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THE SPOTLIGHT

By J. Frederick Meagher

LAW IS AN ASS, 'tis said. Pasadena cops juggled Dorothy Young for causing accident. Huh; what accident? Oh, a crash back there—all your fault. How come? Oh, your four deaf passengers talked in signs. What has that to do with an accident? Oh, hearing driver, passing, got a split-second glimpse of wildly-waving arms. Thought it was a fight; jerked his neck to see. In the brief second that damned fool took his nose eyes off the road his car rammed another car. He wrathfully blamed it all on the deaf driver. "Tell it to the judge."

She did. Judge finally let young Miss Young go—but issued judicial decree we deaf must not talk on our hands while riding in autos.

Pity not the deaf man; he is lucky, in a way—He's lucky 'cause he cannot hear what mean men sometimes say.

Hearing folks I've often heard in trouble-making talk—
When it would be much better if they went to take a walk.

Ark. Supt. Henderson wrote that and other clever verse on deaf. Pasadena judge would probably penalize Henderson five yards, loss of ball, and first down for calling off-side interference on HIS OWN team.

SPORTS. Durling, famous columnist with millions of readers, asked who invented football huddle. I sent him my research findings; named Gallaudet, team 1895. Claims hold water; Durling officially credits Gallaudet college with the invention, in his May 15 column . . . Air-trip to Akron binge next Spring for 5 best Cal. bowlers, Tom Elliott says . . . First annual Canadian Deaf bowling binge had 24 teams; Toronto won with 2927 pins (Great Lakes top was 2647) . . . Cortland of Portland staged annual Pacific Northwest binge, last three days of May. Added field-day, trip to famed Bonneville Dam, and other gala entertainment; beds \$1 per night . . . Remember when you were a tadpole, 1899, "Mile-a-Minute" Murphy bicycled at 62.28 miles an hour speed behind a train? Man cycled at 108.92 behind an auto last month.

DO YOU KNOW a 15c pack of cigarettes really costs 8½c? Federal tax of 6½c will be upped to 8c per pack . . . Ark. and La. add 5c state tax; most other states and some cities add taxes too. Bah . . . From one acre of tobacco, the planter gets only \$169; government grabs \$1061; we suckers who smoke pay \$2450 . . . Does any reader know if it is possible for us to grow our own year's supply of stink-weed in our own backyard? If planter gets less than 2%, figure my year's tobacco bill of \$90 can be pruned to \$1.98.

FRATISTICS. Brooklyn buys \$375 worth of Defense Bonds. . . . Utica gives \$5 to its frater getting most new members, annually . . . Bro. Bianco runs adv. of his own barber shop in Chicago loop . . . Is Little Rock our only div. meeting in a state school? . . . Westchester claims to have the wrestling champion of all divisions . . . Chi-First cancels steamship ride during Labor Day's 40th anniversary; govt. has grabbed liner we used for '37 NAD.

THE FRAT goes streamlined; classy rag now. Much easier to read. Good old Gib would be tickled pink, Bobs elevates hjs

trusted aides—Kemp is news editor and Cherry financial shark . . . Hollywood's Greenberg says our Los Angeles '43 convention may see side-trip to Mexico, 130 miles away. Attendants at NAD, last summer, say Los Angeles is top dog—huge attendance certain. Many going by airplane . . . Toronto '39 convention had 2500; only 860 bought badges, 400 registered at Royal York. But times were hard then—fraters' pockets seem chockful of money now.

"AMERICA for Americans?" Russia bought first submarine; France first plane; England first Hotchkiss and Lewis machine guns. All were invented by Americans, who were snubbed by our own government. Dive bombing was originated by our navy aviators at Pensacola, Fla. Nostradamus, centuries ago, predicted this war would end in 1944.

BRITISH govt. compensates for air-raid injuries, temporary wounds, single men \$5 week, married \$8; women \$4.40; permanent disablement men \$8, women \$6 . . . First big rush of Germans to America was 1848, when they fled Fatherland to escape conscription for Bismarck's wars . . . "Panzer" means armored; "blitz" means flash of lightning . . . Germany says it has no unemployment. Neither has a prison.

HOOD was destroyed by shell fired over 13 miles away—Bismarck guns had range of 22 miles. One shot from a 16-in. gun costs \$2,000. Battleships cost \$1,500 a ton; would make Bismarck value over 50 million. Cost of killing a man was 75c in Caesar's time; Hundred Years War \$50; Civil War \$5,000; World War \$25,000; present war \$127,000. Takes from 13 to 20 workers in industry to maintain one fighting man—how come Germany is alleged to have 9 million soldiers?

"Dignified but effective publicity" now NAD motto; prefers talks before Rotary, Lions, Kiwanis and other civic bodies. Lauritsen tones down press releases to what would ride were hero hearing . . . At long last Nadders are told WHAT to write and to WHOM, regarding Senate Bill 666 and H.R. 4056 and 4039. Best boil Kenner ever penned . . . This writer made history, quarter-century ago, with NAD impostor campaign; sent out 50,000 stickers with "Deaf Do Not Beg," etc., etc. Today NAD must smash real deaf squads who zip from town to town, peddling needles and alphabet cards. Say, Bobs, is that "gentleman's agreement" our Phila 18 convention passed still good? The one barring peddlers from frat membership? [It depends on WHAT they peddle and HOW they peddle it.—ED.]

TILLINGHAST of Fla. will be aged 100 in Sept. Only 30 people in a million reach age 100 . . . Miss Felicia Shelton died in Jan., aged 107. Attended our Iowa School . . . 20 was average age in 1650; 40 in 1850; 45 in 1875; now 62 . . . Those passing 56 in good health, have swell chance to live at least 30 years additional . . . Office workers outlive industrial toilers by eight years.

METHUSELAH lived 969—seven years longer than his great-granddad, Jared. Noah lived 950, Adam 930, Seth 912, Cainan 910, Enos 905, Mahalaleel 895, Lamech 777. No flu and other germs then, nor social disease. Also no autos, movies, newspapers, nickel cigars or poker—aw, what did the dum fools have to live for, anyway? . . . Insurance experts figure your life-expectancy thusly: take number 80, subtract your present age, multiply result by 7, divide result by 10. Result will be number of years longer you can reasonably be expected to live . . . Ministers, teachers, lawyers and physicians live longest.

HEROES aplenty in deafdom, past few years; latest life-saver is Kenneth McBride, 13-yr-old Ark. pupil who

saved small boy from drowning . . . 90 U. S. newspapers folded-up in past three years . . . Funny the NAD proceedings omitted Terry's convention poem . . . Rumor Cal. deaf have split—Northern deaf to found a "Cal. Alumni" gang; leaves Los Angeles with the powerful "Native Sons from Iowa" gang which runs great conventions.

Top named Topfer sends Vol. 2, No. 6 of Mimeo News for the Deaf, NYC. Six pages, Frat size; typewritten so all lines line-up exactly flush at right—same as printing. Wonder who invented a typewriter which spaces out lines. [Born of necessity in offset printing field.—ED.] Three pages mimeo ads. Topfer says circulation is 700 at 5c per copy; non-profit. As usual with deaf sheets, the big news is buried way down deep—two Union League clubbers, named Viito and Dragonette, set non-stop record at billiards. They banged the ivory for 11½ hours—from 2 in afternoon until 1:30 next morning. One ad says a Lutheran A.C. has amateur night—jokes limited to 5-min.; acts to 10-min. Cash prizes; audience votes.

EAGLE, 7-ft., 5-in. from tip to tip, caught alive near Seattle by Bro. Deaf Palmer. Shot stunned it; revived just as Palmer grabbed it by neck and claws. Did not dare let go either end—beak and talons like an ice-pick. Took it to wagon, held down head with his foot, used one hand to hold legs—other hand to tie legs with lariat. Then fastened it to wagon. Meanwhile huge wings beat his face until he looked like a pug.

Do YOU digest, or understand, all you read in THE FRAT? An 18-year-old pupil in Jax did. He read Bright Boy Braddock's article on Mary Ross Totten, few months ago. He studied the dates and meanderings. He put them together—and discovered a secret Illinois historians have been seeking for a long time. He discovered this Mary was his Illinois' FIRST school-matron. Almost a century ago. He wrote up his discovery for the school sheet. Wish all fraters would study our wonderful magazine as closely as did this schoolboy.

JULY birthstone is the Turquoise . . . Faribault dedicated \$25,000 Lutheran church for deaf, April 15 . . . Detroit and Los Angeles seem to have best up-and-coming go-getters in charge of their clubs these days. Program of varied fun reads like a jubilee . . . John Paul sends Australian paper; ads show their skimpy Austin auto goes 40 miles per gal. Our Ford touring for '29 costs \$425 there—yes, '29 model I said. Sold here for \$25. Most popular Australian autos are the Vauxhalls—never heard of them. Thank heavens we live in America!

SOLDIERS today are 2-in. taller and 15-lbs. heavier than their dads of '17 . . . 34,000 Americans get pensions for being deafened in last war . . . Weight of a full pack of a U. S. soldier is 65-lbs. Try walking a mile with 65 pounds on your back . . . In last war, only 28% of soldiers could throw hand grenades 90 ft.; jump 6-ft. ditch; climb 8-ft. wall; run 50 yds. in uniform in 9 sec.

