of Frank Bohn, New York, N. Y.
- May 6—Charles Mayer, brother of Fred Mayer, Old Bridge, N. Y.
- May 7—Mrs. Sam Johnston, mother of John Johnston, Oglesby, Ill.
- May 16—Sally Baskiewicz, sister of Theo. Banks, Chicago, Ill.
- May 16—Euphemia Fuller Gordon, wife of Julius Gordon, Chicago, Ill.

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# Eleventh National CONVENTION

## NATIONAL FRATERNAL SOCIETY OF THE DEAF

**Boston, Mass., July 20-25**

### Chicago Special Train

Lv. CHICAGO 3:00 P. M., Central Standard Time, Saturday, July 18, on second section Commodore Vanderbilt, New York Central Lines (La Salle St. Station).

Lv. South Bend 4:40 P. M.  
Lv. Toledo 8:43 P. M.  
Lv. Cleveland 11:40 P. M.  
Lv. Buffalo 3:19 A. M., July 19.  
Lv. Rochester (stops on signal).  
Lv. Syracuse 6:15 A. M.  
Lv. Utica 7:31 A. M.  
Lv. Albany 9:40 A. M.  
Lv. Springfield 12:31 P. M.  
Lv. Worcester 1:54 P. M.  
Ar. BOSTON (So. Sta.) 3:10 P. M.

One-way fares and charge for lower berth from the points given are:

Chicago, \$36.63; berth, \$10.13.  
South Bend, \$33.65; berth, \$9.00.  
Toledo, \$28.30; berth, \$8.25.  
Cleveland, \$24.46; berth, \$6.38.  
Buffalo, \$17.82; berth, \$4.50.  
Rochester, \$15.45; berth, \$4.50.  
Syracuse, \$12.55; berth, \$3.75.  
Utica, \$10.64; berth, \$3.75.  
Albany, \$7.23; berth, \$3.00.  
Springfield, \$3.54; seat, 75c.  
Worcester, \$1.60; seat, 75c.  
Get certificate for half fare returning.

Those desiring to travel on this special from points named or from points west of Chicago should communicate with the home office at an early date

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ALL ABOARD FOR BOSTON—THE HUB AWAITS YOU

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## MEMBERSHIP

Net total number of members in each Division is given after making additions and deductions due to transfers, lapses and deaths.

Division	New Members		Total Members	
	Since Jan. 1	Apr. 30	Jan. 1	Apr. 30
Chicago No. 1	3	296	296	296
Detroit		210	210	210
Saginaw		17	17	17
Louisville		82	82	82
Little Rock	3	99	99	99
Dayton		50	50	50
Bay City		14	14	14
Cincinnati		120	120	120
Evansville		26	26	26
Nashville	4	26	26	26
Springfield (O.)		16	16	16
Olathe		59	59	59
Flint		102	102	102
Toledo	1	94	94	94
Milwaukee	1	114	114	114
Columbus	1	137	137	137
Knoxville		49	49	49
Cleveland	1	96	96	96
Indianapolis		139	139	139
Brooklyn	9	331	331	331
St. Louis		199	199	199
New Haven	1	42	42	42
Holyoke		28	28	28
Los Angeles	1	200	200	200
Atlanta	1	67	67	67
Philadelphia	1	199	199	199
Kansas City	3	97	97	97
Omaha	1	72	72	72
New Orleans		69	69	69
Kalamazoo		28	28	28
Boston	2	171	171	171
Pittsburgh	2	123	123	123
Hartford	4	52	52	52
Memphis	1	40	40	40
Portland (Me.)		33	33	33
Buffalo	1	65	65	65
Portland (Ore.)	1	101	101	101
Newark		80	80	80
Providence	3	48	48	48
Seattle		94	94	94
Utica		88	88	88
Washington	9	83	83	83
Baltimore	3	86	86	86
Syracuse		46	46	46
Cedar Rapids		44	44	44
Huntington		55	55	55
Albany		38	38	38
Rochester	4	74	74	74
San Francisco	2	102	102	102
Reading	1	102	102	102
Akron		168	168	168
Salt Lake City		24	24	24
Rockford	1	44	44	44
Springfield (Ill.)		39	39	39
Davenport		37	37	37
Worcester	1	34	34	34
St. Paul-Minneapolis		94	94	94
Fort Worth		55	55	55
Dallas	1	98	98	98
Denver	6	64	64	64
Waterbury		21	21	21
Springfield (Mass.)	4	45	45	45
Waco		38	38	38
Bangor		30	30	30
Kenosha		39	39	39
Birmingham		44	44	44
Sioux Falls		37	37	37
Wichita		34	34	34
Spokane	1	28	28	28
Des Moines	1	47	47	47
Lowell	1	39	39	39
Berkeley	1	43	43	43
Delavan	2	69	69	69
Houston	5	66	66	66
Seranton	1	27	27	27
Richmond		59	59	59
Johnstown	1	32	32	32
Manhattan	5	167	167	167
Jacksonville		49	49	49
Lewiston		38	38	38
Peoria		25	25	25
Jersey City		54	54	54
Bronx	3	70	70	70
Columbia		35	35	35
Charlotte		42	42	42
Durham		52	52	52
Dubuque	1	19	19	19
Grand Rapids		28	28	28
Toronto	3	162	162	162
Duluth	1	19	19	19
Canton		21	21	21
Faribault		31	31	31
South Bend		36	36	36
Council Bluffs		39	39	39
Fort Wayne		27	27	27
Schenectady		22	22	22
Chicago No. 106	4	86	86	86
Miami		25	25	25
Binghamton	1	31	31	31
Wilkesburg	1	37	37	37
San Diego		15	15	15
Eau Claire	1	22	22	22
Sulphur		6	34	34
Total	123	7,144	7,144	7,144

## STATE RANK

States rank in the order named. Net total of members in each state is given after making additions and deductions due to new entrants, transfers, lapses and deaths.

State	Members		Members	
	Jan. 1	Apr. 30	Jan. 1	Apr. 30
New York	912	932	912	932
Ohio	703	702	703	702
Illinois	541	539	541	539
Pennsylvania	519	520	519	520
Michigan	419	399	419	399
California	365	360	365	360
Massachusetts	310	317	310	317
Missouri	302	296	302	296
Texas	267	257	267	257
Wisconsin	240	244	240	244
Indiana	231	228	231	228
Iowa	184	186	184	186
Canada	162	162	162	162
Minnesota	145	144	145	144
New Jersey	135	134	135	134
Washington	122	122	122	122
Tennessee	112	115	112	115
Connecticut	110	115	110	115
Maine	101	101	101	101
Oregon	100	101	100	101
Arkansas	100	99	100	99
North Carolina	95	94	95	94
Kansas	97	93	97	93
Maryland	84	86	84	86
Dist. of Columbia	74	83	74	83
Kentucky	82	82	82	82
Nebraska	74	72	74	72
Louisiana	70	69	70	69
Georgia	67	67	67	67
Colorado	59	64	59	64
Virginia	59	59	59	59
West Virginia	55	55	55	55
Rhode Island	46	48	46	48
Alabama	44	44	44	44
South Dakota	37	37	37	37
South Carolina	35	35	35	35
Oklahoma	14	34	14	34
Florida	25	25	25	25
Utah	24	24	24	24
Total	7,121	7,144	7,121	7,144

## APRIL DEATH CLAIMS

Paid to Gussie Behr, St. Louis, Mo., for death benefit of Valentine J. Behr, certificate No. 1696-A, deceased March 20, 1931, \$500.00.

Paid to Frances Wondra, Chicago, Ill., for death benefit of Joseph T. Wondra, certificate No. 2811-E, deceased April 4, 1931, \$2000.

Paid to Martha F. Surber, Mowrystown, Ohio, for death benefit of David H. Surber, certificate No. 261-C, deceased April 1, 1931, \$500.00.

Paid to Katie P. Smith, Big Spring, Texas, for death benefit of J. Hugh Smith, Paid-up certificate No. 1761-D, deceased March 19, 1931, \$338.00.

Paid to Addie E. Germer, Los Angeles, Cal., for death benefit of Henry A. Germer, certificate No. 372-C, deceased March 29, 1931, \$500.00.

Paid to Ida Ruby Boone, Little Rock, Ark., for death benefit of John A. Boone, certificate No. 5712-D, deceased April 5, 1931, \$1000.

Paid to Laura M. Pennell, Philadelphia, Pa., for death benefit of Charles M. Pennell, certificate No. 1297-A, deceased April 2, 1931, \$500.00.

Paid to Annie B. Becker, Pittsburgh, Pa., for death benefit of William Becker, certificate No. 2247-C, deceased April 12, 1931, \$1000.

## BIRTHS

March 16—Mr. and Mrs. Erle Fine, San Francisco, Cal., a girl.

March 27—Mr. and Mrs. John Filko, St. Louis, Mo., a boy.

March 28—Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Clousner, Brooklyn, N. Y., a boy.

April 6—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kennedy, Roxbury, Mass., a boy.

April 11—Mr. and Mrs. John Wondrack, Vancouver, Wash., a girl.

April 11—Mr. and Mrs. John McGinness, Grand Rapids, Mich., a girl.

April 12—Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kennedy, Roxbury, Mass., a girl.

April 13—Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Wittwer, Los Angeles, Cal., a girl.

April 16—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hart, Montreal, Que., a girl.

April 17—Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Branson, Little Rock, Ark., a boy.

April 25—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Knott, Hickory, N. C., a girl.

May 1—Mr. and Mrs. Coe Hafer, Dunmore, Pa., a boy.

May 9—Mr. and Mrs. Martin Dryer, Indianapolis, Ind., a girl.

## SCORE CARD

Below are the names of the leading contenders, so far, and the number of points scored in the race for honors in our membership drive:

Name	Points on New Members	Points on Div. Increase	Total Points
G. H. Davies, Sulphur	4	29	33
W. T. Griffing, Sulphur	3	21	24
F. L. Ascher, Springfield, Mass.	5	12	17
A. L. Slater, Rochester	6	9	15
R. C. Morris, Houston	5	8	13

## APRIL DISABILITY CLAIMS

Luther Dalby, Little Rock \$ 50.00

P. O. Reilly, Los Angeles 50.00

Kenneth Murphy, Akron 10.00

B. F. Stevens, Syracuse 50.00

J. E. Wharton, Indianapolis 60.00

Beaufort Banta, Indianapolis 35.00

Richard Pugh, Chicago No. 1 5.00

Walter Cunningham, Kansas City 35.00

\*Albert Lazar, Bronx 100.00

S. M. Saylor, Reading 5.00

E. B. Kolp, Dallas 50.00

H. C. Wolf, Denver 20.00

\*D. E. Stephen, Evansville 40.00

Thomas Blake, Newark 50.00

\*J. A. Darkis, Louisville 10.00

\*A. L. Timpani, Providence 15.00

\*E. A. Hauwiler, St. Paul-Minn. 5.00

M. V. Maynard, Cleveland 105.00

A. V. Diot, Waterbury 15.00

Clarence Gruber, St. Paul-Minn. 20.00

Kermit Thomas, Little Rock 50.00

Morris Seltzer, St. Louis 50.00

J. A. Eads, Little Rock 50.00

Ernest Rezzani, Springfield, Mass. 50.00

\*J. E. Kremer, Holyoke 45.00

\*M. Constantine, Bangor 75.00

\*J. H. Becton, Memphis 25.00

W. L. Cranford, Memphis 10.00

B. E. Neathery, Sulphur 50.00

P. O. Reilly, Los Angeles 200.00

H. E. Hartzell, Wilkinsburg 35.00

B. L. Otten, Sioux Falls 35.00

D. C. Logan, Birmingham 20.00

W. J. Jones, Lewiston 30.00

Ralph Bychman, Boston 10.00

\*C. J. Abbott, Fort Worth 30.00

\*J. H. Becton, Memphis 5.00

J. B. Arnold, Columbus 40.00

D. H. Surber, Cincinnati 10.00

W. J. Riberdy, Detroit 15.00

\*L. K. Frank, Wilkinsburg 125.00

\*L. F. Dykes, Birmingham 10.00

\*G. W. Simmons, Chicago No. 1 15.00

\*F. J. DiAmbrose, Waterbury 10.00

\*T. J. Corcoran, Saginaw 30.00

\*R. V. Newton, Hartford 25.00

\*A. N. Olsen, Manhattan 175.00

C. L. McLaughlin, Toronto 30.00

H. E. Rager, Johnstown 50.00

J. Levy, Brooklyn 50.00

R. H. Payne, Dallas 10.00

M. M. Hudson, Dallas 50.00

J. H. Breden, Jr., Brooklyn 15.00

Edward Bahr, Brooklyn 50.00

S. J. Juillet, Flint 45.00

F. E. Whitney, Flint 10.00

J. H. Davidson, Washington 20.00

J. J. DiNatale, Rochester 20.00

J. W. Stallings, Atlanta 25.00

J. J. Weisheipl, Milwaukee 15.00

J. A. Maynard, Flint 15.00

\*Hyman Rubenstein, Brooklyn 15.00

\*G. F. Wilds, Huntington 20.00

\*G. C. Burcham, Huntington 50.00

\*J. S. Stark, Brooklyn 15.00

\*L. L. Williams, Rochester 50.00

\*W. S. Smith, Dallas 75.00

C. H. Toxword, Omaha 20.00

Harry Kurz, Manhattan 125.00

J. E. Lynch, Cincinnati 50.00

Erik Engh, St. Paul-Minn. 10.00

F. H. Cox, Charlotte 10.00

\*Angelo Galasso, Boston 75.00

Kermit Thomas, Little Rock 75.00

O. K. Price, Baltimore 50.00

C. R. Green, Pittsburgh 30.00

Joe Modar, Seattle 40.00

Total for the month.....\$3,070.00

\*Denotes accident claims.

## ENGAGEMENTS

Edwin Hazel, Omaha, Nebr., and Irene Schifino, Pittsburgh, Pa.

William Schurman and Lillian Moshenberg, both of Brooklyn, N. Y.

Thomas Finnegan, Jr., Somerville, Mass., and Nora Bonci, West Bolyton, Mass.

Benjamin Goodstein, Brooklyn, N. Y., and Rose Friedman, New York, N. Y.

Abraham Wirshberg, Brooklyn, N. Y., and Flora Christoffers, New York, N. Y.



## FINANCES

DIVISION COLLECTIONS FOR  
APRIL

Grand Division	\$ 9.50
Chicago Division No. 1	348.83
Detroit	283.98
Saginaw	21.63
Louisville	44.12
Little Rock	125.17
Dayton	38.18
Bay City	3.00
Cincinnati	133.52
Evansville	4.67
Nashville	18.33
Springfield, O.	.97
Olathe	96.77
Flint	131.61
Toledo	94.31
Milwaukee	180.43
Columbus	84.58
Knoxville	24.03
Cleveland	102.89
Indianapolis	159.49
Brooklyn	472.42
St. Louis	280.08
New Haven	38.00
Holyoke	24.56
Los Angeles	286.46
Atlanta	116.65
Philadelphia	220.59
Kansas City	127.90
Omaha	88.22
New Orleans	45.19
Kalamazoo	35.14
Boston	230.11
Pittsburgh	97.28
Hartford	57.96
Memphis	66.43
Portland, Me.	26.59
Buffalo	97.13
Portland, Ore.	125.99
Newark	95.14
Providence	53.44
Seattle	120.31
Utica	92.82
Washington	75.79
Baltimore	85.24
Syracuse	91.75
Cedar Rapids	75.90
Huntington	
Albany	64.21
Rochester	108.92
San Francisco	160.58
Reading	81.38
Akron	215.91
Salt Lake City (March)	85.82
Salt Lake City (April)	32.99
Rockford	63.81
Springfield, Ill.	35.32
Davenport	68.81
Worcester	23.88
St. Paul-Minneapolis	107.84
Fort Worth	75.37
Dallas	155.04
Denver	81.75
Waterbury	24.66
Springfield, Mass.	55.65
Waco	115.17
Bangor	13.29
Kenosha	51.79
Birmingham	42.79
Sioux Falls	62.36
Wichita	26.26
Spokane	51.30
Des Moines	52.05
Lowell	33.90
Berkeley	24.80
Delavan	66.54
Houston	94.97
Scranton	34.83
Richmond	79.59
Johnstown	15.77
Manhattan	330.95
Jacksonville	102.85
Lewiston	15.19
Peoria	16.59
Jersey City	73.38
Bronx	116.94
Columbia	45.67
Charlotte	61.00
Durham	60.68
Dubuque	13.21
Grand Rapids	38.52
Toronto	205.06
Duluth	11.17
Canton	37.80
Faribault	26.22
South Bend	20.26
Council Bluffs	20.87
Fort Wayne	19.50
Schenectady	10.66
Chicago No. 106	115.05
Miami	38.90
Binghamton	11.97
Wilkinsburg	61.91
San Diego	8.76
Eau Claire	43.96
Sulphur	66.42

Total Collections .....\$8,817.94

TREASURER'S STATEMENT FOR  
APRIL, 1931

## Balance and Income

Balance, March 31, 1931	\$1,432,039.75
Division collections	8,817.94
Interest, mortgage loans	6,828.96
Interest, bonds	1,862.50
Interest, banks	43.55
Lodge supplies	7.70
Recording and registry fees	14.25
Subscriptions to FRAT	3.60
Advertisements in FRAT	4.50
Surety bond premiums	4.97
Exchange on checks	1.70
Sundry supplies	1.40

Total balance and income.....\$1,449,630.82

## Disbursements

Death benefits	\$ 6,338.00
Sick benefits	2,020.00
Accident benefits	1,050.00
Old Age Income payment	4.06
Refund of dues	3.28
Salaries	370.83
Services	655.00
Official publication	363.73
Rent	250.00
Office expenses	81.01
Postage	43.50
Printing & Stationery	26.28
Officers' expenses	4.30

Total disbursements .....\$ 11,209.99

## Recapitulation

Balance and income	\$1,449,630.82
Disbursements	11,209.99

Balance April 30, 1931.....\$1,438,420.83

## TRUSTEES' REPORT

## Ledger Assets, April 30, 1931

Real Estate	\$ 11,000.00
Mortgage loans	1,158,410.00
First mortgage bonds	222,915.31
U. S. Liberty bonds	15,000.00
Canadian bonds	10,996.38
Cash in banks:	
Central Trust	9,727.24
Continental Illinois Bank and Trust Co.	1,891.41
Bank of Montreal	8,020.53
Sec'y-Treasurer's cash	459.96

Total ledger assets.....\$1,438,420.83

## Balances in Funds

Reserve fund	\$1,251,262.49
Mortuary fund	32,086.54
Sick and Accident fund	99,254.10
Accumulated interest	28,990.32
Convention fund	15,092.78
Organizing fund	1,794.91
General expense fund	9,939.69

Total in all funds.....\$1,438,420.83

## Investments

In April, maturities amounted to \$2,390 and the Society made deposit of \$5,000 on the purchase of a first mortgage.

