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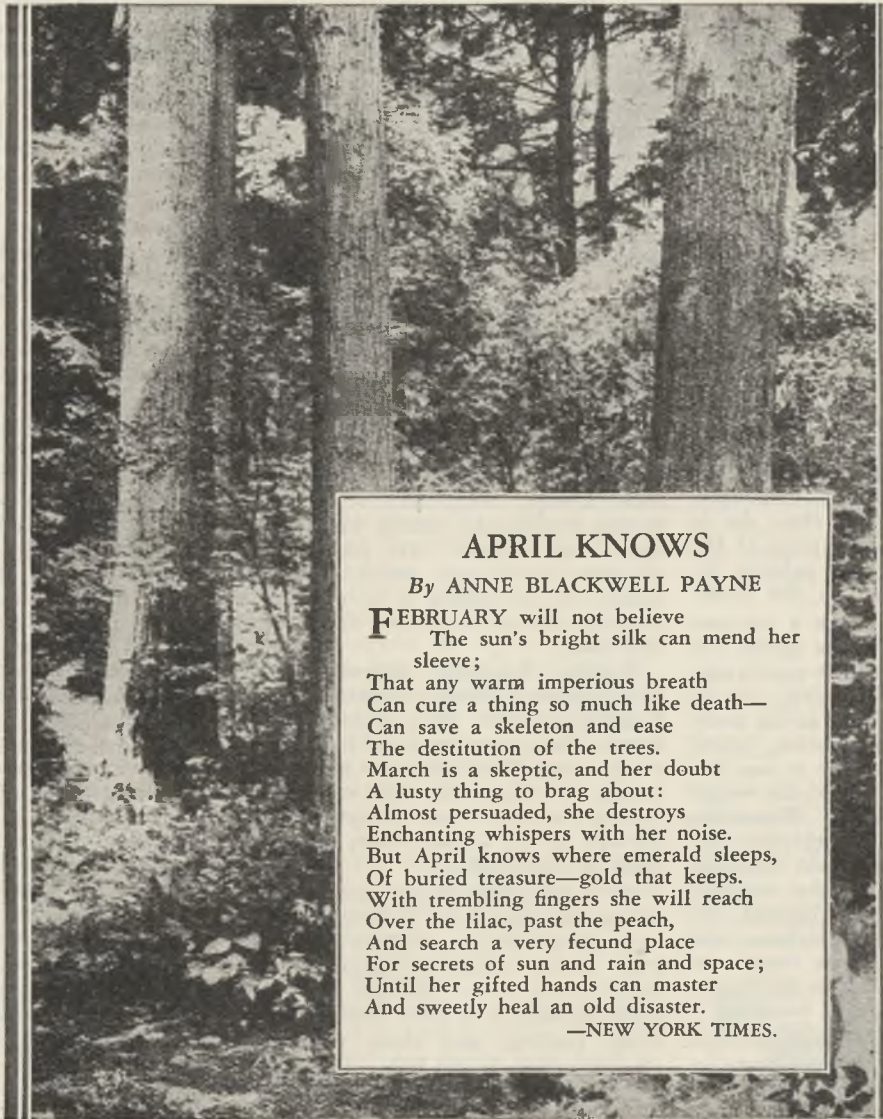
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April, 1932

Number Nine



APRIL KNOWS

By ANNE BLACKWELL PAYNE

FEBRUARY will not believe
The sun's bright silk can mend her
sleeve;
That any warm imperious breath
Can cure a thing so much like death—
Can save a skeleton and ease
The destitution of the trees.
March is a skeptic, and her doubt
A lusty thing to brag about:
Almost persuaded, she destroys
Enchanting whispers with her noise.
But April knows where emerald sleeps,
Of buried treasure—gold that keeps.
With trembling fingers she will reach
Over the lilac, past the peach,
And search a very fecund place
For secrets of sun and rain and space;
Until her gifted hands can master
And sweetly heal an old disaster.

—NEW YORK TIMES.

Home for Our Aged and Infirm

By C. F. W. LAWRENCE

IF Francis P. Gibson were alive today, he would, due to his modesty, dissuade any endeavors on our part to aggrandize him, but were it imperative that he pick his choice from the various suggestions thus far advanced, I believe he would favor the home idea.