DEAD and wounded in last war: Germany 5 million, France 5½, British 3. In this war, Germany has lost few—about a half million . . . Experts brand Hitler a "paranoiac"—insane person who creates a dream-world of his own to escape every-day problems and worries. Only sons often are. Insanity is classified the same as sports—tennis, hockey, football, etc. . . . Doctors say violently insane folks are happy—they feel no pain and think whatever they do is right . . . Hannibal's army was 50,000; Cromwell's 80,000; Frederick the Great 200,000; Geo. Washington 30,000; Napoleon at Waterloo 72,000; Grant 1,000,000. Hitler claims 9,000,000.

BRAIN TEST: What do Elks have that other animals never have? (Ans. next month.)

Notable Deaf Persons

By Guilbert C. Braddock

No. 55—SIR ARTHUR H. FAIRBAIRN, Bart.

THE British landed gentry, threatened with extinction at this present date, can look back with equanimity on a past filled with special glories,—not the least of which was that distinction it enjoyed from 1891 to 1915, of “having the only deaf and dumb baronet in the world.” The responsibilities of rank, in this case, were not too great for a deaf man to shoulder, and Sir Arthur Fairbairn was great enough to shoulder them gracefully and successfully, leaving behind him some concrete examples of generosity and philanthropy as well as the memory of a genial heart and a simple soul doing good in the aristocratic manner.

Sir Arthur Henderson Fairbairn was born April 11, 1852, the eldest child of Sir Thomas Fairbairn, 2nd Baronet, and grandson of Sir William Fairbairn, the great engineer, who invented riveting machines and other useful gadgets, and built great bridges and dockyards which rewarded him with large fortunes and a title from Queen Victoria. There is power in riches and regalia; but that power does not govern the laws of nature, and the family was helpless when deafness made its appearance in Arthur of the third generation and also in his sister Constance. A third child, James, escaped the affliction.

Education was called to the rescue, and Arthur Fairbairn was tutored through all the forms of Rugby, and taken further up the ladder of learning by private studies. He does not seem to have had any instruction in speech and lip reading. There is an unconfirmed legend that he made his way through Cambridge and received a degree, and this would not have been impossible in his case, as he bore a reputation for scholarly discourse.

At the age of thirty, after spending some years in the typical British pursuits of hunting and the collection of curios, he made a matrimonial connection also as English as beef and crumpets—taking as his choice Florence Frideswyde Long, daughter of the Honorable Richard Penruddocke Long, M. P., of Rood Ashton, Wilts. The marriage brought him the valuable association of his wife’s brother, William Long, later a power in British politics, and useful on occasion in the uplift of the deaf. Arthur and his sister Constance were in no wise ashamed of their deafness, and mingled with the deaf freely, befriending their poorer brethren, and doing their best to improve their condition.

In 1891 his father’s decease brought Arthur the title of 3rd Baronet of Ard-

wick, Manchester, with his right to bear the arms of the house, which are described by the heralds as “argent on a chevron between three boars’ heads, coupé, gules, with three bezants.” (A bezant is a small circle, or Byzantine coin, symbolizing wealth, and of that the Fairbairns had plenty.) His, also, at the succession, was the family crest representing the golden sun in all its splendor surmounted by the motto *Semper eadem*—“always the same”—an augury of good to the deaf, who had now in Sir Arthur both a friend and a protector.

The new baronet was of a jocular disposition, and was inclined to take his own deafness humorously, but he realized that it was no joke to others of his class, and he entered whole-heartedly into the many movements initiated in the kingdom for the benefit of the deaf: Church missions, charitable societies, and institutions of all sorts. He was Honorary Treasurer of the Royal Society in Aid of the Deaf and Dumb,—his function apparently being to balance the budget with a donation after other experts had tried in vain to balance it the ordinary way. His residence at Wren’s House, Chichester, Sussex, was the focal point from which many charities went out, and at his clubs in London and Manchester he buttonholed peers and parliamentarians in the interests of the deaf. He moved in the highest social circles, and was a great traveller and an art connoisseur.

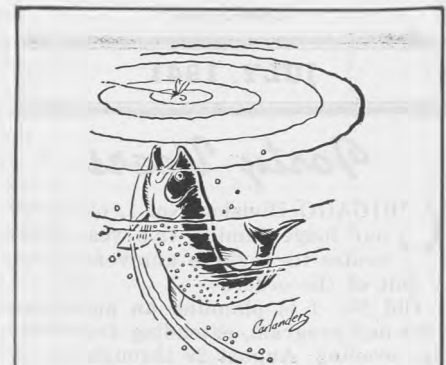
The *British Deaf Times* summed up Sir Arthur Fairbairn’s services to the deaf as follows, in an excellent obituary:

“Practical indeed was the assistance he rendered them. He did not confine himself to giving them good advice or lecturing them, but he gave freely both of his time and money. It would be difficult to catalogue his beneficence to the cause, or to give even a hint of the innumerable ways in which he was of service. It may be mentioned, however, that to bazaars and other similar functions arranged for the help of the deaf he always managed to bring a host of influential friends who would spend money freely. Then, again, his presence was a preventive against a taboo of the deaf community. Sir Arthur made the state of deafness familiar to a large circle of people who were naturally inclined to shrink from contact with a race of beings who could neither hear the human voice nor make use of it.”

Furthermore, there was scarcely a cricket match or other gathering of the “sporty” deaf, at which Sir Arthur did

not contrive to be present,—in his beaded vest, high collar and broad cravat, his beard closely clipped and the ends of his mustache waxed and curled,—to donate and present the silver cup or trophy and to make an encouraging speech. He was kept busy opening missions here and there, and laying foundation stones for institutions. Tradition has preserved in all countries his magnificence as chairman of the dinner given to the deaf delegates to the Congress of the Deaf in Paris in 1912, on their visit to London, where they were lavishly entertained. Also a by-word is his hospitality in 1903 at the 8th Biennial Congress of the D. and D. Association, which with keen foresight had honored him with the presidency of the Reception Committee.

Sir Arthur Fairbairn died June 2, 1915, and was greatly mourned. As he had no children, his title passed to his hearing brother James.



Fishin’ Fever

WHEN the fish are bitin’ lazy,
where the pools are still and deep,
Everything seems sorta drowsy,
like the world was half asleep;
Let the cornfield go to blazes, it
can wait another time,
Man don’t feel like doin’ nothin’
when the fishin’s in its prime.
—Riley.



WE hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. That to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed. —Declaration of Independence.



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FRANCIS P. GIBSON'S LAST MESSAGE:
"CARRY ON"

JULY, 1941

Forty Years

CHICAGO Division No. 1, oldest in our lodge family, this year celebrates its fortieth anniversary as a unit of the order.

Old No. 1 is planning an ambitious four-day program, extending from Friday evening, August 29 through Labor Day on September 1.

Headquarters of the committee in charge of the program and of out-of-town visitors during the celebration will be at the Hotel La Salle, one of the best known hostleries in the Windy City, located at the corner of La Salle and Madison Streets.

Chief events on the program are announced as a reception, banquet, and smoker with additional entertainment for the ladies and non-frats, all at the headquarters hotel, and Labor Day picnic at the old stand-by, Natoma Grove on Milwaukee Avenue.

Forty years is some stretch in the life of man and of lodges, and the anniversary is worthy of due celebration in the best style. We are confident No. 1 will provide a four-day entertainment worthy of the occasion.

Handout Artists

THREE decades or so ago we deaf as a class proudly announced to a breathless world that "the deaf do not beg." All "deaf" beggars were impostors pretending to be deaf, working on the sympathies of the gullible public, and must be exterminated forthwith. Great was the hue and cry, the flow of publicity, with the result that the impostors in the main took to cover and sought other fields of endeavor without toil.

Today, the picture no longer holds. Possibly the great furore we raised

three decades ago had something to do with it. Certain elements among the deaf may have been quick to see the opportunities for gain in this preying on the sympathies of the kind-hearted public. There are today a number of bona fide deaf men and women engaged in the racket of wheedling quarters and dimes from the citizenry by playing up their deafness and supposed dumbness. However, these buzzards are far from dumb. They are very intelligent. They find that the racket pays.

Chicago is the home of one of the oldest racketeers in this line. His specialty is alphabet cards, which he and his associates have peddled to the public with all the trimmings calculated to wring tender hearts and open purses.

We know another practitioner in this line who sells needles from house to house. While selling needles may not be objectionable in itself, it is the approach the fellow makes that raises the dander of the self-respecting deaf. He will knock at a house door, hold out his package of needles, assume a dejected appearance, point to his ears with a sad shake of his head, to his mouth with a hand on his stomach, and wait expectantly. Nine times out of ten the lady of the house hands him a quarter or a dime and neglects to take the needles. This fellow has stated that he can easily clear fifty dollars a week above all expenses by working a good town two or three hours a day. The rest of the time he spends at a good hotel.

Lately, this racket has been put on a big time basis. Some of the more enterprising deaf practitioners assemble groups of young deaf people, most of them young girls, and work them in crews from town to town, taking most of the earnings of these subordinates at each day's end. The head men of these enterprises drive good cars, live in good homes, while their hirelings eke out a bare existence.

The deaf as a class are no different from other human beings. Among them we must expect a certain percentage who deviate from the normal. The great majority are self-respecting, industrious people who detest charity, even resent it, and who ask only a fair chance to make an honest living. But it cannot be denied that deaf beggars, few as they may be, have a very detrimental effect on the self-respecting majority. These practitioners of the "handout" prejudice a prospective employer by making him think all the deaf are of the same stripe.