## OBITUARY

HOWARD S. WHITELEY, 49, of Atlanta Division No. 28, died April 19, 1931. He joined the Society July 1, 1921, and held certificate No. 1102.

KARL W. LONGNICKEL, 27, of Kansas City Division No. 31, died April 24, 1931. He joined the Society March 1, 1927, and held certificate No. 8158.

JAMES H. DAVIDSON, 33, of Washington Division No. 46, died April 25, 1931. He joined the Society April 1, 1922, and held certificate No. 6107.

HENRY DAHL, 72, of Los Angeles Division No. 27, died April 27, 1931. He joined the Society October 1, 1912, and held certificate No. 1398.

PATRICK O'BRIEN, 51, of Philadelphia Division No. 30, died April 27, 1931. He joined the Society August 1, 1911, and held certificate No. 1187.

JOHN J. STIGLIABOTTI, 34, of Brooklyn Division No. 23, died April 28, 1931. He joined the Society June 1, 1918, and held certificate No. 4008.

ROBERT E. LINES, 64, of Portland, Oregon, Division No. 41, died May 6, 1931. He joined the Society October 1, 1912, and held certificate No. 1152.

GEORGE S. PORTER, 69, of Newark Division No. 42, died May 8, 1931. He joined the Society December 9, 1907, and held certificate No. 502.

JAMES H. GIBNEY, 76, of Chicago Division No. 1, died May 17, 1931. He joined the Society March 1, 1908, and held certificate No. 219.

## RESOLUTIONS

## JOHN J. STIGLIABOTTI

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom removed from our midst our friend and brother, JOHN J. STIGLIABOTTI, President of Brooklyn Division, No. 23, N. F. S. D., on the 28th day of April, 1931; and

WHEREAS, President Stigliabotti by his cheerfulness, his helpfulness and his thoughtfulness during his thirteen years of membership, had endeared himself to all of us who had the good fortune to know him; and

WHEREAS, By his untimely death Brooklyn Division has lost a worthy friend and leader and the N. F. S. D. a staunch and loyal member; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the officers and members of Brooklyn Division, No. 23, N. F. S. D., extend to the immediate members of his family our heartfelt sympathy in their great loss, realizing the passing away of one so dear to them is an occasion of great sorrow; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the family of Brother Stigliabotti; a copy spread on the minutes of the Division; a copy forwarded to THE FRAT, The Deaf-Mutes' Journal, The Oaks, and The Catholic Deaf-Mute for insertion in these publications.—THOMAS J. COSGROVE, NICHOLAS J. McDERMOTT, BENJAMIN FRIEDWALD, HYACINTH DRAMIS, JOSEPH L. CALL, Committee.

## FRANK E. INGRAHAM

WHEREAS, God in His infinite wisdom has removed from our midst our brother, Frank E. Ingraham; and

WHEREAS, Brother Ingraham was a valued and beloved member of Dayton Division No. 8, one who was ever an active worker for his brother members; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That in his death we have sustained a great loss, but we bow our heads in submission to the Creator of all who knoweth best;

RESOLVED, That we extend to his family and loved ones our sincere sympathy in their sorrow; and be it further

RESOLVED, That our charter be draped in mourning for a period of thirty days in his memory, and that these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of our Division, a copy sent to his family, and copies sent to The American Deaf Citizen, The Ohio Chronicle, and THE FRAT for publication.—R. M. BLACK, R. B. CONKLING, JACKSON BATES, Committee.

## THE GET-ONE DEGREE

Abbott, C. J., Ft. Worth.  
Anderson, G. M., Rockford.  
Ascher, F. L., Springfield, Mass.  
Bell, E. L., Little Rock.  
Brantley, F. H., Kansas City.  
Davies, G. H., Sulphur.  
Dembo, B., Brooklyn.  
Ferguson, G. J., Washington.  
Haffer, C. A., Scranton.  
Hinch, A. M., Detroit.  
King, R. J., Toledo.  
Kriegshaber, J., Brooklyn.  
Ross, W. D. (3), Cincinnati.  
Shanahan, F. B., Toledo.  
Slater, A. L. (3), Rochester.  
Tolpa, John, Holyoke.  
Van Eman, A. O., Portland, Ore.  
Werner, Leo, Manhattan.

## NEW MEMBERS

Little Rock—Claude Jernigan.  
Cincinnati—Lester Harry, George Casey, Oscar Landers.  
Toledo—Edward Jaworski, Edward Knowles.  
Brooklyn—Louis Cohen, Herbert Koblenz.  
St. Louis—John Maupin.  
Holyoke—Raphael Marcoulier.  
Kansas City—John Aleshire.  
Boston—Harry Rosenstein.  
Portland, Ore.—Francis Brickley.  
Washington—John Craven.  
Rochester—Edward Oliver, Charles Ziegler, Frank Messenger.  
Rockford—Ralph Busjahn.  
Ft. Worth—Pinckney Sitton.  
Scranton—John Irion.  
Manhattan—Harry Moskowitz.  
Sulphur—Samuel Smith.

*A MAN may be as young as he feels, but not as important.*





### BOSTON LOCAL COMMITTEE

These are the Boston Fraters who have been busy the past four years arranging things so you will have a great time in The Hub July 20-25. They are ready for you.

### INTRODUCING THE BOSTON CONVENTION LOCAL COMMITTEE

**ALLEN B. (BALDY) MEACHAM.** Born somewhere up in the hills of Vermont sixty-nine years ago. Graduate of the American School at Hartford. Member of the N. F. S. D. for sixteen years and still going strong. Nicknamed "Baldy" because he lost all his hair while working out his hobby, cross word puzzles. Says he has passed the age of foolishness and has no favorite sport. Is married and has a son attending Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

**JOHN (ROOKEY) O'ROURKE.** Born sixty-one years ago in Washington, D. C. Graduate of Kendall school, Washington, D. C. Attended Gallaudet College three years. Member of the N. F. S. D. for sixteen years. Hobby, travelling. Favorite sports, baseball and hockey.

**J. D. (UNCLE DAN) NICHOLS.** Born sixty-nine years ago in Lynn, Mass. Attended public schools and is a graduate of Clarke School. Married. Superintendent of New England Home for the Deaf. Hobby, working for betterment of the Home. Favorite sport,

flying racing pigeons. Social member of the N. F. S. D. for about ten years.

**THOMAS M. (RAINY-DAY) CRYAN.** Born fifty years ago in Manchester, England. Attended Clarke school. Married. The only "furriner" on the committee. Hobby, gasoline motors. Favorite sport, sailing yachts. Member of the N. F. S. D. for nineteen years. Treasurer of Convention committee.

**REV. J. STANLEY LIGHT.** Born thirty-six years ago at Neponset, Mass. Graduate of Horace Mann school, Polytechnic School, Dorchester High School, Gallaudet College. Also attended Episcopal Theological Seminary, Cambridge, Mass. Member of the N. F. S. D. for ten years. Has no hobby. Favorite sport, football. Single.

**DANIEL MCGREGOR (SCOTTY) CAMERON.** Born at Scotch Hill, Pictou, Nova Scotia, fifty-five years ago. Married and a granddaddy. Attended School for the Deaf, Halifax, N. S. Member of the N. F. S. D. for nineteen years. Hobby, reading. Favorite sport, ice hockey.

**CHESTER W. (BALDY) HEEGER.** Born in Boston thirty-six years ago. Graduate of Horace Mann school. Four years a member of the N. F. S. D. Unmarried, but not hopeless. Hobby, travel. Favorite sports, baseball and football.

**ARTHUR A. (ARTIE) SINCLAIR.** Born fifty years ago at West Rutland, Vermont. Graduate of American school. Member of N. F. S. D. for nineteen years. Married and three times a granddaddy. Hobby, doing odd jobs. Favorite sports, baseball and football.

**JAMES L. McDONALD.** Graduate of American school. Confesses to going through life without a nickname. Been a member of the N. F. S. D. for six years. Married. Hobby, books. Favorite sports, wrestling and football. The kid of the committee, twenty-eight years old. Short on years, but long on brains.

**WILLIAM H. (BATTY) BATTERSBY.** Born thirty-seven years ago at Lowell, Mass. Attended public schools until twelve years old. Graduate of Clarke school. Married. Member of N. F. S. D. for sixteen years. Hobby, books. Favorite sports, baseball, football, and boxing.

**WILLIAM (BILL) GARLAND.** Born thirty-one years ago at Lowell, Mass. Attended St. Joseph's Institute, Westchester, New York City. Member of the N. F. S. D. for eleven years. Hobby, travelling. Favorite sport, ice skating. Married. Member of budget committee.

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under life's great tent; the  
only way to enjoy the show is  
to pay your own way.





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\$1,438,420.83.

All eyes will be turned Bostonward July 20-25.

Hard times, it is said, will reduce the attendance at the convention. We think the opposite may prove true. Last year, Buffalo could not have drawn three thousand strong without the slackening in industry at that time, giving opportunity for diversion.

BATTERSBY BUSILY BULLETINS the good times in store for you at The Hub July 20-25. As chairman of the Convention Local committee, he knows what he is talking about.

In this issue is a group cut of the Boston Local committee. Take a good look at the handsome men who are valiantly upholding the traditions of the Old Bay State. Solid, substantial looking citizens all, who should inspire confidence in the success of the Boston convention from an entertainment standpoint.

Washington Division recently ushered into the Society seven members of this year's senior class at Gallaudet College. All have been leaders in activities on Kendall Green. We hope they will all prove leaders in the larger sphere of life they are about to enter, not forgetting the Society and the opportunities for good work it offers them.

Announcement is made in this issue of the Chicago special train to Boston. Those delegates and visitors who are routed through Chicago will go on

this special, as will others from connecting points east. The Commodore Vanderbilt, of which the special will run as the second section is the crack Chicago-Boston train on the New York Central Lines, and provides every traveling comfort without extra fare. In order that the Home Office may know how many cars will be needed, all those going on this train should let us know well in advance.

DALLAS advertised its desire for the 1935 convention with a modest announcement of its claims for recognition.

HOUSTON promptly countered with a four-inch double column display, setting forth its advantages as a convention city.

KANSAS CITY has a full column ten-inch spread in this issue, and purposes to give its Southern rivals a run for their money.

The race for convention honors will be worth watching. We are preparing for a deluge of oratory, samples, advertising matter, buttonholers who will insist on our voting for their particular city. We are resigned to the inevitable. But it is encouraging to note the keen interest taken by these contesting cities in winning the next convention. Our conventions are worth having, albeit the entertainment features take a lot of work on the part of the home folks.

#### JULY AND AUGUST FRATS

It is greatly desired that all matter for publication in THE FRAT for the month of July be sent in on or before the tenth of June, so the July issue may be made up and out of the way in the latter part of June.

It is planned to issue the August number within a few days following adjournment of the Boston convention on July 25. It will contain an account of the doings at The Hub, a full transcript of the convention proceedings, and other matter. That is, our readers will get the convention news "hot off the bat" instead of from cold storage a month or so later.

In order to do this, and considering other work devolving upon the Home Office staff in connection with preparations for the convention, it will be necessary to advance by a week or so the publication date of the July issue. Matter for the August issue, aside from convention proceedings, etc., will be in type and ready by the twentieth of July. Convention matter will be dispatched to the printers daily from Boston, and when the convention adjourns the August issue will be ready for printing and distribution.

Therefore, send in all matter for the July issue by the tenth of June, and all matter for the August issue by the tenth of July. The tenth is the dead

line, but a number of correspondents have ignored this and sent in contributions sometimes as late as the twentieth of the month.

Help us put over a "fast one" with the August FRAT. It will be for your benefit.

#### LAW AMENDMENTS

The Grand Division Law committee presents in this issue a brief of suggested amendments for adoption at the Boston convention.

A number of amendments submitted through Divisions were found unacceptable, being incompatible with the interests of the Society as a whole, or contrary to State laws governing fraternals. Those submitted by the Home Office are necessary amendments, indicated by experience during the past few years.

While extensive tinkering with our laws is never advisable, still some changes are generally found necessary during the quadrennial period between conventions. Experience develops weaknesses that must be remedied, changing conditions over a period of years make some laws obsolete, and new laws are necessary to meet changed conditions.

On the whole, each succeeding convention has shown a steadily diminishing number of suggested changes, as our laws gradually have been perfected. But no Society can stand still. Each convention must to some extent revise our laws, to keep abreast of the times.

Delegates to Boston will do well to study the proposed amendments in advance, so that the work of the convention may be disposed of with dispatch.

#### CHAIN LETTERS

Every now and then some misguided individual sends us a chain letter with instructions to make copies and send to people we know.

If we fail to follow instructions, dire calamity is sure to befall us, we are told.

These letters are often voluminous. One such recently consisted of two large sheets completely covered with close writing. We were told to make nine exact copies and send them to nine friends. Our nine friends were to make nine copies each and send to nine friends. The heavens would fall, the world would come to an end, unless we did it promptly and urged our nine suffering friends to be faithful also.

We did not feel like inflicting such hardship upon our friends, and we did not have time to copy the effusion nine times, or even once.

Chain letters are a nuisance. We serve notice that none will be given attention here. We have a capacious waste basket, yawning for just such time consuming inventions.



## DIVISION NOTES

### COMING DIVISION EVENTS

#### June

6. Party	Des Moines
6. Frolic	Council Bluffs
6. Movie	San Diego
6-7. Picnic	Olathe
7. Picnic	Lewiston
7. Picnic	St. Louis
7. Picnic	Wichita
13. Aux-Frat social	Boston
13. Shirtwaist party	Chicago No. 1
13. Strawberry festival	Lowell
13. Indoor golf	Schenectady
14. Picnic	South Bend
14. Picnic	Detroit
16. Delegate party	Houston
16. Initiation	Toronto
20. Social	Denver
20. Strawberry festival	Pittsburgh
20. Picnic	Chicago No. 106
20. Theatrical-supper	Davenport
20. Field day	Utica
20. Boat excursion	Washington
21. Picnic	Davenport
21. Picnic	Rockford
21. Picnic	Canton
27. Movies	Springfield, Mass.
27. Festival	Scranton
27. Hay ride	Richmond
27. Indoor circus	Binghamton
28. Picnic	Syracuse
28. Picnic	Fort Wayne

#### July

4. Picnic	Boston
4. Picnic	Kansas City
4. Picnic	Indianapolis
4. Picnic	Los Angeles
4. Outing	Baltimore
4. Picnic	Cedar Rapids
4. Picnic	South Bend
4-5. Outing	Cincinnati
12. Picnic	St. Paul-Minneapolis
18. Picnic	Chicago No. 1
18. Party	Binghamton
19. Picnic	Louisville
21. Party	Houston

#### August

1. Picnic	Bronx
2. Picnic	Toledo
2. Picnic	Milwaukee
9. Picnic	Faribault

### CHICAGO No. 1

By C. B. Kemp

The change in meeting night from the first Tuesday to the first Friday appears to have met with general approval, and attendance at the last meeting was slightly above the average, and we look for still further improvement as time goes on and the members become more familiar with the date. Quite a few "forgot" the change, and so failed to show up at the last meeting. The meeting itself was short, one of the shortest we have had in a long time, about the only business being routine matters. But the time was spent pleasantly visiting and watching the Auxiliary giving Hoyle points and beating him at "500."