In the early days whenever we met, we sometimes talked about a home planned on the same lines as the Printers' home at Colorado Springs. He said he would give it some consideration when our Society was on a firmer footing. It was somewhat wobbly then.

During the early stages there were quite many who said the N. F. S. D. was "impossible." In our present strong condition, there are quite a few right in our own ranks who shrug their shoulders on the feasibility of a home.

Brother Brady says that a home would be a white elephant on our hands. Surely it would be if managed in the same uncertain manner as the average home is run these days. If done on the same plan as the compulsory financing of THE FRAT, it is sure to be a success.

Guessing at a 9,000 membership at the time we contemplate establishing a home, it would bring in a revenue of \$900 a month if each member were assessed ten cents monthly. That would be \$10,800 a year, more than enough for the services of a superintendent, matron, and master farmer. The more members, the more revenue. Additional revenue from the farm, if we added that feature, would cover such necessities as taxes, insurance, light, clothing, medicine, etc. As is the case with some homes, some of the inmates would give their paid-up insurance, property, etc., to the home.

A tract of land for such a purpose should contain 250 or more acres, 100 of which could be devoted to pasturage, the balance to truck farming. As to location, the State of Ohio, as the probable center of frat population, seems the most logical. If this is too far from the Home Office, the choice would be between Illinois and Wisconsin. I'm not overlooking "Michigan, My Michigan" and its far-famed Saginaw Valley in which Flint, the original N. F. S. D. city, is located. In case the home idea materializes, and Michigan were to be given some consideration, you can bet the Michiganders will do their share of boosting.

Well, as to the price of land, most of the farmers nowadays are prostrate on their backs, ready to sacrifice reasonably or unreasonably. Everything has reached rock-bottom. Now is the time before the inevitable rise.

Dear fraters, who wants a repetition of the present hardships at a time when we no longer will be able to work?

The double-protection feature of a home-farm-hospital added to our Society would do more than anything else to stimulate its greater growth. Most of the well-established lodges have this feature. Why not the N. F. S. D.?

The Affirmative Side

By F. B. WIRT

EVER since the idea of a home, and hospital for the aged and disabled N. F. S. D. members and their women-kind was first broached, I was much interested. Reading the yes and no sides of the question, side by side, in the March number of THE FRAT, it strikes any reasonably minded person that Bro. Janicke, with his "The N. F. S. D. Should Care for its Own," struck the right chord.

What many are afraid of is the expense, meaning assessments, etc., for this special purpose. When we consider that we have often put our hands into our pockets, and fished out a coin or two, maybe a bill, and handed it over for some charitable purpose, and thought nothing more about it, then why should we shy at the idea of doing the same for a Memorial Home? It is benevolence in the largest sense of the word, and the same cannot be said of the idea of Brother Blake, of giving a portrait of the late Grand President Gibson to all the State Schools for the Deaf. Brother Gibson persisted in his work of expanding our Society, with its basic idea of well-being for the deaf, in the form of reasonable insurance and social contacts. When he "went West," he left the Society on a firm foundation, making it his own monument. There can never be a greater monument to him than this Society. We, in turn, can build another monument to him and to this Society, by taking care of our aged and disabled. Of course it is possible. If it was possible for the Society to be where it is now, it is possible for us to expand the Society still more.

Brother Janicke's suggestion that this Memorial Home be located in the South has merit. It is undeniable the South offers an advantage in the way of climate. Still, the first idea of locating the Home at some point near Chicago, so that it can always be under the eye of the Grand Office, has much more to commend it.

As a hypothetical proposition: Let us suppose the Home is located on the edge of a town, somewhere along the Fox River, which is approximately forty miles from Chicago. It is a noble stream, with good fishing, swimming, boating, and along which are attractive woods and hills. In point of distance, it is an hour's ride by train or automobile and within three hours' ride at most, it is accessible to at least ten neighboring Divisions, with an aggregate membership of about 670. This is by way of calling attention to where the nearest visitors may come from.

Did you ever feel you would like to have a cottage somewhere for the summer, where you can swim, fish, etc.? Yes? And if you have for neighbors some congenial deaf people, that would be too good to be true. Yes? Now wait, let me go on.