The late F. P. Gibson once went into a bank where he was not known, on some item of business. He placed a written memorandum before an official sitting in the "island." That functionary, without looking at the memo or at Gib, stuck his hand in his pocket and fished out a quarter for the enraged president of the society. Mutual explanations ensued, followed by an apology. Some beggar, impostor or deaf, had been working this bank.

Probably it will be impossible to eradicate entirely this type of parasite, once the pickings have been found good.

But a practical approach toward lessening the evil would be to get on the trail of these gangs and jail them for peddling without a license. An intelligently handled campaign of public enlightenment would also help. It would be easy enough to make it hot for "handout" artists if the self-respecting deaf united for a war on the species.

Propaganda

AN example of the subtle twaddle that gets into even our better newspapers is contained in this slipping:

Insurance companies get rich on the mistaken assumption of the people that they'll make money by dying. But you don't die! They examine you and are sure you won't die! Then they take your money.

Sounds like "red" propaganda, doesn't it? Clever emphasis is placed on "taking your money," with never a word about your dependents who are kept out of the poorhouse when you die and leave them a few thousand dollars to tide them over the acute emergency caused by your permanent exit from the scene.

Much the same subtle idea is conveyed in another newspaper clipping which might have been written by the propaganda expert of an Axis dictator:

In some of the old-line insurance policies and in all of the fraternal insurance policies a member has to die to beat the game. In such insurance companies a member who desires to withdraw does so at the loss of every cent invested. If he remains, he pays in so much each month for Protection for that month. After that period has expired, he must meet another obligation to the company for more Protection.

Here, emphasis is placed on "you have to die to beat the game." That looks like a discouraging proposition to the average man in the street. Forthwith he decides to do without insurance entirely. Why make other fellows rich by having to die to beat them at their own game?

But writers of this kind can never succeed in belittling the real value of insurance, especially its value to the man of moderate means and to the wage earner. Most agitators of this type have ulterior motives, not the least of which is to propagandize schemes calculated to divert some of the money now going into sound insurance protection into other directions, the most popular direction being toward their own pockets or the pockets of the men who hire them to write such stuff.

Sally's Poems

BROTHER Earl Sollenberger of Indianapolis has revived the Hoosier literary tradition of his adopted state by publishing his second book of poetry, "Handful of Quietness." His first volume, "Along With Me," brought out some years ago, received favorable notice.

The present sixty-three page volume is from the Gayren Press at Paterson, New Jersey. It is well illustrated with photographs and line drawings, with a frontispiece cut of the author.

The fifty-three poems in this volume are all well worth reading by those who have a liking for verse. Brother Sollenberger has a wide range, a fine sense of metrical rhythm, and above all he shows in these poems that he has that quality we look for in good poetry, the quality of thought and imagery. It is easy enough to write jingles that pass for poetry in these days, but few display the quality that stamps all great poetry, an acute sensitivity to all the nuances of life and the virility of expression to portray them.

In this warlike age, the shock of world events leaves the average man little time for poetry, however good. If civilization survives, these epic times will be duly celebrated in song and story. But Brother Sollenberger knows he will not be living then to write epic poetry, and he is making the best of the actual present when he sings:

I'll fling new poems in the future's face,
Not bitter little bleatings of despair,
But sweet upliftings—with a stoic grace
As optimistic as the sun and air.

Reminiscences

By OLIVER J. WHILDIN

OUR good friend, Dr. Thomas Francis Fox, retired teacher of the Fanwood (N.Y.) School for the Deaf, suffered a momentary fright one day at the convention of the N.A.D. held in Chicago a few years ago.

Dr. Fox was occupying a front row seat in the Hotel Sherman auditorium waiting for a session to open, when he was approached by a middle aged deaf man whose appearance betokened his descent from a fighting clan of County Cork, Ireland.

"I am glad to meet my old teacher after so many years," he began. As Dr. Fox gave no sign of recognizing him, he added, "I am Mike Duffy whom you compelled to hold out his hand and receive the worst licking ever administered to a Fanwood boy."

This reference to a memorable occasion of the dim past caused Dr. Fox to start and turn slightly pale. He surveyed the man closely. The half closed eyes, the stub nose, the heavy jaws and the ham-sized fists, which appeared to be kept automatically closed in a tense grip, seemed to bode him ill. For a moment he hesitated, but only for a moment. Quickly his own Irish wit came to the rescue.

"Did the licking do you any good," he asked point blank.

"Yes, it made a man of me. Now I have a good paying job, a buxom Irish wife, and a string of the finest bairns to be found outside of Ireland.

Dr. Fox sat down heavily. Turning to me he said: "I would never have recognized ignorant, mischievous and stubborn little Mike Duffy in that intelligent and prosperous looking man."

Old time students at Gallaudet will readily recall kindly Theodore C. Kiesel of Delaware, long a teacher in the Kendall School. Although he married the gardener's daughter in later life, his long and lonely bachelorhood was spent

1941 Membership Campaign

Name	Division	New Members
Edward Tellem	Philadelphia	7
John Kelly.....	Chicago No. 1.....	7
William Isaacks.....	Houston	6
John Kaufman.....	Portland	5
Armand Remillard.....	Boston	5
Carl Garrison	Seattle	5
William Battersby.....	Boston	4
David Berch.....	Brooklyn	4
Frank Thompson.....	Faribault	4
Thomas O. Elliott.....	Los Angeles	3
Frank Boldizsar.....	Columbus	3
Gordon Allen.....	Houston	3
James Fry.....	Flint	3
Russell Schenck.....	Reading	2
Chester Hart	Rockford	2
James Disharoon	Richmond	2
Cary Ayres	Ft. Wayne	2
Clyde Breedlove.....	Indianapolis	2
Joseph Haden.....	Denver	2
Brandt Otten.....	Sioux Falls.....	2
Paul Cope.....	Los Angeles	2
Samuel Kline.....	Cleveland	2
Owen Boggs.....	St. Louis	2
Howitt Morgan.....	Atlanta	2
Fred Brantley.....	Kansas City	2
Samuel Frank.....	Pittsburgh	2
Charles Cory, Jr.....	Columbus	2
Bertil Jennisch.....	Davenport	2
Solomon Deitch.....	Chicago No. 1.....	2
William Smith.....	New Orleans	2
Christian Hirte.....	Delavan	2
Raymond Geel.....	Westchester	2
Charles Falk.....	Omaha	2
James Todd.....	Springfield, Ill.	2

in room 37, third floor, old wing of College Hall.

One spring morning in 1891 during the height of student preparations to camp at Great Falls, Mr. Kiesel upon arising found that his door had been fastened on the outside by a stout rope. He was tired, hungry and mad. He gave the knob such a vicious jerk that it broke off and sent him reeling across the room.

By noon a formal notice appeared on the bulletin board in the hallway, sternly advising the owner of the rope attached to Mr. Kiesel's door to appear before the faculty at 3 that afternoon.

At next morning's chapel services, Dr. Gallaudet announced that the owner of the rope had not come forward to claim it. Therefore, he would now give the culprit 3 minutes to do so. Refusal, he said regretfully, would mean forfeiture of the Easter vacation by the whole student body. At the tick of the third minute, the culprit raised his hand and the student body dispersed.

At the faculty meeting which was held immediately afterwards, explanation was asked concerning the failure to confess ownership of the rope. The explanation ran as follows: "Begging your pardon, sirs, the bulletin called for the owner of the rope. I am not the owner. Dr. Fay here is the owner. He used it to bind up packages of the

American Annals of the Deaf." There was a ripple of laughter, in which Dr. Fay joined, the culprit was exonerated, and the boys got their Easter vacation in camp at Great Falls.

The Rev. Henry J. Pulver is now vicar of All Souls' Church, Philadelphia, and president of the Episcopal Conference of Church Workers among the Deaf. Back in 1926, in his callow days, I recognized his extraordinary talents by inviting him to satisfy the hunger of my Baltimore congregation for a real good, long, dry sermon, lecture, or talk.