This month will see the close of the Division's series of card parties. Next month the chief affair will be a shirt waist dance, and then ho, for the great outdoors! This dance, on June 13, is going to be the last word in such affairs. All the world and his wife are going to be there. Don't miss it. The proceeds of the dance will be used to help unemployed members keep up their dues payments. In this regard we are glad to note that the number of applications for relief have materially diminished, indicating some improvement in employment. But there are still a good many out of work or working only part time, and so needing our help.

Plans for our annual picnic are well under way, with Lester Hagemeyer heading the committee in charge. The date chosen is July 18, and was selected in the hope that we might thus help headquarters entertain Boston-bound delegates and visitors who make the trip via Chicago. The place, Polonia Grove, is familiar to all Chicagoans, as several picnics have been held there in the past. It is planned to have the Division supply guides for the visitors to and from the grove, and about the city.

An increasing number of Chicagoans are planning on making the Boston trip, either by rail or by private auto parties. There would be a lot more if work conditions were better. But those who do go will surely have one grand time, judging from the program in last month's FRAT.

Recent visitors at headquarters were L. J. Gunckle, Versailles, O., S. R. Burns, Jacksonville, Ill., L. R. Spangler, Centralia, Ill., Mrs. George Leavitt, Peoria, Ill., Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Francis, Rochester, N. Y., Grand President F. J. Neesam, Delavan, Wis., R. F. Marshall, Sidney, O., R. B. Conkling, Versailles, O.

### KANSAS CITY

By F. W. Rebal

This metropolis, where the east ends and the west begins, has decided to toss in its hat for the 1935 convention. The vote was unanimous, so our delegate is instructed to submit Kansas City's candidacy. Olathe Division, only a stone's throw away, has promised the cooperation of its delegate. And in addition we have the backing of Kansas City's Chamber of Commerce. The last republican national convention was held here, and in 1922 we were hosts to the American Legion convention, so we claim to know something about entertaining. It has truthfully been said of Kansas City that "it blends the culture of the east, the vision of the west, the energy of the north, and the hospitality of the south."

Frank Herrig, chairman of our July Fourth picnic has announced that Budd Park is the place where we may bring our firecrackers on that day. He desires all to be there early in the morning, and plans to have us spend the late evening at one of the local amusement parks. Don't bother about bringing a lunch basket, as plenty of eats will be on sale. There will be baseball games, and even a hog-calling contest for the outside farmers.

At our last meeting we had Edward Foltz, Alfred Kent and Chauncey Laughlin of Olathe Division as visitors. We were glad to welcome them, and hope some of us may repay the visit shortly.

Fred Brantley, who transferred here from Olathe Division not long ago, was the winner of the Division's Get-One honors this month. His capture was John Aleshire of this city.

The Division extends its heart-

felt sympathy to the family of Karl Longnickel, who passed away on April 24.

### SCRANTON

By H. B. Young

The Division is the possessor of a handsome half-life-size photo of the late Grand President Gibson, the work of Brother Pach, who is to be congratulated on such a wonderful likeness. It is planned to hold unveiling ceremonies at the June meeting. We think, somehow, that "Gib's" face, looking down on us during our meetings, will give us all an increased incentive to carry on.

A neat sum was realized from our April social. Another social is planned for May 23, and then comes our big night on June 27. We advise the ladies to doll up as pretty as they can at this party, as a beauty contest will be among the many events planned. Instead of holding the affair in our usual place, we will hold it in the Green Ridge Bank hall. Out of town friends please note the change, and local friends please pass the word along. Let's all unite to make the event one long to be remembered in Scranton Frat circles.

If talk means anything, Scranton will be well represented at the big convention in the baked bean town. Interest in a convention has never before been at such fever heat, locally, at least. It looks as if the Boston convention would break all records for attendance. The more the merrier, say we, and it will be good publicity for the N. F. S. D. and the deaf in general.

The Binghamton Silents came down to Scranton on May 2 for a bowling match with the local team, and sad to relate, they took home the laurels, the score being 689 to 618 in their favor. The local team will go to Binghamton on May 16 for a return match, which they hope will have a different result. On April 9 a group of Frats and their women folk surprised Division Treasurer Barrett, and helped him celebrate his 34th birthday. Cards and other party games occupied the evening, which was brought to a close with a delicious repast served by Mrs. Barrett.

Our sergeant-at-arms, C. A. Hafler, has been all smiles lately, and passing out the Havanas with generous hand. It's an 8-pound boy. Congratulations.

An item of interest appeared in a local paper recently. It seems that our friends, Rev. Brother and Mrs. Koehler, have been remodeling their home. The article in question commented on the various improvements, a disappearing stairway leading to a spacious attic exciting considerable interest. We congratulate our friends on being the owners of one of the most modern of suburban homes.

### PORTLAND, ORE.

By H. P. Nelson

The members of No. 41 were given a grand time on Saturday night, April 18. The occasion was a Division



smoker, and Miles Sanders, who had the affair in charge, acquitted himself well.

Rev. Brother F. C. Smielau of Columbus, O., president of the N. A. D., was a visitor in Portland on April 29 and 30. A crowd of over 100 turned out to meet him at the Y. M. C. A. on the 29th, and he was given a late hour reception at Brother Nelson's home afterwards. The next day Mrs. Reichle showed him around until he left with Superintendent Sneed for a visit to the Salem School for the Deaf, where he addressed the pupils. He left later for California points.

Two of our Vancouver members are receiving the congratulations of their friends—John Wondrack on the advent of a baby girl on April 11, and Edwin McNeal on his marriage to Miss Rarra Nutter of Naches, Wash.

Several of our members have been laid up recently, from one cause or another. Brother Craven was struck in the ribs by a block of wood at his place of employment, but not seriously hurt; Brother Easterbrook is again sick, but nothing serious; Brother Lines, we regret to hear, had to be taken back to the hospital after a few days at his home. His condition is very grave, but we have hopes of his recovery. And we hear that the wife of Brother Lindstrom of Salem was recently badly injured when struck by an electric train, but it is not thought that her injuries will prove fatal, which will be good news to her friends in Portland and Salem, where she is loved by all who know her.

Brother Van Eman is back from Los Angeles, and we are glad to see his smiling face at our meetings. We extend him our sympathy in the death of his sister, Mrs. Casstell, which occurred in Los Angeles.

## BOSTON

*By A. A. Sinclair*

Hubward, July 20-25, 1931.

Hotel Statler, headquarters.

Regarding my remarks about Dallas and the 1935 convention in last month's issue, I wish to say that I meant that I, personally, promised to stand by Brother Hill in his efforts to cop the convention for Dallas. This does not bind Boston Division in any way, and it has not instructed its delegate to support any place in particular, but left him free to vote as he sees fit.

The Division's annual picnic will be held at Riverbank, Danvers, on Saturday, July 4, as usual. This is the place where the home for aged deaf is located, which should prove an added attraction. It will be the last picnic prior to the convention, under the management of the committee, and will also be their last effort in raising funds for convention expenses. So do your share by attending. There will be plenty of athletic games, also refreshments of ice cream and tonics. To lessen the rush at convention time, those attending the picnic will be given

an opportunity to register and get their convention badge on the picnic grounds. Get yours then.

The penny sale after our May meeting was a big success, due to the good work of Brothers Pike and Heeger, and the hearty cooperation of the members and our lady friends. A neat sum was added to the convention fund. Thanks.

## SOUTH BEND

*By R. H. Rhoads*

The delegate party given on May 9 after our regular meeting was a greater success than we had even dared dream of. It was all the more remarkable because weather conditions were anything but comfortable. Bunco was the chief attraction, and Mrs. Clarissa Smallidge of Battle Creek and Miss Iva Van Dyke of Kalamazoo carried off the honors. Various other games were played, adding to the amusement of the evening. Not a little of the success of the evening was due to the presence of a goodly number of our Michigan friends from Kalamazoo, Battle Creek, St. Joseph and other places, some from as far north as Flint. We appreciate their friendliness very much. It is up to us to reciprocate, and we will have the chance on June 6, when Kalamazoo Frats put on their movie show. And don't forget that their Division meeting will begin at 6 o'clock. Be on hand early, with your due card.

The picnic planned for June 14 has been postponed until July 4. It will be held at the place originally chosen, Potawatomi Park, on Mishawaka Ave., near the plant of the South Bend Watch Co. The committee is rapidly getting things in shape for your pleasure on that day. Lunch baskets will be in order, as no eatables will be sold by the committee. However, ice cream and lemonade will be dispensed, and hot coffee. Numerous games and contests will be staged for the amusement of the crowd. Plan now to spend the national holiday week-end in our world-famed city.

Business conditions here continue to be poor, but most of our members are working, at least part time. We are still helping a few keep up their dues payments until they get work.

## TORONTO

*By C. L. McLaughlin*

That our members are carrying on has been made evident by the way in which they have boosted our relief fund by their cooperation at social affairs and in other ways. The fund thus raised has helped us greatly in aiding needy members during this country-wide depression. An euchre party was the latest effort in this direction, and the officers who had charge were warmly commended for its success.

While attendance at our monthly meetings has been fairly good, it is regrettable that there are certain members who are lax in attending regularly. These latter are earnestly

urged to come regularly, and not just once in a while, as has been their habit. Both they and the Division will be the gainers.

Through the kindness and generosity of Mr. Fetterly, Superintendent of the school at Belleville, the initiation ceremonies to be held by the Division in conjunction with the O. A. D. convention, June 13 and 17, will be held in the assembly rooms of the school. All of the Ontario non-resident members are urged to attend the ceremony, and face the goat, if they have not already done so.

The Division extends its congratulations to Brother and Mrs. Charles Hart of Montreal. It's twins, a boy and a girl.

## SEATTLE

*By A. W. Wright*

"The date of the convention draws nigh," said Brother Bill Root at the May meeting, "and it is time to talk of this and that and many things." And after some discussion, all in favor, and none opposing, the Division proceeded to endorse A. L. Roberts for Grand President, and C. B. Kemp for Secretary-Treasurer.

Last summer young Milton Morrison of Tacoma was admitted to membership, but for some reason did not keep up his dues payments, and was dropped in March. Last month he succumbed to an attack of pneumonia. One can never tell.

The above reminds us of the epidemic of accidents and sickness that has settled over some of our members lately. But protected by their paid-up-to-date due cards, they suffered little loss. It will be a very, very sad story for some others who habitually let their dues lag behind, should any such affliction overtake them.

Rev. Brother Smielau, elected president of the N. A. D. at Buffalo last year, passed through Seattle on April 29 on his way to California. Brothers Hanson and Sanders met him at the depot and whisked him around the lake boulevard for a glimpse of Seattle's beauties, during the two hours' wait between trains, when he went on his way southward.

The Portland-Seattle Half Way Picnic committee this year is headed by Ed. Martin, with Brothers Bradbury, Scanlon and Wright assisting.

## BUFFALO

*By A. E. Ode*

A goodly number of brothers from Buffalo and Rochester Divisions attended and enjoyed the supper and card social given by the Kicuwa Club on April 25. About 125 attended. The supper was delicious. Bridge, "500"

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and pedro were played. There are only 10 members in the Kicuwa Club, but they are all workers. Both the deaf and the hearing enjoy attending their social affairs.

Buffalo Division is planning to send alternates Robert Heacock to the Boston convention with delegate James J. Coughlin.

### MILWAUKEE

*By Samuel Sutter*

On April 25 the Division held a smoker and initiation under the able management of Arthur Leisman. The following members had their education completed: George H. Rubin, William F. McGill, Leonard F. Weiss, Emery Averill, Charles A. Rolfson, Edward Arnold and Max Lewis. After the ceremonies, refreshments were served. Visitors included Grand President Neesam, Percy Goff and Duncan A. Cameron of Delavan, and William J. O'Neil of Kenosha Division.

We recently gained two new members by the transfer route. Stanley Osburn transferred from Kenosha Division, and Raymond Fiedler from St. Paul-Minneapolis Division. But our net gain was only one, as Guy M. Anderson took out a transfer to Rockford Division.

Don't forget our picnic date—or the place. August 2 is the date, and Fernwood Grove the place. We will look for you.

### HARTFORD

*By H. V. Jarvis*

Boston, July 20-25. Then Hartford, the cradle of American education of the deaf. To many this will be the last and only chance, perhaps. Let me urge you to make the most of it. We will make you welcome.

Troy Hill of Texas may think he is superior to all deafdom at golf. Just wait till you hit Boston, Brother. You will meet your master. We have him here in Hartford. James A. Sullivan is his name, and our bank roll is on him.

Henry Spring, Division deputy, is busy scouring around for new members. He has seven who have agreed to sign up as soon as they get jobs. They are all young fellows, too, just the kind we need. All of us should get behind Deputy Spring and help him round up every eligible in our territory. They will thank us some day.

Chairman Szopa has something up his sleeve for our annual October affair, and has announced the date, October 24. From now on, watch THE FRAT for information about it.

On April 18 a bunch of 41 gathered at the home of Rene Lacasse for a whist social. Proceeds were for the delegate fund.

### KALAMAZOO

*By Daniel Tellier*

After a short business meeting on May 2, we held a bunco and "500" social. A good crowd was present, and a snug sum realized. Well-earned

praise was bestowed upon chairman J. J. Burnett and his committee.

Brothers Smallidge and Stevens of Battle Creek are planning to rent a cottage at Gull Lake for the summer. It is about 20 minutes ride from the city, and they will have their fill of boating, bathing and fishing, to say nothing of fish dinners every day. If commuting back and forth to work does not prove too irksome, they may remain there until fall.

A bunch from Kalamazoo and another from Flint motored to Lansing to attend a lecture by J. C. Howard, on a recent Saturday night.

We regret to learn that Harley Fairchild of Jackson recently met with a painful accident in his workshop. One of his toes was so badly crushed that it may be necessary to amputate it.

### CLEVELAND

*By Herman Koelle*

The "New Location" social held on April 25 at McCaskey's hall in Lakewood was a big success, and was attended by the largest crowd we have had in years. It was all due to the efforts of Chairman Richardson and his helpers.

Elmer Rosenmund of this city was quietly married here on April 29 to Miss Bertha Ruckman of Martin's Ferry, O. Their friends join in congratulating them, and wish them all the happiness this world can afford.

Fred Foster came all the way from Painesville to attend the last meeting.

Harry Hinkle, Division treasurer, took advantage of a two weeks' lay-off to take a motor trip to Detroit for a visit with his mother. Another who was out of town recently was P. D. Munger, who spent the week-end in Elyria visiting his mother. He stopped in to see Harry McCann, and found him in ill health. We all hope that he has a speedy recovery.

### ST. PAUL-MINNEAPOLIS

*By J. J. McNeill*

Rev. Brother F. C. Snielau of Columbus, O., was here on April 25, and gave a fine talk in the Thompson Clubhouse, and the hall was crowded. He certainly knows how to entertain the deaf. He was on his way to the Pacific coast, and stopped here for a little rest and to meet old friends. He is expected to come here again in August to go camping at Crooked Lake for a week or so, as the guest of J. S. S. Bowen and Dr. J. L. Smith.

The picnic committee is working hard to make the next picnic at Lake Nokomis a huge success, and wants everybody to remember the date, July

12. Outside visitors are very welcome. We expect Delegate Jimmy O'Leary of Spokane here by that time, as he intends to spend a couple of weeks here before going on to Boston.

### CEDAR RAPIDS

*By Charles Kinser*

On June 13 there will be an anniversary banquet at Knights of Pythias Hall, 420 First Ave., this city. Everybody is welcome. Make your plans to attend, and write for reservations to Mrs. Ross Murdock, 1207 Fifth Ave., E., Cedar Rapids.

Members are advised that because of the banquet on the 13th, our regular monthly business meeting will be held on the 12th, instead. This will allow us to devote a whole evening to each affair, adding greatly to the pleasure of both.

### ALBANY

*By Robert Patterson*

The Division held a "500" card party at Maccabee Temple on Saturday evening, April 4, under the chairmanship of Ben Mendel. A big crowd turned out, and all thoroughly enjoyed the affair. Refreshments were served. Steefel Bros., clothiers, donated a fine gift, which was much appreciated.

President Charles Morris attended the "Get-Acquainted" social of Manhattan Division on April 18. He enjoyed the affair very much.

Several of our members are planning to go to Springfield, Mass., to attend the Frat Night Club on May 30. We are assured that this entertainment will be the best they have ever had. Secretary F. L. Ascher of that Division was in Albany a few weeks ago, and we enjoyed meeting him.

A Silent Athletic Club was organized here recently. They intend to organize a baseball team, and will challenge hearing teams in this vicinity. The club held a Miniature Golf social at Maccabee Temple on May 2, with a pretty good crowd in attendance. Refreshments were served. It was a very enjoyable affair.

Recent visitors in Albany were Edward Gilmartin of Springfield Division and Rev. J. S. Light of Boston Division. The latter held services at St. Paul's Episcopal Parish House on April 19, with a good attendance.

Several of our members are planning to attend the "Get-Acquainted" social of Schenectady Division on May 9. Also, several are planning on attending the Boston convention.

The Division extends its sympathy to Martin Sloat in the death of his father, who died recently.