Suppose, at the start, the Society, thru the Grand Office, purchased a piece of property just large enough for a beginning (with the ultimate idea of acquiring adjacent property when finances will permit), and build, from road to river, a row of small, attractive, and inexpensive cottages, and rent them. Will they rent? You bet! They would be used from early spring to late fall, not necessarily to the deaf only. That would be one source of income. The Home management could purchase and sell to the cottagers all supplies as needed. Another income item. Another portion of the grounds could be used as a picnic place by any one of the neighboring Divisions, which would be vastly more preferable to some of the picnic grounds we have been using. The rental would be paid to the Grand Office. These sources of income, after expenses, would possibly lighten the assessments that much, presuming the Grand Office goes by a fixed yearly figure.

The Home itself, could be completely planned on paper at the start, as a guide, and it would only be necessary to build one unit at a time, as needed, and growth of income from endowments and rentals will allow. The adjacent properties to be acquired could be used to raise eatables for the use of the Home—truck gardens and poultry. It is needless to go into further detail at this moment.

All in all, don't it sound feasible that we can have a Memorial Home for our aged and disabled, and at the same time provide pleasure for the active ones, even tho they may never become, in time, inmates. Go to it! We all like life while we have it; we have not yet developed the Society to its fullest extent. And the above is one idea, which is offered for whatever it is worth.

The Loyal Order of Moose assesses their members four cents a day for the upkeep, etc., of Mooseheart, the home for orphans, a magnificent thousand-acre plant with a score of buildings of all kinds, situated on the Fox River, between Elgin and Aurora. It is well worth seeing, and in fact should be a model, in smaller scale, for our Home.

Needless to say, we will not be assessed as much as four cents a day for our Home, one cent a day is much more likely.

Ounce of Prevention

By PAUL REVERE WYS

WHEN it rains, keep under cover,
When it hails, keep under cover,
When it snows, keep under cover,
Or it will spell your doom.
If you don't get under cover,
They will put you under cover,
Where the merry goblins hover,
And the little daisies bloom.

The Spotlight

Manipulated by
J. FREDERICK MEAGHER

TOM BLAKE suggests an enlarged **FRAT**, "to become the representative magazine of the deaf of the world." Easy—but where is the money coming from? Printing and mailing alone cost around \$350 per month. With plenty of money, and plenty of good writers, under a capable editor like Roberts, **THE FRAT** can become just what **Tommie Blake** suggests. The depression has hit nearly every publication except **THE FRAT** pretty hard. Most hearing magazines have lowered their price; some changing from weeklies to bi-monthlies. The **American Deaf Citizen**, now in its third year, is still holding out—long past the average life of "independent papers for the deaf" whose bones garland the journalistic graveyard. Over a thousand past-due subscribers have just been dropped, and the **ADC** is coming out every three weeks instead of two. It is a pity we deaf will not, or can not, unite to support a good paper.

A GENTEEL PROPOSAL

Loves and doves are in the air;
Gusty winds are blowing.
Cupid's on his yearly tear—
Ah, the sins he's sowing!

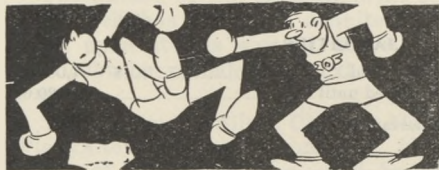
Hearts and darts are now the rage,
So is Tender Passion.
It is neither chic nor sage
To be out of fashion.

Smiles and miles do little harm—
Would you leave me pining
If I asked you for your arm
To go Valentining?

—(Sara Ragna, in Jewish Deaf.)

Ah, my dear, we fraterflock
Flout fair femmes without pity;
We sink our coin in the old sock—
And save for Kansas City.

This month's gold medal for pep and progress goes to **Kansas City!** City council planned new auto ordinance: "if applicant possesses any defect of hearing, commissioner may or may not issue license." Deaf dispatched a delegation to delete that clause, quick. Politicians apathetic; nothing doing. Our **KC** brethren are not so dumb—they promptly interested a **KC Star** reporter in our crusade; he drained our dope, then accompanied them to see both the mayor and the city manager. Put it up strong, and secured their promise: "You folks will be taken care of." Sure enough; when the ordinance came up for final passage that night, the mayor and city manager fought tooth and nail until all reference to "defects of hearing" were stricken out. So everybody's happy, and preparations for a record-breaking 1935 Grand Convention proceed apace!



FRATISTICS—That **K. O. Christner**, knocked out by **Jack Dempsey** in **Cleveland**, Feb. 11, is the hearing "ringer" who played tackle on the last **Goodyear Silents** football team, 1925.