He came to my home early on a Friday afternoon and at once began to unwind. I interrupted him to suggest that his fine grey trousers were a bit baggy at the knees and that he would do well to turn presser for the moment. He gratefully accepted my suggestion, and I gave him an iron and presser's board. He proved an expert presser, but unfortunately he would often neglect to remove the hot iron when the spirit of Demosthenes moved him to orate. Finally there was a puff of smoke, a burst of flame, and one leg of his grey trousers was all but ruined. In vain I sought the services of a tailor in the neighborhood, but all the shops were closed for the day. So we fixed

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News from the



Divisions

July

1. Annual picnic.....	Kitchener
4. Outing.....	Schenectady
4. Picnic.....	Los Angeles
4. Picnic.....	Atlanta
4. Outing.....	Washington
5. Social.....	Denver
5. Anniversary banquet.....	New Orleans
6. Party.....	Springfield, Ill.
6. Picnic.....	New Orleans
6. Picnic.....	Springfield, Ill.
6. Picnic.....	Louisville
6. Picnic.....	Omaha
6. Outing.....	Baltimore
12. Party.....	Des Moines
12. Social.....	Portland, Me.
12. Lawn social.....	Davenport
12. Party.....	Duluth
13. Field Day.....	Westchester
13. Annual picnic.....	Duluth
13. Annual picnic.....	Chicago No. 106
13. Picnic.....	Kansas City
19. Picnic.....	Charlotte
19. Roller skating party.....	Rockford
20. Picnic.....	Rockford
20. Picnic.....	Faribault
20. Outing.....	Holyoke
27. Picnic.....	St. Paul-Minneapolis
27. Picnic.....	Ft. Wayne
27. Picnic.....	Birmingham
27. Picnic.....	Pittsburgh

August

2. Social.....	Dallas
2. Scramble party.....	Des Moines
2. Social.....	Kalamazoo
3. Picnic.....	Kalamazoo
3. Picnic.....	Eau Claire
3. Picnic.....	Toledo
9. Outing.....	Boston
9. Social party.....	Davenport
10. Picnic.....	Cleveland-Akron-Canton
10. Outing.....	Holyoke
10. Annual picnic.....	Milwaukee
16. Annual outing.....	Brooklyn
17. Picnic.....	Sioux Falls
23. Picnic.....	Bronx
23. Field day.....	Utica
30. Banquet.....	Nashville
31. Picnic.....	Rochester
31. Picnic.....	Delavan
31. Picnic.....	Peoria
31. Picnic.....	Richmond
31. Social.....	Birmingham
30-31. Picnic.....	Wichita

September

1. Outing.....	Albany
1. Picnic.....	Wichita
6. Monster whist.....	San Francisco
14. Picnic.....	Jacksonville

RICHMOND (By L. R. Wickline)—Our June after-meeting social, in charge of R. W. Hatcher, was a big success in every way. The high scorers were W. W. Martin and Mrs. Gladys Byers.

A "rally day" will be set aside during the V.A.D. convention in Bristol on July 4 to 6 to try and get more new members. Let's hope we win many from the southwest district of Virginia.

Next on our program is a picnic on Sunday, Aug. 31, at Bermuda Lake Park, formerly Lake Ely. Flae Shook will be in charge, and the day will be spent playing softball and swimming in the pool. Soft drinks, beer and sandwiches will be on sale. Come one, come all! Brother Shook promises a good time for everyone.

SAN FRANCISCO (By D. E. Glidden)—Our annual banquet on May 10 was a fine success. It was held at the Hotel Whitcomb, and everyone had a fine time. Chairman Roberts and his committee deserve great credit for the success of the affair. Messages of greeting were received from Grand President Roberts, President Gilbert of the C.A.D. and Supt. Stevenson of the California School for the Deaf.

Charles Martucci and Oliver Johnson are the co-captains of the division's bowling team. They will soon start practicing, to get in readiness for games with other teams.

VANCOUVER (By L. R. Josefowski)—Our after-meeting social on June 6 was a strictly stag affair, the ladies being conspicuous by their absence. Just the same, the stags had an enjoyable time in the bingo binge that was held.

The deaf population in this neck of the woods was swelled to convention-like proportions over the Memorial Day week-end. The cause was the third annual championship tournament of the Pacific Northwestern Deaf Bowling Association held across the river in Portland. Most of the principal cities of the Pacific Northwest were represented. Portland, the host city, walked off with the 5-man team championship. Chas. Lawrence, one of our division's ardent bowlers, was among the prize winners.

BRONX (By C. J. Spitaleri)—Chairman Matty Blake and his committee are sparing no effort or expense to make our "Old Fashioned Picnic" the greatest event of the year. It will be held at Hoffman's Casino, 1118 Havemeyer Ave., Bronx, on Aug. 23. Tickets are on sale now. Only 55c; get yours.

Attractions at the picnic will include a bathing beauty contest for girls, an old fashioned waltz contest, a Frat division tug-of-war, and an inter-division bowling contest, for which invitations have been sent the Metropolitan Divisions. Cash prizes to the winners.

Tell your friends about it. Get your tickets now, from any member.

CHICAGO NO. 106 (By F. L. Bush)—Our 15th annual picnic will be held all day Sunday, July 13, at the Schiller Woods (North), Irving Park Ave., and River Road. Gates open at 9:00 a. m.

The chief attraction in the forenoon will be a 7-inning baseball game between teams representing Divisions No. 1 and No. 106. Come and root for your favorite.

Noon of course will be given over to eats. Refreshments and drinks of various kinds will be on sale all day.

At 2:00 p. m. a program of games will be run off, with merchandise prizes to the winners. In case of rain, ample shelters are provided on the grounds.

To reach the place, take Irving Park car to end of line, then take green bus to the Woods. Walk to left of shelter to baseball field and to picnic ground No. 3. These coming by auto won't need any directions—Irrving Park Ave. and River Road are too well-known.

Paul Moeller will be in charge, and he guarantees everyone a grand time. Come and help him prove it!

CHICAGO NO. 1 (By Thos. O. Gray)—The La Salle Hotel, Madison and La Salle Sts., has been chosen as headquarters for our 40th anniversary banquet on Aug. 30. It will be held in the Century Room, 19th floor, and the price has been fixed at \$2.00 per plate. Also, a reception will be held at the hotel on Friday evening, Aug. 29. The hotel offers special rates to those who put up at the hotel over the week-end. Local members may obtain banquet tickets from members of the Division Board. Out of towners may obtain them through the secretary, Thos. O. Gray, Box 293, Oak Park, Ill. Remittance should always be enclosed. It is desirable that tickets be sold in pairs, making it easier to figure seating capacity, arrangement of tables, etc.

Sunday, Aug. 31, will be devoted to a trip to the famous out-door zoo at Brookfield where the animals may be seen almost as if they were running around loose in their natural habitat. It is a trip visitors cannot afford to miss. Sunday evening will be devoted to one of No. 1's famous smokers. It will have all the trimmings that go with such an affair, and then

some! Be sure and bring your dues receipt.

Monday, Labor Day, will be the day of days. This will be given over to our annual picnic at Natoma Grove. No need to prate about what that will be. Our hospitality is too well known. Guests at the La Salle Hotel will find it easy to reach the grove, as Milwaukee-Devon cars pass the hotel, running through to the park without change. Just ride to the end of the line, cross the street and walk a short distance further on, and there you are!

LOWELL (By C. C. McCord)—On May 24 the division held one of the most successful affairs in its history. It was held at the Rex Penthouse, and was a chicken pie supper, followed by a floor show by local talent, and movies. Two hundred and eighty-two plates were served. Visitors were present from Maine to Rhode Island, and we wish to extend our thanks for their patronage.

The writer and James Crain of Leominster attended the last meeting of Worcester Division, which was followed by supper and whist. They were impressed by the improvement in membership and division activities.

Lawrence Donovan, now at Tewksbury State Hospital, is anxious to hear from his friends. Write him a letter once in a while, and cheer him up.

Our roll has been augmented by the addition of a new member, Joseph Zolerunas of Lawrence. We hope he will be able to bring in other new members from Lawrence.

EAU CLAIRE (By Ludvik Landsverk)—Twelve members enjoyed an all-day outing at the rural home of Secretary and Mrs. Landsverk on Sunday, June 8.

Bros. Landsverk, Bulmer, Kalk, Rasmus and Thompson will be in charge of our picnic on Aug. 3. It will be held at Carson Park, just one mile west of the Four Corners—the center of the city. Ice cream will be served free, and prizes will be awarded the winners of the various games.

ALBANY (By E. R. Schuyler)—The recent flower festival under the direction of the Auxiliary was a successful attraction. The division extends its congratulations to the Auxiliary, and especially to Mrs. John and her committee.

Edward Schuyler and his bride-to-be were honored by being chosen King and Queen of the May. Later, on May 17, they were married at St. Paul's Church. After a short honeymoon trip to New York, they returned to make their home in Albany.

KANSAS CITY (By Ted Tucker)—Because of the holiday, our July meeting will be held on the 12th instead of the 5th. Members should make note of the change. No change in place or time of meeting.

Also, the picnic scheduled to be held on July 4 will be postponed until Sunday, July 13. It will be held at 47th and Prospect Ave., in charge of those new brothers who were initiated last December. It promises to be very entertaining, so use your slacks, ladies!

Our affair on May 30 was something of a flop, caused by a heavy downpour of rain. Financially, however, we came out on the right side of the ledger, not the wrong side, as one might have expected.

A debate was held at the close of our May meeting. The subject was "Should Married Women Work?" Brother Tucker and Mrs. Hartsell upheld the affirmative side, and Brother Murphy and Mrs. Willie Dillenschneider the negative side. The former won.

ATLANTA (By H. E. Hartsfield)—Atlanta Division is planning on throwing its gates open on July 4. A big surprise awaits all comers, including an all-day outing at some place as yet undisclosed. If it don't rain we surely will give you a good time—and we don't expect any rain, as we have had only a few showers in the last three months!

A bunch of Frats and their wives motored down to Panama City, Fla., for the week-end of June 6. They boarded a fishing schooner for a day's sport on the ocean. Mrs. Hitchcock caught the largest fish, a 17½ pounder. But you should have heard the tales of the ones that got away! Another bunch will go down in a few weeks. Join us?

FT. WAYNE (By Paul Delucenay)—Our 16th annual picnic will be held on the Fair Grounds at Portland, all day, Sunday, July 27. Everyone is welcome to attend. Come early and stay late, meet old friends and make new ones.