### FARIBAULT

*By Toivo Lindholm*

Because of the District Scout Jam-boree to be held at Owatonna, Minn., on May 23, and which about 500 of the boys from the school for the deaf will attend, the date of the school track and field meet and the alumni baseball game, scheduled for that date, has been changed to May 16. Sim-

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ilarly, the date of the Frat supper has been likewise changed to May 16, to accommodate the alumni, Frats and others who may desire to attend the meet.

On August 9 the Division will hold a picnic at French Lake Park. It promises to be a top-notch. Those who stay away will "rue the day they were born."

The Governor has signed a bill which will provide the school for the deaf with an \$80,000 gymnasium. The school has been waiting for such a gymnasium for 11 years.

The school for the deaf Hi-Y club, largest Hi-Y club in the state, was host to the conference of Hi-Y officers of southern Minnesota on April 24 and 25. The attendance was the largest in the history of such conferences. Fine advertising of the good work carried on by the school.

### DUBUQUE

*By W. G. Wright*

Helen Schnoor, daughter of President and Mrs. Schnoor, spent her Easter vacation with her parents here. She is a librarian in Chicago.

Barney Data recently resumed work at the Brunswick factory, and is very glad to be back on the job. His wife's youngest brother, of Dixon, Ill., is visiting them for awhile.

The wife and son of Otto Roth, who have been visiting relatives at Waterloo, Iowa, have returned home. Needless to say, Otto is glad to have them back. He got pretty tired of "bach-ing."

James Dorman is working in Key City, Iowa. W. G. Wright is working as a distributor for a Chicago firm, with Jo Daviess county as his territory.

J. E. Staudacher recently returned home from a business trip to Minnesota.

### LEWISTON

*By H. W. Peterson*

We are proud to have three members of this Division appear in the list of long time employees now running in THE FRAT. Such records are ones they may well feel proud of.

Norman Jackson of Lisbon Center is the latest to be admitted to our Division. Look out, Norman, or the goat'll get you!

It is expected that there will be a record-breaking crowd at the picnic at Brother Young's farm at Buckfield, on Sunday, June 7. Better prepare for a trip there, for the day will be made one to be remembered. Plenty of good times, and good eats. Come on out; you will regret it if you do not.

Well, it won't be long, now! Some of us are looking forward to attending the Boston convention in July with pleasurable anticipations. Delegate Patrick Thibodeau and Alternate Elmer Fogg will surely be among those present. Here's hoping that they not only have a good time, but give a good account of themselves in convention.

### BRONX

*By J. R. Collins*

The Chinatown Night given by the Ladies' Auxiliary on April 25 was the "Cat's Meow." With the assistance of some of the boys of No. 92, to help them out in their first venture, they put over a very creditable performance. The hall was crowded, in spite of inclement weather. The tidy sum they realized was turned over to the Division's relief fund. Thanks, sisters.

The May meeting of the Division, like those of the past few months, was well attended. The members stood in silent attention for a few minutes in memory of John J. Stigliabotti, president of Brooklyn Division, who died recently. "Big John," as he was better known to us, will be sadly missed. He was held in high esteem for his untiring efforts to bring about closer relations between his Division and ours, which has resulted in better attendance at our affairs. We extend our sympathy to Brooklyn Division in its loss.

The strawberry festival scheduled for May 16 has been called off, so as to give the picnic committee more headway in perfecting their plans to make it one of the best picnics in the Division's history. The committee is humming with activity, and the way they are running around, ordering this and that, would make one think that hard times were a bygone thing. The two other Divisions are sending representatives to serve on the committee in welcoming the delegates and visitors expected to be in New York at that time. Particulars of the picnic, with guest tickets, will be sent to all of the Divisions in the near future.

### DENVER

*By H. B. Herbold*

On April 25 we had our annual banquet at Cambor's "Scientific Cook" cafe, with a good attendance. A fine program was run off by the toastmaster, Frank A. Lessley. Following an invocation by Fred Bates, Richard Fraser spoke on "The N. F. S. D." E. W. Simpson followed with "F. P. Gibson"; Joseph Haden, "Denver Division No. 64"; T. Y. Northern, "Boston, 1931"; H. B. Herbold, "The Ladies"; Fred Bates, "Absent Members." Last on the program was "America," rendered by Mrs. R. E. Fraser. It was a very pleasant affair, and one

greatly enjoyed. After the banquet, there were some complaints of "tummy-ache," probably due to over-eating! The committee, composed of F. A. Lessley, F. Bates, R. Fraser, J. Alford and S. Janovick, are to be complimented on their splendid showing. We were glad to have a number of out of town visitors with us at the banquet. They were Brother and Mrs. E. W. Simpson of Canon City, Brother and Mrs. R. F. Brooks, Fort Collins, and Brother and Mrs. Conrad Urbach, Fort Morgan.

The latest member to be admitted to the Division is Joseph Shaner of this city. We expect to admit some more at later meetings, before we turn our billy goat out.

The trout season in Colorado opens May 25, and our local Nimrods are busy getting their tackle in order and refurbishing up their cars for long trips through the mountains. All are looking forward to a grand time.

### CINCINNATI

*By J. M. Shepherd*

At our May meeting we set up a rousing hurrah when the first applications for membership presented this year were put before the members for approval or rejection. They were three in number, and all were admitted. They were Leslie Harry, Oscar Landers and George Casey. A visitor at the meeting was Casper Jacobson of Columbus Division.

Our Fourth of July picnic, announced in last month's issue, has been cancelled for lack of a location in which to hold it. The committee found every known picnic ground engaged for that date, and did not want to engage an unknown and possibly inconvenient place.

John Abrams apparently has no fear of Old Man Depression. He slipped out to Bethel, O., on Sunday, April 19, where he was married to Miss Hazel Halse, daughter of our deceased brother, George W. Halse. He received our congratulations at the meeting.

Arthur Wenner and Albert Bender, who have been out of employment since the failure of the Rebhun Last Works several months ago, have secured positions with the Dayton Last Co. at Dayton, O.

Brothers Howard Weber and Clarence Bender, with their wives, motored

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up to Cleveland on April 25 to attend that Division's social.

Frank Wondrack received a letter from his brother John, in Vancouver, Wash., announcing the advent of a baby girl. Congratulations, John— and share them with the missus.

Everett Rattan of Kansas City Division, a professional wrestler, is in Cincinnati, hoping to win the world's welterweight crown from Jack Reynolds. Brother Rattan is the only man holding two draws with Reynolds. They will have a match in the near future. Here's hoping Brother Rattan wins.

## ROCKFORD

*By B. F. Jackson*

The Division's fifteenth annual picnic will be held at Hononegah Park, where it has been held for the past three years, on June 21. There will be the usual ball game and athletic stunts. The personnel of the committee in charge is sufficient assurance that everybody who attends will get their money's worth in a good time. Here's the list: James J. Boyer, chairman; B. F. Jackson, Roscoe Ehrhart, Tom Herring, Stanley Bondick, Charles Schmidt, Carl Nicklaus, Orville Adleman, Will French and Dan Inman. Tickets are only 10 cents.

Brother and Mrs. Charles Schmidt took advantage of an enforced vacation to visit the former's home in Oglesby, and introduce the little Miss Schmidt to her grandparents.

James Boyer and Carl Nicklaus gave readings on the 2nd, for the benefit of the I. A. D. fund. The former chose a detective story, and the latter a story of the war. Both were of the hair-raising variety, and held the close attention of the audience. Stanley Bondick filled in with an account of the origin of man, giving a discourse that would indicate that Stanley is not a disciple of the Great Commoner.

Great preparations are being made for the 15th triennial convention of the Illinois Association of the Deaf, which will be held in Rockford, July 1 to 4. (See advertisement in THE FRAT and other papers.) The Nelson Hotel has been selected as headquarters, and a very interesting program is being arranged. This will include a reception at the hotel on the 1st, a theatre party on the evening of the 2nd, a banquet on the 3rd, a sight-seeing tour on the forenoon of the 4th, ending up at the Rockford airport, where one of the attractions will be a wedding, in signs, in mid-air. While the happy couple are enjoying a trip over the city, the guests will be driven to Blackhawk Park, where dinner will be served free to all wearing badges, and a picnic enjoyed. In the evening the ladies will be entertained at "500," while the Frats enjoy a smoker. A good attendance is looked for.

Grand President Neesam was the principal speaker at the unveiling of the picture of the late Brother F. P. Gibson on April 11.

## TOLEDO

*By S. G. Henry*

Frank Neal opened the movie show at Kapp Hall on April 19 with light refreshments. The show itself lasted two hours, and was enjoyed by a good crowd. Assisting Chairman Neal were Brothers Leffel, Morehouse, Clinker and Tussing.

Edward Lehman has started a shoe-repairing business in West Toledo, and we hope it proves successful. Our Division now has three members who operate this kind of business, the others being L. E. Clinker and Robert Nathanson.

Frank Shanahan and Richard King won the Get-One honors this month, bringing in one application each. The applications were those of Edward Jaworski and Edward Knowles.

Chairman Hubay announces that the date of our picnic will be August 2. It will be held at Willys Park. Particulars will be announced later in the American Deaf Citizen.

## MIAMI

*By R. H. Rou*

If the local Division members want to keep this column going, they will have to turn in news items for it. I am neither a clairvoyant, mind reader or fiction writer, nor can I spare the time or money to hunt up news.

H. A. Wright has about recovered from his attack of sciatic rheumatism, though still under the doctor's care. He is feeling a bit proud over the fact that it was the first time in his long connection with the Society that he has ever drawn a big sick benefit. But he admits that it came in rather handy.

The Division has given relief to a couple of needy members in the form of temporary loans for dues payments, to keep them from being dropped. If you need help in keeping up your dues payments, don't feel ashamed to ask assistance from your Division. Its aim is more for your family's protection than your own.

Out of our Division's entire membership of 25, only one remains in the obsolete Class A, the others having all converted to other classes. Classes D and E seem the most favored by those converting.

The writer had a long letter from Frank S. Parker of Converse, Texas, recently. Frank and his wife are Miamians, but have been living in Converse for some time, where he has been employed by the U. S. Aviation, but expects to be laid off at any time. Both will be remembered as among the best basketball players at the St. Augustine school.

## DETROIT

*By A. A. Stutsman*

At the Division's May meeting the writer was elected reporter for THE FRAT. Now, ye Frats in and around Detroit, help him with an item or two, so he can make his articles as interest-

ing as possible. His address is 22504 Nona Ave., Dearborn, Mich.

There has been quite a number of the local deaf on the sick list, lately, but with the exception of one or two, all have recovered sufficiently to resume work. One of those still laid up is Horace B. Waters, Sr., who is now in the hospital, ill with pneumonia. He also recently underwent an operation. At this writing he is feeling better.

The long-awaited-for May festival has at last come and gone. It was held in the Eagle Temple hall on Woodward Ave., and though it had rained off and on all day, and was pouring when the doors were thrown open, the house was full up to the balcony which runs along the four sides of the hall. The fun started at the first sound of the gong, and was thrown back and forth and passed around incessantly until the end of the evening, and the crowd evidently enjoyed itself to the full. Various games were indulged in, and a number of stage stunts put on, which brought forth much laughter from the crowd. Those who captured the lion's share of the clapping were Frank Thornilley, dressed as a tramp-chauffeur, and Frank Rocco, attired as a flapper. "Crutch" also pulled off one, which won him a bouquet of cabbage and leek. Little Miss Cole gave a graceful Scotch dance, and was rewarded with a beautiful bouquet of roses. The dining room also claimed a large part of the patronage. It was long after midnight when the big doors swung shut, ending one of the most successful events ever pulled off by the Division. The financial results have not yet been announced, but I feel safe in predicting that around \$300 will be turned into the hungry treasury.

It may not be amiss to mention here that a keno social given at G. A. R. hall last February netted us about \$35. Daniel Whitehead was chairman of this social, the proceeds of which likewise went into the Division treasury.

We will have another of our annual boat excursions to Put-In-Bay on June 14. Ivan Heymanson, our alternate delegate to the Boston convention, has the affair in charge, and as is always his custom, will unload a pile of gold into the Division treasury. Tickets for the excursion are now on sale. Get yours and join in the fun. The bigger the crowd, the merrier.

## HOUSTON

*By R. C. Morriss*

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Last month I mentioned one or two of the historical spots near this city. This month I will say a few words concerning "The Playground of the South," Galveston Island, in the Gulf of Mexico. What Coney Island and Atlantic City are to the Atlantic coast, Galveston is to the south. It is the playground of the entire state, and Dallas and other interior cities send trainloads every week-end during the summer months. It is just two hours easy drive from Houston, and is connected with this city by a fine concrete highway, as well as by interurban, bus and rail lines. Tarpon, mackerel, red fish, sea trout and other fine fishing can be enjoyed in the Gulf, and in Galveston, Trinity and San Jacinto bays, and fresh-water fishing in innumerable lakes, rivers bayous and inlets. To the fisherman who likes a game fight, there is no better sport than tarpon fishing, and no better place to find it than here. These fish, known as the "Silver King," sometimes attain a length of 9 feet, and it takes a real fisherman and game sport to land one, and usually requires two hours or more to do so.

One of our younger members, who could not be brought to see the advisability of keeping his premiums paid up, lost the end of one of his fingers, recently, but—well, what's the use; he was in arrears. Nuf ced.

### WASHINGTON

*By H. L. Tracy*

The time is drawing near for the convention at Boston to be held, and plans are being made by not a few hereabouts to be on hand and enjoy themselves, all believing their vacation will be worth while up at The Hub. Judging from the program, visitors are going to be well looked after. To the uninitiated, it would seem that the delegates are going to have more outing than business, but judging from past experiences, they will be earning their salt, all right. Just how many from the national capitol will be with the Beaneaters the writer cannot guess, but more than a baker's dozen are hoping to go.

Death has robbed the Division of a member who was interested in all that tended to make the N. F. S. D. a worthy society. I refer to the passing of James Henry Davidson, whose funeral was conducted by the writer ere the remains were taken to Virginia for burial. It was only a short time ago that we were congratulating him upon his marriage to the charming Marie Parker, a graduate of Gallaudet College, to whom we are now called upon to extend our sympathy. At the annual memorial service of the Washington branch of the International Typo-

graphical Union on May 3, Brother Davidson's name was on the list of those mentioned in the service.

Our smoker on April 11 was a stunner. A large number of Frats came in from Baltimore and surrounding country. The committee had its hands full, but carried out its plans without a hitch. The degree team found its job no soft snap, there being no less than 16 to be initiated into the mysteries of the Order.

Our sculptor, E. E. Hannan, was with us at our May meeting. He came down from his Connecticut home to assist in placing the Ely tablet, in anticipation of its unveiling on the last Saturday of the fifth month, at Frederick, Md. A large number from No. 46 will no doubt be on hand.

### OMAHA

*By R. W. Mullin*

Abe Rosenblatt is herding up a bunch for the Boston convention, and to make the trip worth more than its price, he has a big Pickwick-Greyhound bus engaged to make the round trip for the small sum of \$45 for each passenger. But there must be 37 in the bunch to make it possible. Abe advises that \$55 will be ample for extras, such as meals and bed at wayside camps. There are plenty of stopovers, including such points of interest as Niagara Falls, Hartford, New York, Pittsburgh, Notre Dame and Chicago. The railway fare is \$116, without stopovers. Frats can come to Omaha and start from there. For further information write to Abe Rosenblatt, 3025 Webster St., Omaha, Nebr.

This same Abie was down in Kansas City recently with his brother, who has been building an ice plant down there. He visited the school for the deaf at Olathe, and lots of other places. He returned home by airplane, the first trip of the kind he ever had. He says it was great.

Ziba Osmun, who has been running a tire and battery shop since coming here, has a big sign above his shop about the size of the state of Connecticut. He is doing skilled work; makes flats nice and round, and puts sparkling life into dead batteries. We Frats are fortunate in having a repairman whom we can trust, and his big sign will convince others that his place is not a gospel mission.

We regret to lose George Revers from among us, but he has a better job in Oklahoma. What is best for him is all right, and we wish him good luck, at the same time hoping he returns before long.

### ST. LOUIS

*By A. O. Steidemann*

Our youngest member, in number of certificate held, Sam Perlmutter, No. 337, is back in his usual chair at our meetings with the smile we rejoice to see the auto did not rub off. His teeth still ache where he bit the fender when attacked by the Ford, and a rib or two are still sore, but he is back

among us with all of his limbs present and accounted for, which is the main thing; the vacant chair that was kept for him is again occupied.

Our genial Allan Bowler is still laid up with the fashionable sickness dubbed "athletics' foot." He believes the germs attacked him in retaliation for losing their homes as he pounded new soles and heels on old shoes in his shoe repair shop.

Joe H. Pope recently left with his family for Los Angeles, where there is a dairy awaiting him, with the nice job of getting milk from the original source. He leaves this Division with the best wishes of his friends, and hopes of prosperity in his new home.

The Division picnic is to be held Sunday, June 7, at Triangle Park, 4100 South Broadway. It is easily reached by cars from any part of the city. Chairman Marshall and his aides promise something out of the ordinary in the way of entertainment. Visiting Fraters will be cordially welcomed. Here's hoping for perfect weather.