He could make a few signs, and readily passed for one of us. . . . Though eleven schools were entered in the annual Eastern states basketball tournament at **Trenton**, it was cancelled two days before the scheduled start—due to influenza epidemic. . . . Eighth Central States tourney resulted in **Ill.**, **Wis.**, **Mich.**, **Ind.** and **Ky.** finishing in that order—**Ill.** and **Wis.** tied in wins the same as last year, and title decided by percentage of points scored. . . . **Gallaudet College** basketball team won ten out of fifteen games played this winter. . . . **Andy Fredericks**, aged 19, has signed to play professional soccer football in **St. Louis**. . . . **Howard Mann**, sports editor of the **Chicago Daily News**, circulation nearly half-million, is the hearing son of the late **Rev. Austin Ward Mann**. . . . **Anthony Hajna, B.S., Gallaudet '30**, who has been studying at **Johns Hopkins University** for a Master of Science degree, passed with the highest average the **Maryland** examinations for post of assistant state bacteriologist. He was duly appointed to the office in **February**, where he will test foodstuffs, milk and water. While in **Johns Hopkins**, he won two scholarships by diligent work in **Protozoology**, **Immunology**, **Helminthology**, **Anaerobes** and **Spirochactology**. (No, brother; I don't know what those big words mean, either—but I got a grudge against the linotyper and I want to make him mad.)



Chi-first and **Dallas Divisions** are playing a correspondence chess match. On the 13th move, **Troy Hill** is ahead of old man **Spotlight** by knight to pawn. . . . **Los Angeles** enjoyed its first snow-storm in **Heinz** years (57). . . . **Boston** lost heavily in the fire which destroyed its historic meeting hall **Jan. 4**, but **Reading Division** lost little or nothing when fire did \$10,000 damage to its lodge building, **Feb. 8**. . . . A 12-inch silver cup for the most perfect girl in the under-one-year class at **Omaha's Better Babies Exposition**, went to **Mary Aileen**, child of **James R. Jelinek**. . . . The **Samuel Frankenheims** honeymooned in **Bermuda**, accompanied by the **Marcus Kenners**—who made it their 25th wedding anniversary celebration. . . . **New Jersey** school will have a \$75,000 trades building. . . . Our schools are doing their bit for charity: **Illinois** has subscribed over \$4,900 since **September**; **Ohio** has given over \$800 to the **Columbus Community Chest**; and most of the others give at least one day's pay per month to unemployed funds. . . . **Chicago printers** pay a special out-of-work assessment of 7% on our \$68 scale for the unemployed typos, and also lay off one day each week, putting on a sub. . . . Many, or most, of our Divisions pay the frat

dues of our out-of-work members, from Division funds. "In Union is Strength"—and the bonds of brotherhood prove strongest in times of peril!

From the interesting two columns of the **Catholic Deaf-Mute**, titled "News From Everywhere," I swipe this info: **Western Canadian** deaf are raising a \$20,000 **McDermaid Memorial Fund**, the interest to send Canadians to **Gallaudet**. . . . **Albert Ballin** had an article in **Motion Picture Magazine** stating 13,000,000 deaf and hard-of-hearing no longer patronize film shows. . . . **Caldwaller Washburn** designed the cover of a recent **Harper's Magazine**. . . . **Volta Bureau**, which formerly had twelve employes before the depression, now has only two. . . . **Father Higgins** prints a \$2 book of the sign-language, 162 pages and 800 illustrations, alphabetically arranged, with index to synonyms and antonyms. . . . stock-selling schemes—deaf "salesmen" hornswoggling deaf suckers—are on again. Twelve years ago, a force of glib sign-slingers peddled food-stock to frats and friends at \$100 to \$115 per share, when you could buy it "over the counter" for \$30. The suckers who bit lost everything, of course. If you must buy stocks and bonds, play safe. See your banker.

Haw-haw! **Atlanta's** lovely lady, the mysterious and mismerizing **Muriel**, she bit. **Hook**, line and sinker. And how! **Sez she**: "Spotlight's punk puzzles claim we have ten Grands and only nine are listed, and I looked and counted ten. Look and see."