Lunch, pop, ice cream, etc., will be on sale on the grounds, so no one need go hungry or thirsty. Likewise, good prizes to the winners of the various games. Brother Walker is chairman, assisted by Brothers Rines, Stephenson, Ayres, Delucenay, Metz and Thomas.

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WORCESTER (By Bart Burns)—About 50 persons attended our whist social, and about 30 of them enjoyed the salad supper. A nice profit was realized from the affair.

At the June meeting we were honored with the presence of Secretary Colin McCord and James Crain of Lowell Division, and Theodore Juzba of Springfield Division.

Our July meeting will be held on July 12 instead of on the regular date, the 5th, to leave the members free for the week end of the Fourth. Also, there will be no whist parties during July and August.

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NEW HAVEN (By C. H. Caulkins)—Our strawberry festival on the evening of June 7 exceeded all expectations. Over 70 hungry friends crowded in, and Chairman Augustine had to do some scurrying around to see that all were supplied.

There will be no socials during July and August. However, we hope to introduce our novices to Mr. Billy Goat following the August meeting. The committee is planning several surprises for your enjoyment. Admission will be free, and refreshments will be available. Come and have a good time.

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PITTSBURGH (By J. K. Forbes)—The division has sustained a double loss in the transfer of President John W. Stevenson to Canton Division, he having obtained employment in that town. The office of president can be easily filled, but how about the lost member? Get busy, boys, and make up the loss by getting a new member—yes, several of them.

On account of the Fourth, our July meeting will be held on the 12th instead of the scheduled 5th. Have a good time, boys.

Our picnic committee is working hard on the plans for our picnic at Idlewild Park, Ligonier, on Route 20. Those who do not have cars may go by bus at a reduced rate. See or write Secretary Forbes for accommoda-

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tions. Excursion train also makes trip to park. We are looking for a good crowd.

Announced arrangements for joint socials with the local branch of the P.S.A.D. have been called off, as it is contrary to the policy of the society to affiliate with outside organizations in this way.

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BALTIMORE (By A. A. Hajna)—Our July and August meetings will be held on the second Saturday of the month, starting at 7:30 p.m., instead of the customary first Saturday of the month at 8:00 p.m.

Our annual play for 1941, "The Trap," broke all records for excitement, performance and climax. Much credit is due to Chairman Wriede and his committee for their untiring efforts to make the affair a success.

Our Aux-Frats are very energetic these days. At the last after-meeting social, under their sponsorship, Aux-Frat Fielder and her committee of active workers surprised everybody with various new and old-fashioned games. Everyone was delighted with the return of the after-meeting socials, and we hope to have more of them in the early fall.

Don't forget our annual outing at Cottage Grove Beach on July 6, 9:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Chairman Watkins and his committee promise new games on land and in water, with handsome prizes to the winners. Plenty of refreshments obtainable on the grounds, or bring your own and make a picnic of it. Bring your card of admission and pay at the Beach gate. Only 25c, including state and federal taxes.

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BROOKLYN (By H. J. Goldberg)—Only a slim crowd of 61 members braved the 87 degree heat and attended our June meeting. How many other divisions can boast of a larger attendance? (Quite a few, Harry, quite a few. Ed.)

Preparations for our annual outing at Luna Park on Aug. 16 are receiving unusual attention, and a grand time is assured. Next month I hope to give a complete program of events. The park has been completely overhauled, and is an ideal spot for deafdom to meet.

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FARIBAULT (By Toivo Lindholm)—The place for our picnic on July 20 will be Roberds Lake, a familiar and popular place with the deaf of this vicinity. The committee, Brothers Doheny, Roth and Sellner are already pulling in their belts in preparation for insuring everybody a good time. "Stay away; rue the day!"

Donald Froehlich of Eagle Lake has joined our division via the transfer route from St. Paul-Minneapolis Division. He brings with him a bride taken unto himself on May 24, Miss Lempi Niemela. She is a graduate of the Minnesota school.

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SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (By Isadore Zisman)—Our annual May hall held in the Hotel Bridgeway on the 31st was a most successful event both financially and otherwise. Frank Malaguti was in charge of the festivities, which were attended by approximately 175 persons. Entertainment was in the form of several novel acts by local deaf talent, and was thoroughly enjoyed, as was the red-hot Negro orchestra which supplied the vibration for dancing. With pleasure we take this opportunity to announce that part of the proceeds from this affair will be donated to the Red Cross.

Plans are in process for an outing to be held sometime in August. The committee in charge consists of Bros. Gatlin, Brown and Thompson. If the Hartford Division is interested, we hope to make the event a two-division affair. Watch THE FRAT for further details.

Bros. Thompson, Rogers and Malaguti make up a committee to prepare a social calendar for

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ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

CHICAGO DIVISION No. 1

Aug. 29 to Sept. 1

(Labor Day)

PROGRAM

Aug. 29—(Friday evening) — Reception.

Aug. 30—40th Anniversary Banquet.

Aug. 31—Day at Brookfield Zoo; Evening, Frat Smoker; Other events for Ladies and Non-Frats.

Sept. 1—Picnic at Natoma Grove.

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the coming fall-winter season which will be printed and distributed to all those interested. They are expected to be finished by next month, and may be secured by writing to the secretary, Isadore Zisman, 1869 Roosevelt Ave., Springfield, Mass. The preparation and distribution of these calendars is expected to serve a two-fold purpose, the first to keep our friends informed of coming events, and the second is to give notice to nearby divisions who may then arrange their socials accordingly, to prevent conflicting dates.

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MANHATTAN (By Art Kruger)—No. 87 did its "bit" to help Great Britain prevent a Nazi invasion that in turn would affect the future economic welfare of the deaf even more than that of hearing by donating \$10.00 to the British War Relief Society . . . Same was handed in at the most successful rally in the form of a variety show at Julia Richman High School on Saturday evening, June 7th, presented by the New York Committee of the Deaf for British Aid. . . . Donations total over \$500. . . . That Card Party, May 25th, at UL was successful in attendance. . . . Through Brother James F. McGuire, chairman, the Palm Garden on West 52nd Street has been selected as the locale of our variety costume ball on Nov. 15. In a later issue we will give you five reasons why we chose Palm Garden. . . . Owing to holiday and summer, regular meetings will be held on the first Wednesday in July, August and September. Remember those Wednesday nights for meetings—July 2, Aug 6 and Sept. 3. . . . Brother Emerson Romero is making good at the Republic Aviation Corporation at Farmingdale, L.I. Some time ago he was invited to attend a dinner given to the editorial staff of the factory bi-weekly newspaper, in which Romero under the pen name of "Jimmy Jig" is writing columns. . . . Observing that President Roosevelt stirred the whole world with his call for unlimited aid in the defense of human freedom, let's pledge our help and loyalty under his inspiring leadership. . . . A very pleasant and profitable vacation to all.

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TORONTO (By J. F. Gotthelf)—Insistent requests have come for membership application blanks. The secretary is not supposed to distribute official blanks as if they were free samples. These blanks form halves of a permanent record to be filed at the home office and attached to certificates and are, therefore, too expensive to be broadcast unless there is an assurance that each application blank sent out will be returned to the secretary all signed up and ready for division action. The secretary has his instructions from the Home Office about distributing the official membership application forms, a limited supply of which is at hand. All requests for these forms should be accompanied with names and ages and occupations and insurance requirements of prospective applicants, and to avoid delay and misunderstanding, letters on the subject should be addressed to the secretary or the deputy organizer.

At our June meeting Brother Baskerville's motion carried, buying a \$50 Victory bond as our bit toward the \$600,000,000 loan campaign to help safeguard our democratic institutions.

We do not know as yet where we will have our annual picnic in August. Our division has been in touch with the Hamilton Division for some time about the proposed joint picnic to be managed by that division. It is hoped that definite plans will have been made before our July meeting, although we would, naturally, like to have arrangements made earlier, to allow plenty of time for publicity in THE FRAT. Our little monthly paper is a good medium for social announcements. However, we are sure that handbills will turn the trick at the eleventh hour.

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MILWAUKEE (By K. M. Steinke)—Members please note: Our July meeting will be

held on Tuesday, the 8th instead of Friday the 4th, the latter being a legal holiday.

Tickets are out for our annual picnic to be held at Geboy's Grove on Sunday, August 10th. "The Best Picnic Ever" is Chairman Walter Reuter's slogan for this event, so come on out and enjoy an all-day outing in the shady grove we have reserved. Games, and refreshments are on the list. The admission is a mere dime.

On May 10th 150 loyal friends of our A. G. Leisman gathered at the Milwaukee Silent Club Rooms to show him our great appreciation and to pay him part of the debt of gratitude we owe him for the fine work he has done as Director of the W.A.D. Service Bureau. A handsome gift was presented him, which no doubt he will long remember.

Seven more to go and we will have our quota. Deputy Organizer Kolman is aching to hear of any prospects that might be running loose, so you members, get busy and keep him posted. Bro. Kolman has promised that he will see to it that the dotted line is filled in.

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READING (By James N. Cutler)—Every time the writer gets around and meets some out-of-town members or their wives or lady friends, the question is always asked—"How come you don't write every month in FRAT paper like last year and year before?" We just had to say that there is nothing much doing in Reading this year—evidently the results of our strenuous work last year for the successful membership campaign for new members, together with the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Division last October. But we are not dead yet—there is still time for us to win our quota if our members get on the job double quick.