The spells of being laid off that come to the best of workmen are utilized by many in going fishing over the week-end. The latest were Earnest Miller and Hurley Branstetter, who went some 60 miles and returned with 90 fish. The supply made them perfect strangers to the meat market for the next week. Joseph Weber is also an expert in that line. When he isn't hanging wallpaper he is usually hanging a line over some convenient stream and waiting for results.

In these days of blue Mondays without end, and unemployment, consider the case of Arthur Brockman. He was laid off as a cigarmaker; so he shoveled coal and shouldered ice for a coal and ice dealer; he found that too strenuous, so learned painting and floor-finishing, with wall-papering on the side. Now he is as busy as a centipede on a hot stove—works seven days a week, if desired, as his employer always phones for him first when a job is secured. Which shows what an earnest desire for self improvement will do in other trades, when the one you have peters out.

George D. Hunter has been getting ready a directory of the deaf of Missouri, which is about completed. With corrections and revisions, he hopes to have the work finished by fall. It is a labor of love with Brother Hunter, as many profits will go to the Home fund of Missouri. There are still many names to be secured, and those living in isolated districts are requested to send in their names and addresses, together with any others they may know of.

### CHICAGO No. 106

*By F. B. Wirt*

Our May meeting was interesting, as usual, and a short one, finishing up with a showing of moving pictures taken by Brother Rice at Riverdale Grove last summer. We had a good laugh at the antics of some of our



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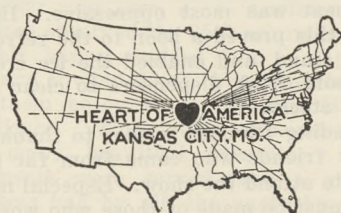
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number, and the amusing captions put in by Brother Rice tickled us. We are asked to purchase the film from him, and may do so with the idea of forming a "film library," with its possibilities for future amusement. Our Auxiliary was invited over for the movies, which they greatly appreciated.

With nothing going on, as far as the Chicago Divisions are concerned, our Auxiliary is filling the gap on June 8 with a "500" and bunco party at All Angels' parish hall, S. E. cor. Racine and Leland Aves. Time, 8 p. m., and all that is necessary is to have 35 cents in your pocket for the admission. There will also be served excellent stuff for the inner man. Don't forget the date, and give our dear gals the glad hand.

On the evening of May 2, at the Hotel Atlantic, our bowling teams had their annual banquet, at which practically all of the players were present. A few outsiders were also present. The dinner was excellently prepared and served, so all were in good humor for what followed, which were the awards—not to mention the speeches. Each team got its share of the awards, varying according to their averages. Theodore Zientarski had the largest bite, and for the second year in succession, at that, being captain of the winning team, and also having the highest individual score. The late Brother Wondra was in third place, and his share was sent to Mrs. Wondra. After the awards, applications were received for places on next season's teams. There will be at least four, and possibly six teams. They held a meeting at the Hotel Atlantic on May 22 for the election of officers, and other business.

Coming back to the banquet, one cannot help reflecting on what membership in the Society does to those who join. We have known some of those who made speeches, diffident fellows before they got into the Society, afraid of making a talk to a crowd, and it was an eye-opener to see them stand up and make a speech like any politician. This is a common experience in all Divisions, no doubt.

Our social affairs have not been well attended lately, and tended to make some dents in the treasury, so we have decided to suspend the usual monthly affairs for the time being, until things get better, as far as the local deaf are concerned. But, if by chance one of our brothers gets a bright idea for a good time for us all, and incidentally fill the coffers a bit, he will be given the job of working out his idea—and good luck to him. As Division news are generally a description of its affairs, writing news without any mention of good times reminds us of a humorist, in years gone by, who gave

a lecture, with a glass of milk on the stand beside him, indicating it was to be the subject of his talk, but who never mentioned it at any time.

Although our July meeting comes about 10 days before the date of the Boston convention, any delegates and their friends who may be in Chicago at that time are cordially invited to attend.

### AKRON

By B. M. Schowe

One local factory employing a number of Frats has announced that it will be closed down the week of the Boston convention. There is some disagreement among the members about the significance of this. Some are of the opinion that it illustrates the growing influence of the Society generally. Others insist it merely shows that the company recognizes the handicap of operating without its deaf employees. The men affected have a little argument all their own. Each one is trying to prove that the closing was ordered as a result of his personal influence with the management. Take your pick. Do not overlook the fact, however, that all Akronites have an eye cocked on Boston, and will make their way eastward this summer if it is at all possible. At least a dozen parties have announced their intention to motor through. It will be quite a ride for them—from Gumville to Beantown.

Assisted by a numerous committee, John Dranginis entertained a good crowd at the social on April 18. The games were engineered by Brother Bentley, and he got plenty of fun without shooting off any firecrackers.

The weather was kind to Canton Division on May 2. Brisk showers in the forenoon washed everything clean, and then the sun came out and put a polish on the whole countryside. All Akron and his wife were invited out to get a whiff of spring. Quite a few found their way to Canton and helped Canton enjoy its big party. Howard Durian was official host, and Burton Noble acted as master of ceremonies after an inimitable style all his own. The Division entertained almost four times its own membership at the party. Figure it out.

These Canton folks are to have a picnic at Myers Lake on June 21. This is your invitation. Akron will follow with an outing sometime in July. You will find both of these Divisions boosting each other. Then together they will join in boosting Cleveland. Cooperation!

There are conflicting reports in financial circles as to whether the depression is coming, going or gone. Here in Akron, however, we have no doubts

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about it. The depression is officially finished—K. B. Ayers has a new automobile.

### INDIANAPOLIS

By L. E. Jones

Indianapolis Division seems to have suffered more or less from a lack of publicity during the past several months. To remedy that condition I have been appointed correspondent for the Division. Perhaps I will do more harm than good, but at least I can do my best.

The Division seems to be passing through the depression pretty well. While there have been several lapsations during the past year, as far as I have been able to learn, none of these were due to extreme cases of indigency. The Division maintains a local fund known as the Corey Relief Fund, which is available for use in paying dues of any worthy member who is temporarily out of work and unable to meet his obligations. Several members have been assisted in this way during the hard times. Any member who is having difficulty in meeting his dues payments would do well to get in touch with Secretary Phillips or Treasurer Ralston. The depression has caused the Division's entertainment program to be sharply curtailed during the past year. We are hoping, however, to resume our social program shortly, but as yet no dates have been definitely set.

We are busy preparing the instructions for our delegate at the coming convention in Boston, and if early indications are to be considered, Delegate Hiatt will have plenty to keep him busy. Heretofore it has been the policy of the Division to send only the delegate to conventions, but this year, owing to the large amount of work in prospect for him, we are planning to send an alternate to assist him, in the person of R. H. Phillips. A. H. Norris is the second alternate.

For more than a year not a single new member has been admitted to Indianapolis Division. President Charles Roberts evidently thought something should be done about it, so hied himself to the northern part of the city, and after a lot of persuasion finally prevailed upon John Suite to sign on the dotted line. His application was accepted at the April meeting. He is a shoemaker by trade, and a recent

graduate of the local school for the deaf. He is a fine young man, and we are glad to admit him into the folds of the greatest brotherhood in the world. Several other prospects are being considered, but they are proving obstinate. But if perseverance wins, they are due to sign up before long.

The Division's sympathy is extended to Peter Spitzfadden in the recent loss of his mother. She was in her 73rd year.

### NEW HAVEN

By Clarence Baldwin

The Division held a party at the home of Brother and Mrs. Stephen Syrotiak on Saturday evening, April 18, for the benefit of the delegate fund. It was largely attended by the local deaf, both members and non-members. Cards were the feature of the evening, followed by a delicious repast consisting of all the eats one gets in a 9-course dinner, the orchestra arriving with the soup course. The party did not break up until long after mid-night, and the delegate fund was enriched considerably.

Our socials following our regular meetings in April and May were well attended, with resultant betterment to our local fund. We have decided to continue the practice next month, and possibly through the summer. We are glad to see so many taking advantage of these chances to get together.

At a recent party here, the members of the Division gave Vincent Kaminsky a smoking stand as a token of esteem. Brother Kaminsky expects to be married next month, and we hope he will make good use of his new stand, so that his wife will not have to listen to the old gag, "Ashes on the carpets are good for moths."

At a recent meeting it was voted to send both delegate and alternate to the Boston convention, as Boston is not very far off, and in an emergency the alternate might be a great help to the delegate. Bertram Leeper, Jr., is our alternate. He was Division president for four years, and the reason he is not president now is because he declined to run again. He is a painstaking, methodical man, who seldom overlooks an important detail, which, it might happen, the delegate had not noted.

### SULPHUR

By B. A. Lucas

Sulphur Division is still climbing, and has within the past three months grown from 13 to 35 members. This goes to show the possibilities of a large Division for Oklahoma. There are more prospects in sight, and we hope soon to have them as members.

George H. Davies and Miss Johnnie Layl were married February 8, 1930, and up to this time have succeeded in keeping their marriage a secret. However, Mrs. Davies recently spilled the beans, and now all of those old shoes and rice will have to be held over until someone else has the desire to commit matrimony. Brother and Mrs.

Davies' many friends wish them many happy years together. Mrs. Davies was for several years a pupil in the Arkansas school, coming to the Oklahoma school a few years ago, and from which she graduated. We join in congratulating the happy couple.

Initiation exercises will be held by the Division on May 30. It is hoped that all members of the Division will be here for the occasion. The program is all prepared, and promises plenty of fun and entertainment. We especially urge all members who have not been initiated to be present.

Guy Calame has been under the weather for some time, but we hope he will soon be well again. He is our Division treasurer.

### READING

By E. C. Ritchie

May 10 has gone, but the date will be long remembered. Our indoor picnic was surprisingly successful, and from all sides came the words, "I had a good time." There were 174 present at the movies, which were films showing the N. A. D. convention, and the 45th anniversary of the Union League of New York City. There was but one unpleasant thing connected with the affair. To darken the hall at 3 p. m. necessitated that all the shades be drawn, making the room almost airtight, and being packed to capacity, the heat was most oppressive. However, this proved a boon to the refreshment stand, and enabled the ice cream and soft drink dispensers to clean out their stocks.

Reading Division wishes to thank its many friends who came from far and near to attend the show. Especial mention must be made of those who worked all day at the tables or in the kitchen. Therefore, to Brothers and Mesdames R. M. Williams, Raymond Fritz, James Schenck, Oscar Weidner and Robert Yiengst, Mrs. Stroupbauer, Misses Ahrens, Miller and Wolfe, and Brothers Albert, Berkheimer, Weaver, Eby, Sommers and Stover the Division extends its thanks, and is proud to have you either among its membership or its large circle of friends. We will remember your loyalty and service.

The movies were operated by Milford D. Luden. They were given in a first class manner, and without his services as operator the affair could hardly have been as successful as it was. We all feel deeply indebted to him for his kindness.

### PROVIDENCE

By J. C. Peirce

A play entitled "Dr. Cure-All" came off successfully under the auspices of the Aux-Frats on April 25. Ten char-

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acters were in the play, and all were portrayed well. The play was well attended, and the ladies netted a nice sum from the sale of tickets, candy and cake. They were naturally much elated at the success of the affair.

Ten tables at whist were played on May 2, under the direction of Chairman Gardiner and a committee. The proceeds went to the delegate fund, as will those of a social and dance to be held at Swedish Hall on May 30.

Arthur Myers, a former member of our Division, died recently from pneumonia. He was one of those most active in founding our Division 18 years ago, and we sent a floral offering in memory of his work.

On May 9 a banquet was held at the St. Regis Hotel, attended by the members of our bowling teams and their guests, forty in all. Team "D" carried off most of the honors, though Team "A" had the most pins fall. Joseph Ward, a recent acquisition, won the individual honors for the largest single string. It is hoped that next fall we will have an Aux-Frat team or two, making it an 8 to 10 team league.

Guinaro Maiorisi recently met with a painful accident while carrying stone at North Smithfield, R. I. He slipped and wrenched his left shoulder and arm so badly he was laid up for two weeks. At this writing he is all right, and back at work.

Brother and Mrs. J. F. Lorimer of Cranston observed the 35th anniversary of their happy wedded life on April 18th, and invited 35 of their friends to help them enjoy it at Swedish Hall, Providence. They were remembered with many beautiful presents. Refreshments were served, and a good time was had by all, the party breaking up at midnight. The couple are blessed with one son. Brother Lorimer has served 11 terms as Division treasurer, turning the job over to Brother Enger last fall.

#### FORT WORTH

*By Albert Tully*

Whether or not Fort Worth Division will accept Houston Division's invitation to make it "the more the merrier" by making a bid for the 1935 convention, will be decided at the June regular meeting. Fort Worth could match the inducements of any other Texas city except that quaint Spanish city, San Antonio, and it is a pity that that city has no Division. With its Spanish missions and forts built in the 18th century, its parks, considered the most beautiful in America, its Mexican quarters and houses of straw, Spanish dishes, and the Texas shrine, the Alamo, it is one of the most interesting cities in America. With a population of 300,000 (the Federal census of 1930 places the figure at 254,562.—Ed.), it is perhaps the largest city in the country without a Division, and it is the writer's intention to see about the possibilities of a Division there. But if any of the other Texas cities should be fortunate enough to capture the con-

vention, it will have the support of Fort Worth Division.

The depression appears to have hit us as hard as it has the other Divisions, causing a few to drop out. But they all assure us that they will seek readmission as soon as work conditions make it possible. In fact, the application of one such "drop" was considered at the May meeting. He said his one regret was that he had not sought readmission sooner, and says he will leave nothing undone to impart to others the desirability of membership. If all members of the Society possessed the same spirit, it would be a simple matter to increase our membership considerably.

Arrangements to stage a three-day entertainment here on September 5, 6 and 7 are still in embryo form. Later, announcements may be forthcoming.

#### MANHATTAN

*By J. N. Funk*

The entertainment committee is to be congratulated on the outcome of its "Get-Acquainted" social, held on April 18, in the auditorium of St. Ann's Church for Deaf-Mutes. Numerically and financially, it was the most successful affair held under the auspices of the Division in recent years. It was all the more gratifying since it followed the ball of last November, which put us in the red. The committee in charge of that disastrous affair was not to blame, as the weather that night was terrible, a steady downpour starting at sunset, and continuing unabated all night, discouraging hundreds of our friends from leaving home. The present committee, under the leadership of Leo Weiner, not taking any chance on another debacle, stuck close to home and rented the church auditorium, which normally can seat about 200 comfortably. Played safe, in case of another deluge. It descended—a deluge of humanity—and inundated the church auditorium, swirling and eddying up the stairs and out on the sidewalk—400 gallants and their ladies bent on "getting acquainted." So it goes! A feature of the affair was a popularity contest. The committee: Leo Weiner, chairman; Brothers Joseph Goldstein, Lawrence Timer, Joseph Schultz, Solomon Buttenheim, Meyer Lief and Samuel Liebman.

Misfortune seems to stalk Lester

Hyams, our sergeant. Less than a year ago he was laid up with eye trouble, necessitating an operation. He drew the limit in benefits. Recently, he was operated on for appendicitis—and now he cannot put in a claim, the Society's laws limiting benefits to ten weeks within twelve months. Brother Hyam's case is exceptional and unfortunate.

Harry Kurz suffered a nervous breakdown recently. He is getting around again. His incapacity interfered with his duties as trustee.

Isidor Bloom, another trustee, underwent an operation for appendicitis on March 24. He is reported on the mend.

Alex. Mirol is in Harlem Hospital with a malady reported to have been diagnosed as meningitis.

#### DALLAS

*By T. E. Hill*

After Boston, then Dallas. That's the ticket all good Frats are going to vote for. Eh, brothers?

The Division's last two monthly socials cleaned up a neat sum for the local fund. Dick Myers, in charge of one, turned in a profit of \$11.17, while Raymond "Red" Payne handled the other, which netted \$8.71.

Dallas Division, 34, Ft. Worth Division, 10, read the results of a baseball game played with indoor ball at Ft. Worth on May 17, at the picnic handled by the Ft. Worth brothers for the benefit of the home for aged and infirm deaf.

Hays Isaacks of Houston secured work in Dallas, but only for a few days. On being laid off again, he went to west Texas. For awhile he worked with Joe H. Moore, the only deaf oil driller in the world, on the east Texas oil well, before the well closed up.

Leonard E. Perry, a paid-up member of Dallas Division, is back at work in Dallas, and will probably soon take out some more insurance, if his job proves a steady one. He tried farming for several years, but is glad to be back in Dallas.

By the time this goes to press, letters to all Divisions will have been mailed, and the Divisions are requested to instruct their delegates to vote for Dallas, the metropolis of the southwest. We'll take up where Atlanta left off in showing you one grand and glorious time, the way it is done in the south.

We note that there will be a golf tournament at Boston if enough inter-

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est is shown, and so far we have had warning notes from Brother Mahon of Philadelphia and Brother Valiant of San Francisco that they are going to knock us off, which no doubt one of them will do, for Mahon, be it known, is a better golfer than the writer. Since a bunch of friends donated a set of matched clubs, we've simply forgotten all about how to play the game, shooting over 100 all the time. Perhaps we can knock off 10 points or so between now and July.