Har-har! That's the catch. Yes, there are ten names, but only nine Grands—for **Washington Barrow** is named **TWICE**. Tee-hee. I was praying heaven some bright bird would bite on that bait; would have been heart-broken if nobody did. So you see, darlint, when **Old Man Spotlight** says nine Grands, arrah, it's a grand nine! Page 22—look and see.

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.

Lafayette A. Trousdale, with **Trousdale Printing Co.**, **Monroe, La.**, 22 years.

Wm. P. Sullivan, iron molder, **I. I. Spencer Iron Foundry**, **Guilford, Conn.**, 33 years.

Bartram Leeper, Jr., tool setter and foreman, **Greist Mfg. Co.**, **New Haven, Conn.**, 20 years.

Alexander Dezenorff, utility man, **Rayer Produce**, **Brooklyn, N. Y.**, 52 years.

Herman Hanneman, furniture polisher, **Lehnert Company**, **Brooklyn, N. Y.**, 28 years.



ANNUAL STATEMENT

For the Year Ended December 31, 1931, as Made to the Department of Trade and Commerce, State of Illinois

	Mortuary Fund	Reserve Fund	Sick and Accident Fund	Conven- tion Fund	Organ- izing Fund	General Expense Fund	Totals
Balance from previous year.....	\$ 11,425.66	\$1,251,262.49	\$ 99,346.57	\$ 13,694.56	\$ 1,794.91	\$ 11,811.44	\$1,389,335.63
INCOME							
Membership fees.....	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 821.00	\$ 821.00
Mortuary assessments.....	107,200.99						107,200.99
Per capita taxes.....			36,704.17	3,812.87		19,021.97	59,539.01
Recording and registry fees.....						223.25	223.25
Total received from members.....	\$107,200.99	\$	\$ 36,704.17	\$ 3,812.87	\$	\$ 20,066.22	\$ 167,784.25
Deduct payments refunded.....	24.72		10.05	1.06		5.30	41.13
Net amount received from members.....	\$107,176.27	\$	\$ 36,694.12	\$ 3,811.81	\$	\$ 20,060.92	\$ 167,743.12
Net interest on mortgage loans.....		59,310.38	4,584.72			1,080.00	64,975.10
Net interest on bonds.....		11,582.27	895.23			300.00	12,777.50
Gross interest on bank deposits.....		158.98	12.29				171.27
Sale of lodge supplies.....						180.10	180.10
Exchange on checks.....						21.45	21.45
Advertising in THE FRAT.....						158.00	158.00
Subscription to THE FRAT.....						57.40	57.40
Sundry supplies.....						33.31	33.31
Surety bond premiums.....						298.58	298.58
Increase in book value of bonds.....		5.53					5.53
Total income for year.....	\$107,176.27	\$ 71,057.16	\$ 42,186.36	\$ 3,811.81	\$	\$ 22,189.76	\$ 246,421.36
Sum of balance and income.....	\$118,601.93	\$1,322,319.65	\$141,532.93	\$ 17,506.37	\$ 1,794.91	\$ 34,001.20	\$1,635,756.99

DISBURSEMENTS							
Death claims.....	\$ 43,976.00	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 43,976.00
Sick and accident claims.....			37,090.00				37,090.00
Old age benefits.....	138.51						138.51
Disability after age 70 benefits.....	100.00						100.00
Total benefits paid.....	\$ 44,214.51	\$	\$ 37,090.00	\$	\$	\$	\$ 81,304.51
Salaries of officers.....						5,325.06	5,325.06
Services office employees.....						6,742.50	6,742.50
Services medical director.....						360.00	360.00
Traveling expenses.....						35.79	35.79
Insurance department fees.....						980.34	980.34
Rent of office.....						3,000.00	3,000.00
Printing and stationery.....						270.74	270.74
Postage.....						259.40	259.40
Lodge supplies.....						240.63	240.63
Official publication—THE FRAT.....						4,374.68	4,374.68
Convention expenses.....				11,709.90			11,709.90
Legal expenses.....						250.00	250.00
Furniture and fixtures.....						539.95	539.95
Taxes, etc., real estate.....						811.70	811.70
Office expenses.....						1,227.30	1,227.30
Sundry supplies.....						47.31	47.31
Surety bond premiums.....						314.39	314.39
Total disbursements.....	\$ 44,214.51	\$	\$ 37,090.00	\$ 11,709.90	\$	\$ 24,779.79	\$ 117,794.20
Balance before transfers.....	\$ 74,387.42	\$1,322,319.65	\$104,442.93	\$ 5,796.47	\$ 1,794.91	\$ 9,221.41	\$1,517,962.79
Increase by transfers.....		63,000.00					63,000.00
Balance.....	\$ 74,387.42	\$1,385,319.65	\$104,442.93	\$ 5,796.47	\$ 1,794.91	\$ 9,221.41	\$1,580,962.79
Decrease by transfers.....	63,000.00						63,000.00
BALANCE, after transfers.....	\$ 11,387.42	\$1,385,319.65	\$104,442.93	\$ 5,796.47	\$ 1,794.91	\$ 9,221.41	\$1,517,962.79