We want to mention that Reading No. 54 has gotten on back of the Government and purchased \$300 worth of Series E, 12 year, U.S.A. Defense Bonds, cost \$222. In addition, the Picnic Committee is planning a monster picnic at Miller's Cottage, near Adamstown, Pa., some Sunday in August, but we cannot give exact date till next month. Seems that quite a few of the members do not want to hold the picnic on the same day as Division meeting, but want the whole of that Sunday free for the picnic. So next month, be sure to look for the date of the picnic, and plan to come and bring all the folks along that you can.

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LOS ANGELES (By H. O. Schwarzlose)—John Rhamy attended the June meeting with a smile a yard wide. Seems that it was his birthday and he had received a box of cigars and other presents from his many friends and well wishers. He confesses to being 73 years young.

June Seventh was also an anniversary date for Bro. Peterson. He and Mrs. Peterson were married 22 years ago on that date. At that time both Peterson and Secretary Schwarzlose were living in San Francisco, and Schwarzlose was best man at the wedding. Today, 22 years later they both live in Los Angeles and Schwarzlose is now secretary of No. 27 instead of No. 53.

Mike Korach has transferred from Division 64, Denver, to Division 27, Los Angeles. He has been living here for several months, and has decided to settle here for good. Welcome, Mike.

A. H. Kobertstein, Seattle, was a visitor at the meeting and told of his trip in which he visited the Home Office and was shown all through the different departments. He stopped at Milwaukee and many other places. His talk was heartily applauded. Other visitors were Grand Vice President Foster Gilbert, J. Trainor, A. Herman and P. Pfeiffer.

Meetings are getting larger all the time, and keen interest is being shown in the membership race. Bro. Lally has a new prospect all lined up to take the medical examination and promises to have the application in the hands of the Secretary by the July meeting, which, by the way, has been postponed until the 12th on account of the holiday. Don't let that one member be lonesome, fellers; get another or a few more to keep him company.

Wm. Cook died on May 5th, aged 80. He was a native of Collinsville, Connecticut, and came to Los Angeles 40 years ago. For the past 33 years he has been working for the City and County of Los Angeles. His death was unexpected, though he had been unwell for some time. Our sympathy is extended to the bereaved family.

Mark Hanna had to resign as Sergeant on account of working on the night shift. J. Heitshusen was elected to fill his office.

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PHILADELPHIA (By H. J. Cusack)—Business on the up swing. Members securing employment here and there. Only 7 members out of 200 in arrears, 6 of whom shouldn't be. Bros. Rowe and Tosti joined the vast multitude of home owners. Division thinking of moving to new meeting quarters. Been meeting at the same place for the last 24 years. Moving up-town to the Silent Athletic Club. Better location, better transportation facilities. May be a turn for the better. Bro. Tellem hasn't been able to secure any new members the past two months. Been looking over the field. Has several likely prospects lined up. The only hitch is getting them to sign on the dotted line. Knowing him as we do, he will bring them in. Certain members of the Division chipped in and presented Bro. Ferguson with a wrist watch in appreciation of his past services as president. Amount collected was not enough, so the missus chipped in the difference. Nice spouse—there'll be no excuse for her hubby being late now. Bros. Alex Walker, Priest, Shast, O'Donnell and yours truly have been getting the fishing tackle ready. Looks like a busy season for these disciples of Izaak Walton.

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BOSTON (By James L. McDonald)—The whist held after our last meeting was far from expectations, and a decidedly poor showing of gratitude by the members of the Division to the Committee who had labored so long and tirelessly for the social enjoyment of our members and friends, for whom all our socials are held. The N.F.S.D. is an organization of men, fittingly endowed with a mature sense of reasoning, able to think and act for their own best interests, and to follow the bidding of any disgruntled or spiteful individual or group benefits none. Socials are arranged for your pleasure and enjoyment, and suggestions are always welcome.

Saturday, August 9, is the day the division will take over the grounds of the Home for the Deaf at Danvers, Mass., for our all-day outing. The committee has arranged a program of games and contests that promise a day of thrills and merriment from start to finish. Special busses will leave Haymarket Sq., Boston, at 10 a.m. Combination ticket entitles the holder to round-trip transportation, admission to the grounds, and a buffet supper in the evening, all for \$1.25. To those who come by private car ample parking space is provided together with admission and supper for a charge of only 75 cents. Prizes will be awarded to the winners of the games and contests, and a whole day of pleasure for only 75 cents

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Following our outing in August our next indoor affair will be our Hallowe'en party in October, and to all our members and friends the division extends best wishes for a happy and enjoyable vacation.



ST. PAUL-MINNEAPOLIS (By H. Von Hippel)—August Brueske is in charge of our annual picnic to be held at Sucker Lake on July 27. He gives out flat guarantees as follows: no suckers allowed, chartered busses for those who have no other means of transportation, pleasant scenery to look at (plenty of curves), games for all who want to play, drinks and eats at reasonable rates. Let's give Brother Brueske a hand and help him make good his guarantees. Bring your friends.

A 40th wedding anniversary dinner was given in honor of J. S. S. Bowen and wife at Thompson Memorial Hall on June 1. About 115 persons attended. The speakers literally sung such high praises on Brother Bowen and his frau that he promised to turn a new life. May Mr. and Mrs. Bowen live to reach their 50th anniversary.

A box of cigars was passed around at the meeting, for the reason that Andy Pangrac had the nerve to try a second venture in the matrimonial seas. His better half was Olga Molin. The following day two kegs drew quite a crowd, and were drained dry in record time. Best wishes for their happiness.

Believe it or not, hi-jacking new members from other divisions is quite common nowadays. That's what we do not relish, and we should foster goodwill and fellowship between divisions. Three application blanks were issued to non-resident prospects this year, but they were weaned away from our division before we knew it.



CLEVELAND (Vic J. Knaus)—It may have been "amusin'" but now it isn't "confusin'" anymore, so we are spreading it out, far and wide—the Cleveland-Akron-Canton picnic will positively be held at Chippewa Lake Park on Sunday, August 10. The committees of the three divisions are hard at work drawing up a program that will satisfy each and every visitor. Rest assured that it will be the picnic of the year. A large assortment of games and prizes will thrill young and old alike. But that's not the main attraction at an affair like the C-A-C picnic. The big thing is that you will meet friends you haven't seen since auld lang sin'. They may come carrying a young un' in their arms or their young uns' may be carrying one in theirs—but—they'll all be there! This year's picnic is really going to be a pleasurefest, a gamefest and a gabfest! So there's nothing more one could desire. As for the park itself, you'll find everything there from "A Ride to Hades" to the roller coasters; a bathing beach where you can sport your newest suit (and not go near the water) to water bikes, water skis and speedboats. Chippewa Lake Park is located in the triangle formed by the intersections of State Routes 42, 3 and 224 in Medina County. So put the d'te in your hat and don't fail to be there!

Hats off to our gallant little aux-Frat Mrs. Hawley! The division has been suffering from poor attendances at No. 21 socials—and Mrs. Hawley did what we stalwarts couldn't do.

She packed them in and they liked it—to a nice profit for the division. So hats off to Mrs. Hawley and her able assistants!

Ever see a knocker? Sure, we all have, and No. 21 is no exception. Before knockers knock they should first consider their own case, namely, what good have they been doing for the division?—have they enrolled any new members?—have they been attending the division socials?—have they been attending meetings regularly? Knocking is the softest job on earth—but it's also a camouflage. A knocker points to the errors of real workers in an effort to hide his own inactivity. His only error is that he knocks when he should boost, which does not hurt the rank and file of the division as much as it does the member who places honest effort behind his work for the division and who, being human, is prone to make mistakes. Let's cut out knocking, and let's cut out all destructive criticism—let's join hands and all work together and we'll go places!

The July meeting has been postponed to July 12th, the second Saturday, since July 5th follows our national holiday when most of us make extensive trips.



NASHVILLE (By Ralph W. Green)—The division is marching down the stretch. We have determined to have social affairs monthly throughout the summer, therefore never realized. Our recent affair was held in Centennial Park, where the Parthenon is located, known all over the world. Nashville is called "The Athens of the South."

Nashville division is making preparations to be in top class condition in anticipation of the bowling games this fall. It is with regret that we cannot put in much summer practice, for the simple reason that the bowling alleys here are a "sweat box" compared to those air-conditioned in other localities. Just the same we have the "talent" in many of our fine young men. In our division we plan to have at least two Frat teams. In case there is a short, we have some good non-frats and they will be persuaded to make out applications to our great order. It is hoped this will build up our membership.

On August 30 of this year, the division plans to throw a banquet at Hotel Hermitage. Arrangements are being made to get up a bowling match during this event. The ladies are invited to the shindig. It is hoped that other nearby divisions, such as Birmingham, Memphis, Atlanta, and Chattanooga will come and match their wits with us this fall or during the Labor Day holidays. How about it boys? Here is my address, just in case, 2809 Vaulx Ave.



WHEN Freedom from her mountain height
Unfurled her standard to the air,
She tore the azure robe of night,
And set the stars of glory there.
—Joseph Rodman Drake.



Marriage

YOU all recognize the old adage: "In the Spring of the year the young man's fancy turns to thoughts of . . ." It may seem to be an odd coincidence but when the sap begins to flow, there also sprouts a series of articles concerning intermarriage between the congenitally deaf.