We have taken in only one new member since the first of the year, though there are several prospects in sight. They are hard to sign up, but be patient and we will send in some before the year fades. Seems like hard times down here have been worse than they were last year.

### BROOKLYN

*By T. J. Cosgrove*

#### Why I Called Him—Friend *With Apologies to Burroughs*

One whose grip was a little tighter,  
One whose smile was a little brighter,  
One whose deeds were a little whiter,  
That's why I called him—Friend.

One who'd lend as quick as borrow,  
One who was the same today as tomorrow,  
One who'd share my joy and sorrow,  
That's why I called him—Friend.

One whose thoughts were a little cleaner,  
One whose mind was a little keener,  
One who avoided those things that are meaner,  
That's why I called him—Friend.

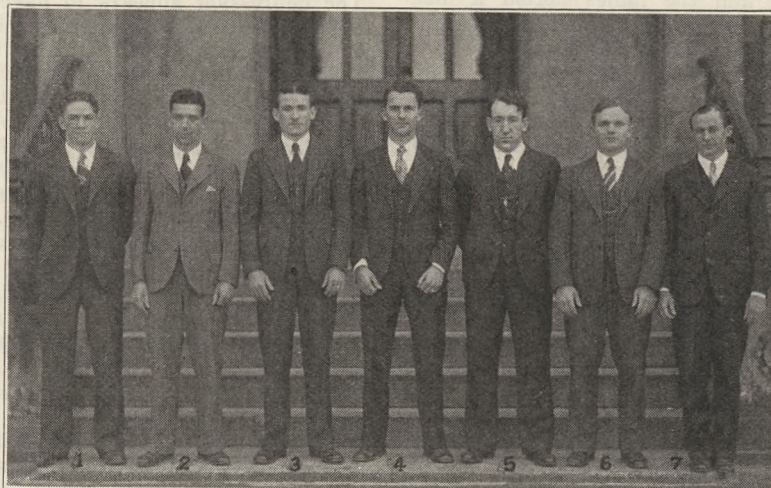
One who has been fine when life seemed rotten,  
One whose ideals I've not forgotten,  
One who has given me more than he's gotten,  
That's why I called him—Friend.

John J. Stigliabotti, familiarly called "Big John" by many of his friends, but just plain "John" by those more intimately associated with him, and serving his second term as President of Brooklyn Division, passed away on Monday evening, April 27, 1931, just after midnight, at a hospital in Jamaica, Long Island. Blood poisoning, caused by the bursting of an abscess, was given as the cause. He had been ill but eight days, four of which he spent at the hospital.

Death was swift, and John was in a coma from almost the time he entered the hospital until he succumbed, only his wife and brother having the privilege of access to his room, where all modern comforts were provided for him, including the services of a specialist and day and night nurses.

He will be sadly missed by Brooklyn Division, as his sterling worth has more than once been demonstrated, and his ability to cope with almost any kind of situation concerning the running of Division matters was attested to many times during the last year and a half.

He had served the Division before as Secretary and almost invariably was looked upon as first choice for any committees for any socials. His usefulness on these occasions was on a par with the best ever afforded and he always entered into things with a zest that made others hustle to bring success to their endeavors.



### WASHINGTON DIVISION No. 46 BRINGS THEM IN

Seven members of the Gallaudet College class of 1931 who recently joined the Society. Reading left to right: Paul Zieske, football captain (Mich.); Frank Galluzzo, football manager (Conn.); Chester Dobson, basketball manager (Iowa); Delmar Cosgrove, basketball captain (Wash.); Alfred Marshall, wrestling champion (Neb.); Konrad Hokanson, editor Buff and Blue (Iowa); Enier Rosenkjar, business manager Buff and Blue (Iowa).

Only recently, at the February meeting, President Stigliabotti was elected alternate to the Boston convention, declining to run for the office of delegate.

Always of a jovial disposition, John was looked upon as the best entertainer available at social gatherings. Though a devotee of the automobile, he was also interested in all forms of athletics and was a favorite among the younger group. His height and build of body was also very noticeable, and was the cause of "Big John" being attached to him.

Funeral was on May 1, with a cordon of members of Brooklyn Division acting as pall bearers and marching with the hearse for a distance of one mile after church services. The honorary pall-bearers were: Vice-Pres. Irving Blumenthal, Treas. Joseph Gabriel, Director Roslino La Curto, Trustee Paul DiAnno, Thos. J. Cosgrove, Peter Goetz, Joseph Milazzo, Peter Peccorella, Cornelius Cleary, Henry Goebel, Joseph Marinello and Joseph Dragonetti. Beautiful floral tributes were sent by Manhattan, Bronx and Brooklyn Divisions, the entire donation sent from all individuals filling two coaches. Brother Stigliabotti was in his 34th year, married and the father of three young girls, all of whom survive, as well as his wife, mother, sister and brother.

He joined Brooklyn Division on May 4, 1918, and held Certificate No. 4008.

### WORDS OF WISDOM.

Get ahead by all means, but not by any means.

Even tombstones speak well of those under them.

They're not even using knockers on the front doors any more.

Possession is nine points of the law; self-possession is the tenth.

### FARES TO BOSTON

The Home Office has secured from the railroads of the country fare and a half for all going to the Boston convention. That is, if 150 certificates are presented for validation at Boston, all those in attendance will get half fare returning home.

Therefore, all who purchase one-way tickets to Boston should be sure to obtain from their ticket agents a certificate which will insure half fare returning. One-way tickets with accompanying certificates will be on sale throughout the country from July 16 to 22. Validation of certificates for half fare returning will be on Thursday and Friday, July 23-24, during the convention. Certificates will be honored for return until July 29.

Those who wish to remain in the East after July 29 should see their local ticket agents concerning reduced roundtrip Summer excursion fares to Marblehead, near Boston, with a return limit to October 31. From most points in the country, excepting the far West, the roundtrip Summer fare is slightly more than fare and a half on the certificate plan. Individual preferences should be followed by visitors in purchasing tickets.

Delegates and officers of the Society will be allowed fare and a half from all points provided the certificate plan is successful—150 or more being presented at the convention for validation. This appears to be a foregone conclusion.

### CHANGE IN DEPUTY

Brother R. H. Arch has been appointed Deputy Organizer for Council Bluffs Division, succeeding Brother Tom L. Anderson, resigned.



## THE SPOTLIGHT

Come, raise to pioneers a toast  
On Boston's stern and rock-bound coast;  
The dinky dimes they doled—don't laugh—  
Now rate a million and a half!

Washington Division bags seven star athletes in a bunch, all still students of Gallaudet College. Time was when "them Gallaudet guys" looked down on our small Society as a "schoolboy pipe-dream." Today nearly all of the college-bred leaders are members.

The Dixie Home for Aged Deaf is the very latest, 16-room house on 30 acres fronting on the Matanzas river, at Moultrie. That's a suburb of St. Augustine, where our Florida State school is located. It will serve all the Southern States, as the one in Massachusetts serves all New England. New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Illinois also have state homes.



Track and field popularity seems to have doomed baseball as a school and college pastime. Iowa has abandoned the pastime this season. So has Illinois. Kentucky is scheduling games with difficulty. Yea, brother Old-Timer, our youthful love is passing out of the picture, along with silent movies, four-cylinder Fords, and that delightful old eat-'em-alive journalistic style.

Brooklyn Division contracts to pay \$400 one-night hall-rental for its 1932 ball. . . . Minnesota gets an \$80,000 gym appropriation. . . . Deaf men operate four tailoring and pressing shops in the vicinity of Reading, Pa. . . . Akron aims to equal Delavan's record as 100 per cent frat; with some 150 members, there are only 16 non-frats around the Rubber City.

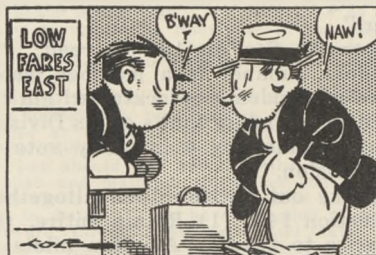
Buffalo's Bill Smith is building an air-propelled boat, his own invention. . . . Italy bestows the Order of the Crown on Francisque Micheloni, a deaf-mute who did much good for his fellow-silents. . . . Hafford Hetzler, the "Hetz" who used to write poetic monuments to brains and beauty, now chisels marble monuments in a Muncie head-stone yard. "Rest in Peace," or rest in pieces!

The Little Rock sheriff, dining 200 deaf, said no silents were among the 2,000 law violators he had juggled. . . . Charlie Chaplin figures to pocket \$8,000,000 from his latest silent film, "City Lights." . . . Flint's E. Morris Bristol, our past-grand president, won \$25 in Chicago Tribune's horoscope contest. . . . Those three items were shamelessly pirated from "News from Everywhere," a snappy monthly two-columns in the Catholic Deaf-Mute of New York.

Two deaf-mutes played on one of the basketball teams in the annual National A. A. U. tournament in Kansas City. Spotlight steals that item from Fred Murphy, who just started a rival

"column" in the American Deaf Citizen. Murphy states the first foreign fighter to invade America, back in 1835 was James "Deaf" Burke, the British heavy. He won. Those bally Britishers have never had any luck since. . . . In the annual U. of Penn. relays, our Gallaudet team of Dobson, Ringle, Wurdeman and Rayhill finished fourth in the college mile, from a field of eight. Dobson had just joined our Society. . . . A. L. Roth's article in Linotype News lists 41 Minnesota school silents now working as printers, linotypers, stonemen or assistant foremen from Spokane, to Winnipeg, to the Washington Government Printing Office. One of them, Karl Niklaus, is setting this type at Kables' right now. (And is so pleased at being mentioned, that he'll probably stand treat to—er—Sarsaparilla soda-pop next time we meet.)

Harlow Rothert, outstanding 1930 son of deaf parents, is due back home soon from a four-months tour of Australia and Japan, one of three National champions the A. A. U. sent, all expenses paid, to "drum up trade" for the World Olympiad in Los Angeles next year. . . . Mrs. Adelia Taylor, mother of Mrs. Francis P. Gibson, aged 86, was buried in that hallowed Gibson plot in Rosehill Cemetery, May 2d. . . . The eleventh Grand Convention of the NFSD will assemble in Boston next



month with the usual plethora of enthusiastic youngsters with radical "cure-alls." And, as usual, wise older heads will prevail; sound, sane, sensible policies will be strengthened; and the good ship NFSD will serenely set full sail to "carry on" as heretofore.

The Spotlight is manipulated by J. Frederick Meagher from the heights of 3135 Eastwood Ave., Chicago, Ill.



**MANY** victories are  
won by men who keep on a  
few moments longer.

—THEODORE NEWTON VAIL.

## QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

### ON PARLIAMENTARY LAW

By Edwin M. Hazel

Question—May a member of a standing or special committee be punished in any way by the committee itself, such as to demand his resignation, etc.?

Answer—No, but the committee may complain to the Division.

Q.—Suppose there is no quorum at a meeting? What motions may be made?

A.—Three motions are permissible: To adjourn, to fix the time at which to adjourn, and to take a recess.

Q.—If there are 50 members present at a meeting, 15 voted on affirmative side and 13 on the negative side, what about the 22 silent members? Does it mean that they were on the affirmative side?

A.—No. Ignore blank (silent) votes. Count only the votes cast. You cannot force anyone to vote who does not wish to.

Q.—May a member who did not vote, claim to be on the prevailing side when offering a motion to reconsider?

A.—No. He must show that he had voted on the prevailing side.

Q.—May the Chair ignore a member calling for the previous question with an idea of closing debate, or order members to continue to debate on the question?

A.—No. The motion calling for the previous question is always in order, provided the debating member has yielded the floor.

Q.—Has the Chair any authority to close debate in a hurry for the sake of saving time?

A.—No.

**Thoughtful Man.** He didn't tell the proprietor the steak was like leather because he didn't want to be charged shoe prices.

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### LAW CHANGES

Below we present proposed amendments to our laws that have been passed by Divisions and the Law Committee. Also amendments submitted jointly by the Law Committee and the Home Office. Some of the latter are the outcome of changes proposed by different Divisions. They are presented in a different form so as to agree with practice, widen or restrict their scope, and serve the best interests of the membership as a whole.

In passing on these amendments it must be remembered one should look at them from a national rather than an individual or divisional view-point. A study will reveal that they are chiefly for the purpose of making our laws more specific and liberal.

#### By Dallas Division

Section 47. After the words "become vacant," line eight, substitute the following: "The First Grand Vice-President shall move up and succeed to the Presidency. In case of a vacancy among the vice-presidents themselves, the other Grand Vice-Presidents, lower in rank, shall move up one step in the order or rank of succession, and the vacancy left at the bottom of the list shall remain vacant until the next convention, unless the conditions are such that an appointment must be made, then the vacancy shall be filled by a majority vote of the Board of Directors."

#### By San Francisco Division

Section 81. A subordinate Division shall take its name from that of any city, town, or village located within its charter limits and the Grand Secretary-Treasurer shall assign its proper number in order of application for charter. When there is more than one Division in a city, the Executive Committee of the Grand Division Board of Directors may allow a variation in this law. Divisions situated in close proximity may by agreement with each other change or waive their boundaries to suit their needs: provided, that this agreement must be in writing and a copy filed with the Home Office.

#### By Houston Division

Section 94. Add at the 8th line, following period: "He shall receipt for payments by non-residents and return cards immediately."

#### By Omaha Division

Section 191. Strike out in the third line the word "unbroken" to agree with the following amendment.

Section 192. Amend by inserting "more than one half-day" before the words "such return to work," line four.

#### Amendments Offered Jointly by the Law Committee and the Home Office

Section 40. At end of the section add this sentence: "The delegate shall submit an itemized expense account to his Division following the convention."

Section 94. After the words "20th of the month" insert: "He shall enter

no transaction on his monthly report to the Home Office after the same has been audited by the Division trustees. Failure to forward funds due and payable to the Grand Division, together with his monthly statements, on or before the 20th of each month renders him liable to suspension from office by the Executive Committee of the Grand Division Board of Directors."

Section 101. Rewrite this section to read: "One-third of all the resident members of a subordinate Division shall constitute a quorum; provided, that in small Divisions the number of members present shall not be less than seven, the minimum required to fill all officers' stations."

Section 110. Strike out "Fifth" clause and re-number following clauses to agree.

Section 115. Add at end: "Where conditions and circumstances justify it, the Board may at its discretion split a Division into two or more separate Divisions."

Add new Section 130a: "No newly admitted member shall be allowed to vote and participate in the activities of his Division until his entry fee and first month's dues have been paid."

Section 131. Change to read: "Every member of this Society shall be a member of a Subordinate Division or of the Grand Division. Officers of the Grand Division shall pay their dues directly to the Grand Secretary-Treasurer."

Rewrite Section 132 to read: "A resident member is a member whose place of residence is located within the resident boundary limits of his Division as determined by a majority vote of his Division."

Strike out Section 139a altogether.

Section 142. (1) Retain entire. (2) Rewrite to read: "Aviation pilots or those whose occupation requires them to make regular flights in airplanes or airships; those regularly engaged in the manufacture or handling of explosives; those regularly engaged in police duties or in occupations requiring the carrying of a gun; all persons who have within five years taken treatment for the liquor or drug habits; professional pugilists."

Section 179. Rewrite as follows: "Any member who falls in arrears for three months shall lose his membership in the Society; provided, that he may exercise the privilege of reinstating himself to good standing within sixty days thereafter by paying up all arrearages. If he does not reinstate himself within the sixty-day period, his certificate shall become null and void."

Section 180. Rewrite as follows: "An ex-member of the Society desiring to rejoin after the sixty days of grace allowed in Sec. 179 shall file the usual application for membership, pay the fee required of new members, and be rated at his attained age; provided, that the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors may cause these requirements to be waived where the application is made within one year from the date on which he stopped

paying dues, in which case he must submit a certificate of health, pay up all arrearages, and fulfill such extra requirements as the Executive Committee shall prescribe. No such ex-member may be re-elected to membership until the Executive Committee has approved his application by a majority vote."

Section 183. Substitute "three months have," for "one year has" in next to last line. Add at end of Section: "and (3) that payment shall be subject to the further conditions set forth in the following sections governing death benefits."

Section 184. Omit the sentence beginning in third line: "If death occurs after three months but within one year from date of certificate issue, a benefit of one-half the amount specified in the certificate shall be payable—subject to the conditions set forth in Sections 183 and 183a."

Section 185. Substitute "three months" for "one year" in next to last line.

Section 187. Omit entirely the wording thereof, and substitute in its place the following: "Due proof of death of the insured and circumstances thereof shall be furnished on the regular death claim blank of the Society, which shall be accompanied by an official copy of the certificate of death."

Section 207. Rewrite specifications on page 61 to read as follows:

First—The Grand President shall be sent specific and detailed charges against the accused officer.

Second—Same as at present.

Third—The Grand Division Board of Directors may by a majority vote hold the accused officer to trial on the charges.

Fourth—The accused officer shall be allowed at least thirty days in which to prepare his defense.