ASSETS	
Ledger Assets	
Book value of real estate.....	\$ 11,000.00
Mortgage loans on real estate, all first liens.....	1,231,885.00
Government, provincial, and first mortgage bonds.....	248,917.22
Cash in Society's office.....	981.64
Cash in banks.....	25,178.93
Total ledger assets as per general balance.....	\$1,517,962.79
Non-Ledger Assets	
Interest due and accrued on mortgages.....	\$ 22,237.96
Interest accrued on bonds.....	2,524.58
Total admitted assets.....	\$1,542,725.33

LIABILITIES	
Death claims reported but not yet paid.....	\$ 4,000.00
Sick and accident claims not reported until 1931.....	3,920.00
Assessments and taxes paid in advance:	
Mortuary.....	\$565.71
Sick and accident.....	183.45
General expense.....	104.75
Convention.....	20.95
Total advance assessments.....	874.86
Total liabilities.....	\$ 8,794.86

EXHIBIT OF MEMBERSHIP AND INSURANCE IN FORCE

	No.	Amount
Certificates in force December 31, 1930.....	7,121	\$5,880,661.32
New certificates written during the year.....	274	183,500.00
Certificates renewed during the year.....	None	Nothing
Increase of insurance on old members.....		23,350.00
Gross totals.....	7,395	\$6,087,511.32
Deduct deaths, lapses, decreases.....	154	196,440.31
Certificates in force December 31, 1931.....	7,241	\$5,891,071.01
Certificates terminated by death.....	67	\$ 46,690.00
Certificates terminated by lapse.....	87	69,500.00
Decrease of insurance on old members.....		80,250.31
Total terminations and decreases.....	154	\$ 196,440.31

EXHIBIT OF CLAIMS

Death Claims		No.	Amount
Claims unpaid December 31, 1930.....		3	\$ 1,286.00
Claims reported during the year.....		67	46,690.00
Total.....		70	\$ 47,976.00
Claims paid during the year.....		65	43,976.00
Claims unpaid, December 31, 1931.....		5	\$ 4,000.00
Sick and Accident Claims		No.	Amount
Claims unpaid December 31, 1930.....		None	Nothing
Increase in liability during the year.....		101	\$ 3,985.00
Claims reported during the year.....		654	34,300.00
Total.....		755	\$ 38,285.00
Claims paid during the year.....		732	37,090.00
Claims rejected during the year.....		23	\$ 1,175.00
Claims unpaid December 31, 1931.....		None	Nothing
Old Age and Other Claims		No.	Amount
Claims reported during the year.....		26	\$ 238.51
Claims paid during the year.....		26	238.51

Milwaukee to Celebrate Silver Jubilee

By A. G. LEISMAN

THE old man with the mythical scythe will present Milwaukee Division No. 17 this year with twenty-five figurative candles signifying the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Division's existence. To fittingly commemorate the occasion a three-day celebration is planned.

Already steps have been taken by the Jubilee committee to assure all frats, resident and visiting alike, an enjoyable triple holiday. The very fact that the celebration will be held during the week-end, May 28, 29 and 30, gives many an opportunity to visit the famed city that beer once made famous and which today offers diversions worth partaking of even though the potency and sparkle of the Schlitzs, the Pabsts, and the Millers may be absent.

On Saturday evening, May 28, a smoker and stag will be held at the I. O. O. F. building, admittance to which will be by due card only.