From the days of Alexander Graham Bell down to the present has marched an army of educators, physicians and social workers—all of them suggesting that hereditary hearing handicaps could be eliminated by the legal prevention of marriage between congenitally deaf people. The moot problem is discussed pro and con. The side favoring the legal prevention of intermarriage brings up a series of research figures showing the high incidence of deafness in the off-spring of such marriages.

The opponents to any legislation prohibiting marriage between the congenitally hearing handicapped produce another set of figures demonstrating that deafness in both parents will produce normal offspring more often than not; and if one parent is deaf and the other normal, the chances of producing handicapped offsprings is not very great.

There you are! For the sake of argument and because he feels quite deeply about the subject, the writer wishes to go out on a limb and state that he is opposed to the passage of any laws that would prohibit the intermarriage of congenitally hearing handicapped people because:

1. They have just as intrinsic a right to be born into this world as anyone else.
2. Once established into the scheme of things, they have conducted their lives both spiritually and physically on a par with any normally hearing group of people enjoying the same economic status.
3. The day when a hard of hearing or deaf person was considered an imbecile and a moral incompetent is happily a day of the past.
4. One does not hear of attempts to pass legislation prohibiting intermarriage between the congenitally blind, and also between those suffering other congenital handicaps.
5. Universal unhappiness and complete dissatisfaction among the deaf and hard of hearing is not as intense as sociologists would have us believe.
6. In this life there are a whole lot of things that are far worse than having a hearing handicap!—N. H. Raybin in *Garfield House Life*.

GOOD sense and good nature are never separated; and good nature is the product of right reason. It makes allowance for the failings of others by considering that there is nothing perfect in mankind; and by distinguishing that which comes nearest to excellence, though not absolutely free from faults, will certainly produce candor in judging.—Dryden.



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Reminiscences

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up his trousers the best we could with pins and safety pins.

That evening the hall was filled to overflowing and the Reverend Mr. Pulver made a valiant effort to describe Napoleon's triumphs following the French Revolution. I cannot say that his effort was successful. That left leg fascinated too many in the audience. It looked like a corrugated and knotty Irish shillelah standing on its small end, the pins were continually getting loose and reminding him of their sharp points.

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MEMBERSHIP QUOTAS—1941

GIVEN below is the quota of new members each Division is expected to get during 1941. Every Division is urged to complete its quota:

DIVISION	1941 Quota	New Members
Chicago No. 1	25	17
Detroit	15	1
Saginaw	5	
Louisville	5	2
Little Rock	5	
Dayton	5	
Cincinnati	10	
Nashville	5	1
Olathe	5	1
Flint	10	3
Toledo	10	2
Milwaukee	10	2
Columbus	15	3
Knoxville	5	
Cleveland	10	2
Indianapolis	15	2
Brooklyn	25	5
St. Louis	15	8
New Haven	15	1
Holyoke	5	
Los Angeles	15	7
Atlanta	5	2
Philadelphia	15	7
Kansas City	10	2
Omaha	5	2
New Orleans	5	2
Kalamazoo	5	
Boston	15	10
Pittsburgh	10	2
Hartford	5	1
Memphis	5	3
Portland, Me.	5	2
Buffalo	5	1
Portland, Ore.	5	5
Newark	5	4
Providence	5	1
Seattle	5	3
Utica	5	2
Washington	10	
Baltimore	10	
Syracuse	5	
Cedar Rapids	5	1
Albany	5	
Rochester	5	
San Francisco	5	
Reading	10	2
Akron	15	2
Salt Lake City	5	
Rockford	5	2
Springfield, Ill.	5	2
Davenport	5	2
Worcester	5	
St. Paul-Minneapolis	10	1
Fort Worth	10	
Dallas	10	
Denver	5	2
Waterbury	5	
Springfield, Mass.	5	
Bangor	5	
Birmingham	5	
Sioux Falls	5	3
Wichita	5	
Spokane	5	1
Des Moines	5	
Lowell	5	1
Berkeley	5	6
Delavan	5	2
Houston	5	9
Scranton	5	
Richmond	5	3
Johnstown	5	1
Manhattan	15	
Jacksonville	5	1
Peoria	5	1
Jersey City	5	1
Bronx	5	
Columbia	5	1
Charlotte	5	
Durham	5	1
Grand Rapids	5	
Toronto	10	3
Duluth	5	1
Canton	5	
Paribault	5	6
Council Bluffs	5	3
Fort Wayne	5	2
Schenectady	5	
Chicago No. 106	5	1
Binghamton	5	
Wilkinsburg	5	1
San Diego	5	1
Eau Claire	5	
Sulphur	5	
Vancouver	5	1
Westchester	5	4
Que ns	5	
Montreal	5	
Hollywood	5	1
Hamilton	5	
Kitchener	5	1



Daughter: "What is alimony, mother?"

Mother: "It's a married man's cash-surrender value, dear."

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Sergeant: "Any of you men got a dirty uniform?"

Private (hoping for a new uniform): "Yes, sergeant, look at me."

Sergeant: "You'll do. Report tomorrow morning at 6:30 for coal shoveling."

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Friend: "Did you get the Goldrox estate settled up all right?"

Lawyer: "Yes, finally. But I had a hard fight. Why, do you know, the heirs almost got a part of it!"

* * *

"Where is the manager's office?" asked the paint salesman.

"Follow the passage," some one directed him, "until you come to the sign reading, 'No Admittance.' Go upstairs till you see the sign 'Keep Out.' Follow the corridor till you see the sign 'Silence,' then yell for him."

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"People are carried away with everything I make."

"You must turn out some very artistic stuff."

"No, I just make stretchers."

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Boy Friend: "You're dancing with me tonight and I suppose tomorrow you'll be making a date with some other man."

Girl Friend: "Yes, with my chiropodist."

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Country Cousin: "Gosh, the gals in this show are dressed something scandalous."

City Cousin: "Hush, Cy, the show hasn't started yet. What you see is the ladies in the boxes."

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"I can't quite diagnose your case. I think it must be drink."

"All right, Doctor. I'll come back when you're sober."

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MAY COLLECTIONS

Grand Division	\$ 71.17
Chicago No. 1	430.03
Detroit	147.82
Saginaw	58.44
Louisville	78.57
Little Rock	111.13
Dayton	36.46
Cincinnati	167.77
Nashville	42.19
Olathe	83.74
Flint	110.99
Toledo	92.38
Milwaukee	135.94
Columbus	139.98
Knoxville	29.31
Cleveland	205.28
Indianapolis	183.87
Brooklyn	473.48
St. Louis	266.67
New Haven	56.34
Holyoke	47.42
Los Angeles	252.01
Atlanta	104.57
Philadelphia	292.27
Kansas City	130.29
Omaha	89.78
New Orleans	118.29
Kalamazoo	36.68
Boston	213.21
Pittsburgh	84.02
Hartford	71.41
Memphis	69.17
Portland, Me.	86.64
Buffalo	52.02
Portland, Ore.	83.85
Newark	99.94
Providence	53.43
Seattle	92.62
Utica	73.57
Washington	102.32
Baltimore	118.31
Syracuse	58.05
Cedar Rapids	49.66
Albany	54.21
Rochester	66.76
San Francisco	60.86
Reading	164.66
Akron	202.15
Salt Lake City	52.10
Rockford	33.20
Springfield, Ill.	36.96
Davenport	54.04
Worcester	38.80
St. Paul-Minneapolis	139.29
Fort Worth	58.02
Dallas	73.65
Denver	63.75
Waterbury	30.30
Springfield, Mass.	47.81
Bangor	57.52
Birmingham	80.29
Sioux Falls	30.99
Wichita	27.67
Spokane	42.74
Des Moines	44.56
Lowell	36.13
Berkeley	72.68
Delavan	105.83
Houston	98.48
Scranton	32.82
Richmond	78.97
Johnstown	55.29
Manhattan	233.01
Jacksonville	56.03
Peoria	40.28
Jersey City	91.25
Bronx	86.12
Columbia	61.89
Charlotte	57.46
Durham	57.61
Grand Rapids	28.73
Toronto	215.45
Duluth	32.78
Canton	18.95
Faribault	146.00
Council Bluffs	70.03
Fort Wayne	46.43
Schenectady (April & May)	71.66
Chicago No. 106	106.23
Binghamton	36.46
Wilkesburg	37.45
San Diego	18.02
Eau Claire	71.32
Sulphur	66.19
Vancouver	37.09
Westchester	35.62
Queens	56.20
Montreal	46.35
Hollywood	59.58
Hamilton	39.03
Kitchener	22.25
Total collections	\$9,188.09

TREASURER'S STATEMENT FOR MAY, 1941

Balance and Income	
Balance, April 30, 1941	\$2,439,940.50
Division collections	9,188.09
Interest	5,095.63
Rents	5,471.00
Indemnity premiums	4.36
Escrow deposits	923.46
Mortgage fees	50.00
Refund, real estate operating exp.	62.35
Refund, taxes on real estate	5.48
Property insurance premiums	27.37
Lodge supplies	16.70
Registry fees	9.00
Subscriptions to THE FRAT	2.20
Advertising in THE FRAT	1.50
Surety bond premiums	7.50
Exchange on checks	1.10
Total balance and income	\$2,460,805.24