Fifth—The Board of Directors may by a majority vote suspend the accused from office pending trial.

Sixth—At the end of thirty days from the date notice was sent the accused, if he has not entered any defense, the Grand Secretary-Treasurer shall be instructed to notify him either in person, or by a sure messenger, or by registered mail, that unless he enters a defense within five days or shows good reason for failure to do so, the Board will proceed to vote on the question of removing him from office and appointing a successor.

Seventh—If found guilty of the charges, the accused may be removed from office by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

Section 209. Add the words "specific and detailed" before the word "charges" in line 4 of this Section.

Section 210. Add the words "in specific and detailed form" after the word "writing" at end of line 3 in this Section. After the word "Division" in line 4, add a new sentence reading, "If the Division by a majority vote decides to try the accused, he must stand trial." For the words "Division President may at his discretion immediately



suspend him from office" in lines 11 and 12, substitute the words, "Division may by a majority vote suspend him from office pending trial."

We suggest that delegates and alternates study and become familiar with the above so as to expedite work at the convention.

F. J. NEESAM, Chairman,  
A. L. ROBERTS,  
J. W. HOWSON,  
Law Committee.

## OUTLINE OF PROGRAM—BOSTON CONVENTION

### Monday, July 20

10:00 A. M. Opening ceremonies in Faneuil Hall.

1:00 P. M. Business session, Hotel Statler. Convention organizes for business.

3:00 P. M. Visit to historic shrines in Boston.

8:30 P. M. Reception, ball room Hotel Statler. Dancing.

### Tuesday, July 21

9:00 A. M. Business session, Hotel Statler. Visitors will be taken to points of interest in and about Boston.

1:00 P. M. Convention photograph.

3:30 P. M. Bus trip to Charlestown, Chelsea, Revere, Lynn, Swampscott, Marblehead, Salem, Home for Aged Deaf at Danvers. Reception at Danvers. Return by different route. Trip will take about seven hours.

### Wednesday, July 22

9:00 A. M. Business session, Hotel Statler. Entertainment for visitors will be arranged.

2:30 P. M. Bus trip to Lexington and Concord over route taken by Paul Revere. Return by route taken by William Dawes.

8:00 P. M. Banquet, Hotel Statler.

### Thursday, July 23

9:30 A. M. Sail to Plymouth (three and one-half hours). Shore dinner. Visit to Plymouth Rock and historic places.

7:00 P. M. Leave Plymouth for leisurely trip home, arriving Boston about 11:00 P. M.

### Friday, July 24

9:00 A. M. Business session, Hotel Statler. Entertainment will be provided for visitors.

1:00 P. M. Business session, Hotel Statler.

3:00 P. M. Sightseeing trip for delegates about Boston. Trip for visitors to Revere Beach as guests of Aux-frats.

8:00 P. M. Smoker for members. Entertainment for ladies by Aux-frats.

### Saturday, July 25

Program for this day pending.

## THE FORUM

### THE GIBSON MEMORIAL HOME

With the approach of the convention a renewal of discussion on the proposal of a Gibson Memorial Home is in order. It behooves each delegate to ascertain the wishes of his own Division in this matter.

That a proposed home for the aged and infirm frats and their wives, if any, will involve difficulties and require the skill of the best minds in fratdom in its formative stage, cannot be doubted. There will be objections, but these should help rather than deter the efforts of the proponents. It is only by a thorough analysis of both sides of the question that tangible results can ensue. Therefore criticisms, honestly made, should be just as welcome as endorsements. I think that the main objection to the establishment of such a home lies in the assumption that the upkeep would involve too great a strain on the Society. This theory is not without its merits. Nevertheless, arrangements can be made in time to effect such a reduction of maintenance cost as would ease the burden. The various homes for the aged and infirm maintained by other lodges throughout the country have been and are going well. There are a few homes for the aged deaf in this country, but whether they have been financially successful or not is beside the point here. The National Fraternal Society of the Deaf is a mighty organization and it should not quake at the prospect of failure.

If the convention votes to establish a memorial home, of course a committee will have to be appointed whose sole duty would be to study plans and otherwise thoroughly digest the matter before final action is taken. This may require one or two years. Hasty action is not to be condoned in so vital a matter as this. Viewed from all angles, the memorial home plan seems to be wholly worth while, and worthy of the efforts of the N. F. S. D. If the maintenance of the home necessitates increasing the members' dues by a few cents, the money you and I contribute thus would be in effect an insurance against poverty and hardship in old age. We would be as welcome to spend the remainder of our days in that home as are the prospective inmates toward whose existence we may be asked to contribute.

Aside from the money question, there is the fine opportunity presented to all frats to exercise an initiative in the great spirit of fraternalism and brotherly love. Not one of us but should feel proud to be able to establish and maintain something concrete and perpetually active for the good of our brothers in distress. We have marched gloriously forward through the years and have commanded the respect and admiration of the hearing world. We can do even better than what has been done, go ahead and rear to the memory of a great ex-president something which does not stand idly by and coldly silent, in some lonely spot to be tarnished and blackened in time by the ruthless elements. A cold marble shaft or statue is a poor investment; after it has been paid for and dedicated, it is often promptly forgotten. But a living memorial, such as a home for aged and infirm frats, will ever remind us and those of the generations to come of a great man and his greater deeds.

A. G. LEISMAN.

Milwaukee Division.

### HOME AND OFFICE

It seems strange that considering the importance of the question of erecting a Home and Office as a memorial to "Gib" very little discussion has been made in the Forum about it. This question of a Home and Office is a subject that all Divisions should discuss fully before their delegates are perhaps asked to vote on the matter at Boston. With the hope that I may start the ball rolling I am submitting my opinions AGAINST the erection of a Home and Office as a memorial to Brother Gibson.

In opposing the idea of a Home and Office I do not do so with the intention of being opposed to ANY memorial to Brother Gibson. It is the Home and Office I am opposed to. To me, a Home and Office is in the same class with the numerous monuments that the deaf of this country have erected to various persons. Regardless of the sentiment shown in erecting the monuments, it is a senseless way to honor our great. A monument causes very little interest after it has been dedicated. The Home and Office, if adopted, will eventually prove to be a "white elephant" on the Society's hands. Very few frats will benefit directly

from such a Home and Office. I am sure that most aged frats who are entitled to admission to the Home will prefer to remain where they are among their friends and relatives. The up-keep of a Home and Office will be quite an item. If anybody doubts this let him investigate the way Homes for Aged Deaf in several states are maintained. It takes work and lots of it to keep these Homes going. As a Home for aged frats will necessarily have to be supported by an extra assessment on the frats as a whole it will be seen that dues will be increased considerably. A Home and Office could not very well be erected in the downtown section of Chicago. It would have to be placed out in the suburbs where it would be very inaccessible. Our present way of renting offices in the downtown section appears to be satisfactory.

There are many ways in which Brother Gibson's memory can be perpetuated. One way that strikes me as being a real memorial would be to create a fund to take care of the sick benefits of members who have reached the age of 70. There are quite a few such members now and the number of them will increase in the following years. Brother Gibson loved his fellow men and I am sure that he would consider such a fund a sincere tribute to his memory.

All this is written with the intention of starting something, so whether you agree with me or not, let us hear from you in the Forum.

I. M. ROBINSON.

Akron Division.

### MARRIAGES

February 8, 1930—George Davies and Johnnie Layl, both of Sulphur, Okla.

December 31, 1930—Edwin McNeill, Vancouver, Wash., and Rarra Nutter, Naches, Wash.

April 11—Charles Ricchini and Hazel Lyons, both of Philadelphia, Pa.

April 19—John Abrams, Norwood, Ohio, and Hazel Halse, Hamersville, Ohio.

April 25—John Heitshusen, Huntington Park, Cal., and Minnie Boss, Los Angeles, Cal.

April 29—Elmer Rosenmund, Cleveland, Ohio, and Bertha Ruckman, Martins Ferry, Ohio.



### To the Reliable Man

HERE'S to the steadfast, reliable man,

The man with the tongue that's true,  
Who won't promise to do any more  
than he can,

But who'll do what he says he'll do.

He may not be clever; he's often quite blunt,

Without either polish or air;  
But, though it's not in him to "put up  
a front"—

When you need him he's always there.

So here's to the man on whom one can rely,

And here's to his lasting success!  
May his species continue to multiply,  
And his shadow never grow less!

—Chicago Tribune.



# A Record That Speaks for Itself

## Comparative Statement Since Incorporation of The National Fraternal Society of the Deaf

(Liabilities Include Reserves on Death Benefit Business from 1912, and also on Sick and Accident Business from 1922. Net Surplus Covers all Funds)

Year Ended	Assets	Liabilities	Net Surplus	Members	Insurance
Dec. 31, 1907	\$ 3,066.50	\$ None	\$ 3,066.50	520	\$ 260,000
Dec. 31, 1908	4,805.58	None	4,805.58	597	298,500
Dec. 31, 1909	6,692.73	500.00	6,192.73	774	387,000
Dec. 31, 1910	10,816.51	1,250.00	9,566.51	989	488,000
Dec. 31, 1911	18,749.84	None	18,749.84	1,099	705,950
Dec. 31, 1912	28,452.84	27,897.81	555.03	1,319	876,050
Dec. 31, 1913	46,774.45	37,974.37	8,800.08	1,586	1,079,950
Dec. 31, 1914	67,303.25	51,235.95	16,067.30	1,917	1,294,450
Dec. 31, 1915	87,654.61	65,906.28	21,748.33	2,097	1,417,200
Dec. 31, 1916	116,138.07	82,651.88	33,486.19	2,520	1,779,750
Dec. 31, 1917	154,806.64	107,416.11	47,390.53	3,137	2,297,750
Dec. 31, 1918	181,961.68	137,352.44	44,609.24	3,640	2,719,750
Dec. 31, 1919	224,815.46	165,076.33	59,739.13	4,113	3,191,500
Dec. 31, 1920	285,101.19	207,918.21	77,182.98	4,807	3,855,750
Dec. 31, 1921	360,509.12	260,327.58	100,181.54	4,951	4,029,750
Dec. 31, 1922	438,593.18	315,829.99	122,763.19	5,082	4,127,091
Dec. 31, 1923	531,955.34	365,725.54	166,229.80	5,296	4,355,719
Dec. 31, 1924	630,866.60	426,745.52	204,121.08	5,549	4,579,367
Dec. 31, 1925	740,661.70	497,510.28	243,151.42	5,815	4,782,897
Dec. 31, 1926	861,962.85	574,739.78	287,223.07	6,197	5,097,462
Dec. 31, 1927	978,831.64	651,478.48	327,353.16	6,368	5,245,270
Dec. 31, 1928	1,111,735.00	736,511.04	375,223.96	6,508	5,391,525
Dec. 31, 1929	1,257,021.76	827,808.74	429,213.02	6,836	5,688,583
Dec. 31, 1931	1,411,529.96	931,496.94	480,033.02	7,121	5,880,661

Total Death Benefits Paid Since Date of Organization.....	\$354,857.19
Total Sick and Accident Benefits Paid Since Date of Organization.....	197,368.42
Waivers or Dividends to Members Since 1921.....	111,337.16

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# The Proof of

## Valuation Exhibit Year Ended December 31, 1930

### Benefit Funds in Hand and Accrued:

Death .....	\$1,283,119.70
Disability .....	100,984.73

Total Assets Benefit Funds.....\$1,384,104.43

### Liabilities and Surplus Benefit Funds:

Reserve on death benefit certificates.....	\$ 872,566.90
Reserve on disability benefits.....	54,578.84
Unpaid death claims.....	1,286.00
Disability claims in process.....	2,020.00
Advance mortuary assessments.....	726.50
Advance disability taxes.....	167.80
Surplus death benefit fund.....	408,540.30
Surplus disability benefit fund.....	44,218.09

Total Liabilities and Surplus.....\$1,384,104.43

Assets Expense and Convention Funds.....	\$ 27,425.53
Liabilities of these funds.....	150.90
Ratio Assets to Liabilities Benefit Funds.....	148.61%
Ratio Net to Expected Mortality.....	50.97%
Rate of Interest Earned on Benefit Funds.....	5.95%

# A Strong Society

The National Fraternal Society of the Deaf  
is Worthy of Your Confidence



## LONG TIME EMPLOYEES

Here is our honor roll of faithful employees who can show a service of twenty years or more. Send in your record and that of your friends, giving name, occupation, place of employment, city or town, and number of years of service:

Isaac Campbell, with Bates Mill, Lewiston, Me., 43 years.

Edmond Deshaies, shoemaker, Cushman-Hollis Co., Auburn, Me., 40 years.

Melbourne Dorsay, with Turner Centre Creamery Co., Auburn, Me., 31 years.

Wm. H. Gill, assistant foreman, American Sugar Refinery Co., Boston, Mass., 28 years.

Eugene Jasinski, off presser, Alfred Decker & Cohn, Chicago, Ill., 27 years.

M. B. Reed, printing instructor, School for the Deaf, Danville, Ky., 39 years.

James Lakes, carpenter, Herring-Hall-Marvin Safe Co., Hamilton, O., 25 years.

F. M. Redington, carpenter, Springfield, O., 44 years.

E. A. Schroeder, painter, Chicago City Railways and Chicago Surface Lines, 38 years.

Wm. T. Hart, with Rockford Brass Works, Rockford, Ill., 28 years.

Elmer Elsey, bookbinder, State Bindery, Columbus, O., 40 years.

George Clum, bookbinder, State Bindery, Columbus, O., 33 years.

Basil Grigsby, bookbinder, State Bindery, Columbus, O., 27 years.

Fred Schwartz, bookbinder, State Bindery, Columbus, O., 33 years.

Sooy Dresback, paper hanger, Columbus, O., 25 years.

Harry Romoser, decorating and painting contractor, Columbus, O., 20 years.

Walter Reynolds, painter, Columbus, O., 33 years.

James Bogart, packer, Federal Glass Co., Columbus, O., 31 years.

Charles Martin, bottler, Wagner Bottling Co., Columbus, O., 31 years.

H. S. Davis, with Geis Poultry Products Co., Columbus, O., 22 years.

H. B. Davis, with Geis Poultry Products Co., Columbus, O., 22 years.

Franklin Smielau, preacher, Columbus, O., 30 years.

Israel Goodman, tailor, Columbus, O., 31 years.

Charles Robbins, shoemaker, G. E. Smith Shoe Co., Columbus, O., 31 years.

Joseph Neutzling, instructor in shoemaking, School for the Deaf, Columbus, O., 37 years.

Albert Ohlemacher, physical director and teacher, School for the Deaf, Columbus, O., 32 years.

John Fryfogle, houseman, School for the Deaf, Columbus, O., 24 years.

Jacob Showalter, houseman, School for the Deaf, Columbus, O., 25 years.

August Beckert, supervisor, School for the Deaf, Columbus, O., 24 years.

Elasco Burcham, kitchen man and janitor, School for the Deaf, Columbus, O., 27 years.

Geo. D. Black, kitchen man and

janitor, School for the Deaf, Columbus, O., 42 years.

Thomas Boyle, laborer, Cedar Rapids Street Department, 39 years.

Jode Rains, with Quaker Oats Mill, Cedar Rapids, Ia., 26 years.

Walter Oldfather, factory hand, Quaker Oats Mill, Cedar Rapids, Ia., 20 years.

Perry Williams, factory hand, Quaker Oats Mill, Cedar Rapids, Ia., 20 years.

W. E. Pope, weaver, Durham Mfg. Co., Durham, N. C., 30 years.

Luther Hartsell, tobacco bag machine runner, American Tobacco Co., Durham, N. C., 30 years.

C. W. Belcke, lathe operator, Caterpillar Tractor Co., Peoria, Ill., 20 years.

Howard Martin, with Keystone Wire Factory, Peoria, Ill., 25 years. He has a diamond star in recognition of his long service.

James Lord, foreman, Scrap Iron Plant, Peoria, Ill., 40 years.

R. R. McKinstry, pottery man, Mineral Point Zinc Co., DePue, Ill., 20 years.

E. T. Wingfield, with shoe factory at Lynchburg, Va., 28 years.

Earnest Stephens, painter and decorator at Charleston, Ill. and Springfield, Ill., 30 years.

J. H. Ruby, assembler, Montgomery Ward & Co., Springfield, Ill., 28 years.

J. W. Close, wood, wire and metal lathing contractor, Springfield, Ill., 31 years.

Albert Lorenz, tailor, Carlson and Ahnquist, Tacoma, Wash., 20 years.

J. C. Hummel, brush maker, Holcomb Mfg. Co., Indianapolis, Ind., 25 years.

T. S. Marr, architect, Marr & Holman Architects, Nashville, Tenn., 36 years.



**T**REES, gracious trees, how rich a gift ye are!

Crown of the earth to human hearts and eyes!

How doth the thought of home, in lands afar,

Link'd with your forms and kindly whisperings rise!

—Felicia Hemans.



## OUR FLAG

**T**HE American flag is the third oldest of the national standards of the world; older than the Union Jack of Britain or the Tricolor of France.

The flag was first authorized by Congress, June 14, 1777. This date is now observed as Flag Day throughout America.