Disbursements	
Death benefits	\$ 1,462.00
Sick benefits	1,560.00
Accident benefits	610.00
Old-age income payments	87.08
Accrued interest on bonds	987.49
Refund of dues	12.23
Escrow withdrawals	1,518.34
Bond expenses	125.00
Clerical services	282.15
Insurance Department fees	31.00
Office expenses	75.53
Officers' & Trustees' salaries	784.41
Official publication	209.80
Postage	27.60
Printing and stationery	57.80
Property insurance premiums	27.37
Real estate operating expenses	2,126.61
Surety bond premiums	15.00
Taxes on real estate	8,376.41
Total disbursements	\$ 18,375.82

Recapitulation	
Balance and income	\$2,460,805.24
Disbursements	18,375.82
Balance, May 31, 1941	\$2,442,429.42

TRUSTEES' REPORT

Ledger Assets, May 31, 1941	
Real estate	\$ 840,568.57
First mortgage loans	779,035.00
Bonds and stocks	603,385.87
Bank deposits	214,921.75
Home Office equipment	3,574.55
Cash in society's office	943.68
Total ledger assets	\$2,442,429.42

Balances in Funds	
Mortuary funds	\$2,238,535.00
Sick and accident fund	124,244.76
General expense fund	32,851.53
Accumulated interest	23,112.63
Convention fund	19,370.19
Indemnity fund	4,315.31
Total in all funds	\$2,442,429.42

MARRIAGES

May 18—Edwin Londregan, Union City, N.J., and Mary Leonard, Ozone Park, N.Y.
 June 1—Joseph O'Shea, Hackensack, N.J., and Miss McNally, New York, N.Y.
 July 14—Ray Sherrill and Violet Barlow, both of Hickory, N.C.

ENGAGEMENTS

Alexander Mirof and Madalenna Cuneo, both of New York, N.Y.

OBITUARY

WALTER L. WILLIAMS, 77. Entry Feb. 1, 1908. Died May 22, 1941. Certificate No. 230-C. New Orleans Div. No. 33.
 CHARLES H. LOUCKS, 69. Entry Sept. 1, 1911. Died June 3, 1941. Certificate No. 1208-D. Sioux Falls Div. No. 74.
 JAMES B. IRVIN, 54. Entry Feb. 1, 1917. Died May 4, 1941. Certificate No. 3019-D. Houston Div. No. 81.
 JAMES GOODBRAND, 72. Entry May 1, 1923. Died May 31, 1941. Certificate No. 6549-C. Hamilton Div. No. 120.
 JOHN P. ELROD, 36. Entry July 1, 1924. Died May 17, 1941. Certificate No. 7056-D. Little Rock Div. No. 5.
 AUGUST A. ANDERSON, 36. Entry July 1, 1926. Died May 24, 1941. Certificate No. 7852-D. Delavan Div. No. 80.
 THOMAS Q. ROACH, 32. Entry March 1, 1930. Died May 27, 1941. Certificate No. 9228-D. Faribault Div. No. 101.
 WALTER J. SERING, 27. Entry July 1, 1935. Died May 27, 1941. Certificate No. 10330-D. Chicago Div. No. 1.

MAY DISABILITY CLAIMS

J. M. Fitzgerald, Houston	\$ 30.00
J. T. Moen, Milwaukee	50.00
*E. F. Spieler, Berkeley	60.00
R. W. Bunting, Grand Rapids	150.00
Wm. Schurman, Brooklyn	60.00
Richard McCabe, Utica	120.00
Simon Stoll, Brooklyn	50.00
J. H. Reye, Cleveland	50.00
*Morris Miller, Brooklyn	135.00
*Earl Hinkley, Akron	75.00
*T. J. Jones, Delavan	15.00
*Hartley Head, Toronto	20.00
*W. E. Allen, Faribault	30.00
*E. P. Smith, Salt Lake City	45.00
Wm. H. Brannon, Atlanta	50.00
L. H. Allison, Olathe	60.00
H. H. Young, Olathe	50.00
R. W. Breece, Detroit	120.00
G. H. Hummel, Jr., Newark	50.00
H. Silnutzer, Philadelphia	20.00
Wm. L. Lindsey, Memphis	60.00
G. L. Poole, Denver	15.00
L. E. Kirschbaum, Rockford	30.00
Frederick Beierle, Rockford	60.00
H. J. Schutte, Cincinnati	30.00
*L. Cosentino, Chicago No. 106	35.00
*A. S. Boswell, Peoria	10.00
*F. K. Nilson, Kansas City	10.00
*Karel Macek, Omaha	25.00
M. L. Ahern, Kansas City	20.00
David Tatarinsky, Montreal	50.00
H. F. Ware, Atlanta	90.00
C. E. Sharp, Duluth	45.00
E. P. Bonvillain, Queens	30.00
Vladimir Mazur, Westchester	30.00
L. Weinberg, Brooklyn	150.00
Fred McClish, Cleveland	10.00
F. M. Lutzkiewicz, Reading	50.00
W. W. Laird, Johnstown	30.00
*T. W. Elliott, Los Angeles	150.00
Total for the month	\$2,170.00

*Denotes accident claims.

MAY DEATH CLAIMS

*Edward C. Cole, Little Rock	\$ 124.00
John White, Chicago No. 1	500.00
*Edward Funk, Sr., Olathe	520.00
*Frank Poellman, Milwaukee	318.00
Total for the month	\$1,462.00

*Denotes paid-up benefits.

NEW MEMBERS

Chicago No. 1:	Seattle:
Robert Sheriff	Clyde Patterson
Eugene Turk	John Soyak
Louisville:	Utica:
Jack Tyree	Leo Lewis
Olathe:	Springfield, Ill.:
Walter Bailey	Harold Burris
New Haven:	Percy Burris
John Gray	
Hartford:	Houston:
Andrew Chenevert	Berndt Blomdahl
Newark:	Robert Craig
Joseph Sachs	

THE GET-ONE DEGREE

Chicago No. 1—Anton Tanzar
 Louisville—Joseph Balasa
 Olathe—Edward McIlvain
 New Haven—Frank Iannuccio
 Hartford—Joseph Simons
 Newark—Frank Katler
 Seattle—Carl Garrison (2)
 Utica—Robert Siver
 Springfield, Ill.—James Todd (2)
 Houston—William Isaacks (2)

COME BACKS

Cincinnati—Dawson Watkins
 Denver—Max Carr

BIRTHS

March 5—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bowman, Kansas City, Mo., a girl.
 April 22—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Herbold, Marion, Iowa, a girl.
 May 4—Mr. and Mrs. Mathias Chenevert, New Orleans, La., a boy.
 May 24—Mr. and Mrs. Hyman Rubin, New York, N.Y., a boy.
 May 31—Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Thoe, Los Angeles, Cal., a girl.
 June 11—Mr. and Mrs. Karl Campbell, Loudonville, O., a girl.

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THE 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 over a hundred principal cities of the United States and Canada.

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.

Death, Sick and Accident Benefits

The society, guarantees to pay 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 \$15.00 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.

Safeguards

The society is chartered under the 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 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.

Cost of Joining

The entrance fee is \$3.00 and is always to be paid with the application. In case of rejection the \$3.00 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.

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Required Monthly Payments

After joining, the member pays each month: (1) The mortuary assessment for entry age, class, and amount given in the table below; (2) Sick and Accident tax, ranging from 25c to 75c, according to amount of weekly benefit chosen; (3) Per capita tax of 35c for the General Expense and Convention funds; (4) A small tax for local dues, varying with the different Divisions. These payments begin on the first day of the month of certificate issue.

MONTHLY NET RATES PER \$1000
Minimum \$250; Maximum \$5000 to Age 45,
\$3000 to Age 50, \$1000 to Age 55.

Entry Age	CLASSES			
	C	D	E	F
18	\$1.11	\$1.58	\$1.13	\$1.20
19	1.11	1.60	1.16	1.20
20	1.11	1.63	1.19	1.20
21	1.13	1.66	1.22	1.23
22	1.16	1.69	1.25	1.27
23	1.18	1.72	1.29	1.30
24	1.21	1.75	1.32	1.33
25	1.24	1.78	1.36	1.37
26	1.27	1.81	1.41	1.41
27	1.31	1.85	1.45	1.46
28	1.34	1.89	1.50	1.50
29	1.38	1.93	1.55	1.55
30	1.42	1.97	1.61	1.60
31	1.46	2.01	1.67	1.66
32	1.50	2.05	1.73	1.72
33	1.55	2.10	1.80	1.78
34	1.60	2.15	1.88	1.85
35	1.65	2.20	1.96	1.92
36	1.70	2.25	2.05	2.00
37	1.76	2.31	2.15	2.08
38	1.82	2.37	2.25	2.17
39	1.89	2.43	2.37	2.26
40	1.96	2.50	2.50	2.36
41	2.03	2.57	2.64	2.47
42	2.11	2.64	2.80	2.59
43	2.20	2.72	2.98	2.71
44	2.29	2.80	3.18	2.85
45	2.38	2.89	3.40	3.00
46	2.49	2.98	3.65	3.16
47	2.60	3.08	3.95	3.34
48	2.71	3.18	4.29	3.54
49	2.84	3.29	4.69	3.75
50	2.97	3.41	5.18	3.99
51	3.11	3.54	5.76	4.25
52	3.27	3.67	6.49	4.53
53	3.43	3.82	7.41	4.85
54	3.60	3.97	8.64	5.21
55	3.79	4.14	10.35	5.62

Rate for age at nearest birthday to be taken