The flag was first flown from Fort Stanwix, on the site of the city of Rome, New York, on August 3, 1777. It was first under fire three days later in the battle of Oriskany, August 6, 1777.

It was first decreed that there should be a star and a stripe for each state, making thirteen of both; for the states at that time had just been erected from the original thirteen colonies.

In 1794, Vermont and Kentucky were admitted to the Union and the number of stars and stripes was raised to fifteen in correspondence. As other states came into the Union it became evident there would be too many stripes. So in 1818 Congress enacted that the number of stripes be reduced and restricted henceforth to thirteen representing the thirteen original states; while a star should be added for each succeeding state. That law is the law of to-day.

The flag was first carried to battle at the Brandywine, September 11, 1777. It first flew over foreign territory January 28, 1778, at Nassau Bahama Islands; Fort Nassau having been captured by the Americans in the course of the war for independence. The first foreign salute to the flag was rendered by the French Admiral LaMotte Piquet off Quiberon Bay, February 13, 1778.

The flag first rose over thirteen states along the Atlantic seaboard, with a population of some three million people. To-day it flies over forty-eight states extending across the continent, and over great islands of the two oceans, and one hundred and thirty millions owe it allegiance. It has been brought to this proud position by love and sacrifice. Citizens have advanced it and heroes have died for it. It is the sign made visible of the strong spirit that has brought liberty and prosperity to the people of America. It is the flag of all of us alike. Let us accord it honor and loyalty.—American Legion.



# Taking Care of Your Health

*Health is not merely freedom from actual sickness. Real health means the physical fitness and happy well-being that give you vim and zest for the job before you, the power to make good, coupled with the power to win. The first step toward true wealth is health.*

## Physical Culture Creed

**WE BELIEVE** that our bodies are most glorious possession; that health-wealth is our greatest asset; that every influence which interferes with the attainment of superb, buoyant health should be recognized as a menace.

We maintain that weakness is truly a crime; that sickness is the penalty of violated health laws; that every man can be a vigorous, vital specimen of masculinity; that every woman can be a splendidly strong, well-poised specimen of femininity, if the laws of life are rigidly observed.

We believe that the requirements in the building of glorious health are:

Pure air and sunlight whenever obtainable; thorough ventilation of living rooms.

Wholesome diet of vital foods, well masticated, eaten only at the dictates of a normal appetite; frequent fast-ing of a day or two if needed.

Reasonably regular use of the muscular system throughout the entire body, in work, in the gymnasium, on the athletic field, or otherwise.

Thorough cleanliness, which requires frequent baths—cold baths for a tonic, hot baths for cleanliness—though dry friction with the open hands, brush or towel is also valuable.

## Don't Worry

**YOUR** mental attitude in thinking properly is a powerful factor in maintaining health. Thinking can be constructive or destructive. The mind can be built up to a strong fortitude by constructive thinking, or it can be torn down by destructive thinking. Worry is a mental illness. Worry, anger, and abnormal mental conditions generate a body poison detrimental to health.



**HABITS ARE THE  
TOOLS BY WHICH WE  
ACHIEVE HEALTH, HAPPI-  
NESS AND EFFICIENCY.**

—Thom.

## Health Hints to Tourists

**MANY** an auto tour comes to a smashing climax through the carelessness of the driver. Many a vacation is ruined through accidental mishap.

In planning an auto tour it is well worth while to keep in mind the following paragraphs:

Check your car thoroughly before starting long trips. "Double-check" brakes, lights and steering equipment.

Don't expect too much of old tires. Remember there's a limit to safe service from tires.

Drive carefully on unfamiliar roads. Strange highways conceal strange hazards.

Take time to read and interpret traffic signs and signals. They are placed there for your protection.

Keep an eye out for bad bumps. And don't forget that wet pavement always invites skids.

Be suspicious of the other fellow. You never can tell what he may do. Often it requires an accident to properly identify a brainless autoist.

Don't take anything for granted at grade crossings. Stop, look, listen and live.

Stay in line.

Keep your eyes on the road, your hands on the steering gear and your mind on the job of driving.

Figure speed by hazards as well as by the speedometer. It's much better to drive at funeral procession speed in a strange town than to be transported in the head car of such a procession among the home folks.—The Safe Worker.

## Hot Weather Hints

**DRINK** plenty of water, cold milk, lemonade and iced tea with plenty of lemon juice in it. Yes, even iced tea will be a healthful beverage when it is well flavored with lemon.

Eat plenty of fresh, green vegetables and fresh ripe fruits—raw, in salad form, in fruit cups, in light desserts or any way in which they may be relished. Be very partial to oranges. They serve the body with an abundance of liquid and tend to reduce or prevent acidity that may come from the over-eating of heavy, acid-producing foods. Eat plenty of berries—wild and tame. Feature lettuce, celery, cabbage, carrots, string beans and greens of all kinds.

Get plenty of sleep; have your windows open wide at night; take a daily bath; exercise.

Do these things and you need not worry about what the hot weather will do to you.



## When You Go Boating

**IF YOU** are thinking of going on the river during the holidays, there are certain things you should do in order to make the trip safer and more enjoyable.

In the first place, it's most dangerous to take out a canoe unless you can swim. These frail craft are very easily upset unless one knows exactly how to manage them and how to sit still.

When paddling, be careful not to miss the water altogether or just skim the surface. If you do this, over you go backwards, which is both unpleasant and painful.

When you start out for your trip, go upstream. This means that, when you return home, tired, you will be helped by the water instead of having to fight against it.

Other little points to remember are as follows:

Don't change places in the boat when in mid-stream.

Always cross the waves caused by the passage of a steamer or launch, stern on. Turn the stern of your craft to meet the wavelets and then you will avoid shipping a lot of water.

Finally, take care that you make your craft quite secure when tying up for a picnic on the bank. Secure her fore and aft—to use a nautical expression.

## Check Your Health

**SAFETY** leans on health and health, in turn, leans on safety. The ravages of disease gain momentum after the fashion of an uncontrolled auto coming down a steep hill. A point is reached where there is no stopping.

"Yet a thousand times a day careful drivers do come down hills safely. They plan to do so—at the top of the grade; a simple gear shift; attention to brakes; watchfulness—that's about all there is to the secret.

"It is best to check your health at the top of the hill. Correct minor ailments so that you will not fall victim to the major ones."

—Prof. Irving Fisher, in The Safe Worker.



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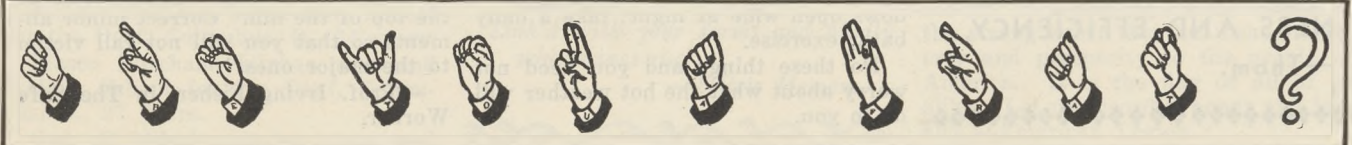
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425 Ann St.—Second Saturday  
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514 Congress St.—Second Saturday  
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262-264 E. Utica St.—First Saturday  
Albert E. Ode.....54 Andrew St., Pine Hill, Buffalo, N. Y.  
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W. O. W. Hall, 6th and Alder Sts.—First Saturday  
Henry P. Nelson.....2829 62nd St., S. E.  
NEWARK No. 42.....Newark, New Jersey  
851 Broad St.—First Saturday  
Frank W. Hoppongh.....402 S. 14th St.  
PROVIDENCE No. 43.....Providence, Rhode Island  
59 Chestnut St.—First Saturday  
Joseph Peirce.....Box 88, Barrington, R. I.  
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Eagles' Hall, 7th and Union—First Saturday  
Albert W. Wright.....6840 15th Ave., N. E.  
UTICA No. 45.....Utica, New York  
53 Franklin Square—First Saturday  
Robert J. Silver.....67 First Ave., Ilion, N. Y.  
WASHINGTON No. 46.....Washington, District of Columbia  
N. E. Masonic Temple—First Wednesday  
Gerald J. Ferguson.....1220 N St., N. W.  
BALTIMORE No. 47.....Baltimore, Maryland  
Fall Cedars Temple, 1209-15 N. Charles St.—First  
Wednesday  
August Wriede.....1909 Kennedy Ave.  
SYRACUSE No. 48.....Syracuse, New York  
Jr. O. U. A. M. Hall—Second Saturday  
Carl G. Ayling.....211 Fitch St.  
CEDAR RAPIDS No. 49.....Cedar Rapids, Iowa  
420 1st Ave. E.—Second Saturday  
Charles Kinser, Jr.....Route 2, Marion, Iowa  
HUNTINGTON No. 50.....Huntington, West Virginia  
Moore Hall, 4th Ave. and 9th St.—First Saturday  
Domenic J. Biagi.....348 3rd Ave.  
ALBANY No. 51.....Albany, New York  
Maccabee Temple—First Saturday  
Robert Paterson.....7 Eighth St., Waterford, N. Y.  
ROCHESTER No. 52.....Rochester, New York  
Fraternal Hall, Swan & E. Main St.—First Tuesday  
Clayton McLaughlin.....217 Shelter St.  
SAN FRANCISCO No. 53.....San Francisco, California  
Native Sons' Hall—First Saturday  
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612 Court St.—Second Saturday  
Edwin C. Ritchie.....26 E. Lancaster Ave., Shillington, Pa.  
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Cor. N. Arlington & E. Market Sts.—First Saturday  
William H. Townsend.....1766 Ford Ave., E. Akron, Ohio  
SALT LAKE CITY No. 56.....Salt Lake City, Utah  
First Tuesday  
George S. Laramie.....951 E. First South St.  
ROCKFORD No. 57.....Rockford, Illinois  
1016-18 Fourth Ave.—Second Saturday  
B. Franklin Jackson.....106 Lincoln Park Blvd.  
SPRINGFIELD No. 58.....Springfield, Illinois  
Carpenters Hall, 505½ E. Monroe St.—First Saturday  
John G. Otto.....716 South 13th St.  
DAVENPORT No. 59.....Davenport, Iowa  
I. O. O. F. Hall, 510 Brady St.—First Saturday  
Charles E. Loughran.....427 East 32nd St.  
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1824 Marshall Ave., St. Paul—First Saturday  
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Third and Calhoun Sts.—First Saturday  
Albert Tully.....3209 S. Jennings Ave.  
DALLAS No. 63.....Dallas, Texas  
Y. M. C. A. Building—First Tuesday  
Wallace E. Gibson.....Route 6, Box 356  
DENVER No. 64.....Denver, Colorado  
Howe Hall, 1548 California St.—First Saturday  
Harry Herbold.....3353 Williams St.  
WATERBURY No. 65.....Waterbury, Connecticut  
305 Bank St.—First Saturday  
Saverio A. Minicucci.....48 Wood St.  
SPRINGFIELD No. 67.....Springfield, Massachusetts  
Memorial Hall, 44 State St.—First Saturday  
Franz L. Ascher.....3 Keith St.  
WACO No. 68.....Waco, Texas  
First Sunday  
Andrew M. Bowman.....Route 1, Penelope, Texas  
BANGOR No. 71.....Bangor, Maine  
Royal Arcanum Hall, 173 Exchange St.—First Saturday  
James R. Hale.....Court St., Castine, Me.  
KENOSHA No. 72.....Kenosha, Wisconsin  
Knights of Columbus Hall—Second Saturday  
Joseph J. Martin.....2205 65th St.

BIRMINGHAM No. 73.....Birmingham, Alabama  
Fairview Masonic Temple—First Tuesday  
Sam B. Rittenberg.....7027 Division Ave.  
SIOUX FALLS No. 74.....Sioux Falls, South Dakota  
Chamber of Commerce—First Monday  
Albert J. Krohn.....331 N. Chgo Ave.  
WICHITA No. 75.....Wichita, Kansas  
Y. M. C. A.—First Saturday  
Burhard R. Keach.....427 Ida Ave.  
SPOKANE No. 76.....Spokane, Washington  
E. 2023 Marietta Ave.—First Saturday  
Henry O. Silk.....1029 W. Chelan Ave.  
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Moore Hall, 920 Locust St.—First Saturday  
Arthur Howard.....1217 Pine St.  
LOWELL No. 78.....Lowell, Massachusetts  
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561 Eleventh St., Oakland—First Saturday  
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Y. M. C. A.—First Friday  
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Charles L. McLaughlin.....59 Westmoreland Ave.  
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211 North Court St.—First Saturday  
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Eagles Hall—First Saturday  
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MIAMI No. 107.....Miami, Florida  
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J. B. Quarles.....129 N. E. 2nd Ave.  
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Frank A. Leitner.....929 East End Ave.  
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Y. M. C. A.—First Sunday  
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School for the Deaf—First Monday  
W. T. Grifing.....Box 192









# NATIONAL FRATERNAL SOCIETY OF THE DEAF



**T**HE NATIONAL FRATERNAL SOCIETY OF THE DEAF is a fraternal life insurance association of deaf men. It is organized on the lodge system and has branch lodges, called Divisions, in nearly a hundred principal cities of the United States and Canada.

## *When and How Organized*

The society was founded in 1901, at Flint, Michigan, its organizers being some young deaf men just out of school. One of the principal reasons for the undertaking was the discrimination against the deaf by insurance companies and fraternal societies.

In 1907 the society was reorganized under its present name and received its charter from the state of Illinois.

## *Objects*

The society's objects are: To pay death benefits to the families of members who die; to pay benefits to members who fall sick or meet accidental injury; to unite all deaf men of good health, habits and character in a brotherhood of friendliness and good fellowship for the purpose of helping one another and making life better and happier for all of its members and the deaf as a class.

## *Benefit Certificates—Amounts; Age Limits*

Certificates are issued for the following-named amounts of death benefit: \$250, \$500, \$1,000, \$2,000, \$3,000, \$4,000 and \$5,000.

A certificate for more than \$3,000 cannot be issued to an applicant who is over 45 years of age, or for more than \$1,000 if past 50.

Applications for full membership with benefit privileges cannot be accepted from persons under 18 or over 55 years of age.

## *Social Membership*

Social or associate membership, without benefit privileges, is open to deaf men who by reason of age or physical condition are not eligible to full membership with benefit privileges.

## *Death, Sick and Accident Benefits*

The society guarantees to pay to the beneficiary of a deceased member the amount for which his certificate is written, subject to the requirements and restrictions set forth in the society's laws.

To a member disabled by sickness or accident for two full weeks or longer the society will pay a benefit ranging from \$5.00 to \$25.00 per week, depending on the amount of weekly benefit chosen by the member and for which he has paid the required tax. No benefit, however, is paid for disability of less than 14 days' duration; nor can any member draw more than 10 weeks' disability benefit within any twelve consecutive months; and no member can draw sick and accident benefit for any part of the first three months after joining.

## *Payments Required of Members*

Rate tables and other information concerning payments required of members are given on the last inside page.

## *Social Features*

Most of the Divisions engage in social and literary entertainments for the pleasure and profit of their members—parties, balls, picnics, lectures, readings and the like. These social pleasures are part of the benefits of membership.

The spirit of good fellowship among the members is strong; and wherever one goes about this country of ours he will find cordiality and friendliness among his fellow-wearers of the Frat button.

## *Safeguards*

The society is chartered under laws of the state of Illinois and is licensed by the insurance departments of thirty-seven other states in which it operates, and by the Dominion of Canada. An annual report of the society's business for the year and financial condition is made to all of these state insurance departments. From time to time the insurance department of the society's home state of Illinois makes an examination and verifies the returns made in the annual report.

A voucher system is in use at the home office and every expenditure must have the approval of the Grand President. The general treasurer and the treasurers of all the Divisions are bonded by a surety company. The Board of Trustees makes a monthly audit of the treasurer's books and supervises all investments of the society's funds. Books and vouchers are at all times open for inspection by members or their legal representatives.

## *Why You Should Join*

Everyone knows the value of life insurance. It is the duty of every man to provide such protection for those dependent on him.

Again, life insurance is the best and most certain way to make sure that the cost of burying you will not fall on other persons.

This society offers you life insurance and disability benefits at the lowest possible cost consistent with necessary regard for permanence and safety.

It deserves your support, and the support of all the deaf. By joining, you will not only secure valuable benefits for yourself but moreover are helping and taking part in the most democratic, most useful, and already the most successful cooperative enterprise ever undertaken by the deaf anywhere in the world.

## *Cost of Joining*

The entrance fee is \$5.00 and is always to be paid with the application. In case of rejection the \$5.00 will be refunded. The applicant has also to pay the doctor's fee for the required medical examination—usually \$2.00.

## *How to Join*

Write to the nearest secretary and ask for an application blank and any further information you desire.

If you live in a city where there is a Division, see any member or officer of that Division.

If you live very far from any city which has a Division, or in a state in which no Division has yet been organized, write to the Grand Secretary for application blank or information.

If you do not live in or near a Division city, you will be attached to some Division as a non-resident member.

In writing for blank or information be sure and give full name, age, occupation and address.

For addresses of Grand Officers, and a Directory of the Division, see Page 26.