The silver jubilee banquet will be held the following evening, May 29, in the imposing Sky Room of the Plankinton Hotel. Following the feasting and toasting, silent movies to the number of eight or ten reels will be shown, the feature film to be a hilarious comedy from the late lamented silent days. At this banquet and entertainment there will be no barriers as to admission. Frats and nonfraters and friends all are cordially invited. We have been fortunate to secure the ridiculously low price of \$1.50 per plate, considering the excellent menu. Only those purchasing banquet tickets will be permitted to remain for the show.

The nature of the entertainment for May 30th has not been definitely decided upon at this writing, but it will no doubt be revealed in next month's FRAT.

The Milwaukee Silent Club, on North Plankinton Ave., just one-half block north of Wisconsin Ave., will be the headquarters for visitors.

Anyone desiring further information will do well to communicate with Chairman A. G. Leisman, 4068 N. 13th St., Milwaukee, Wis. Reservations

for the banquet, together with remittance in full, may also be mailed to him. They must be received no later than one week before the date of the banquet.

Deaths

- December 22—Abraham De Hollander, brother of Jacob De Hollander, Kalamazoo, Mich.
- January 22—Louise Kiser, daughter of W. H. Zorn, Columbus, O.
- February 13—Father of Herbert Altemoos, Rochester, N. Y.
- February 15—Father of Charles Resch, Columbus, O.
- February 21—Anna Ifland, mother of Joseph Ifland, St. Louis, Mo.
- February 22—John McIlvaine, brother of E. H. Mellvaine, Olathe, Kans.
- February 23—J. B. Quinley, father of C. C. Quinley, Washington, D. C.
- February 24—Mother of H. C. Merrill, Syracuse, N. Y.
- February 24—Step-mother of Hugh Moore, Rochester, N. Y.
- February 25—Vinger Militello, father of Sam Militello, Birmingham, Ala.
- February 26—Thomas Scanlon, brother of J. E. Scanlon, Dorchester, Mass.
- March 1—Father of W. J. Aalbue, Brooklyn, N. Y.
- March 6—Susan Albert, mother of Paul Albert, Reading, Pa.
- March 9—William McAllister, father of Samuel McAllister, Ilion, N. Y.

Engagements

- Ralph Weber and LaVerne Miller, both of Chicago, Ill.
- Elmer Eby, Gap, Pa., and Alta Binner, Quentin, Pa.
- Laurence Nine, Akron, O., and Sadie Perritt, Marion, S. C.

Obituary

- BENJAMIN P. DAWSON, 36, of Columbus Division No. 18, died February 22, 1932. He joined the Society February 1, 1926, and held certificate No. 7635-D.
- JOHN R. QUARLES, 52, of Miami Division No. 107, died March 4, 1932. He joined the Society January 3, 1927, and held certificate No. 8106-D.
- WILLIAM H. KILGOUR, 62, of Cincinnati Division, No. 10, died March 9, 1932. He joined the Society March 1, 1908, and held certificate No. 239-C.
- LOUIS L. COLEMAN, 34, of Kansas City Division, No. 31, died March 14, 1932. He joined the Society August 2, 1920, and held certificate No. 5317-D.

Marriages

- November 26—Ernest Reade, Brockton, Mass., and Mary Babbitt, Newton, Mass.
- January 13—Jesse Lamm, Natoma, Kansas, and Viola Hall.
- January 17—Victor Coopersmith and Minnie Fredson, both of Brooklyn, N. Y.
- January 26—Sealy Lamm, Olathe, Kans., and Geraldine Magness.
- February 26—Alfred Ederheimer and Jeanette Schneider, both of New York, N. Y.
- February 27—John Dunner, Philadelphia, Pa., and Mary Shast.
- March 2—Jacob Eskin and Mrs. Snapp, both of Washington, D. C.

Births

- November 26—Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gordon, New Bedford, Mass., a girl.
- February 5—Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Price, York, Pa., a girl.
- March 1—Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Turner, Upper Darby, Pa., a girl.
- March 7—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cermak, Schenectady, N. Y., a boy.

Notice to Division Treasurers and Members of Remission of Assessments

The laws of the states in which the NATIONAL FRATERNAL SOCIETY OF THE DEAF is licensed to do business and the society's own laws authorize a refund of surplus by a reduction of the contributions required from members in Classes C, D, E, and F, whenever such surplus exceeds five per cent (5%) of the net reserve liability on certificates of the members in these classes.

As the surplus accumulation is in excess of the required minimum of 5%, the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the NATIONAL FRATERNAL SOCIETY OF THE DEAF hereby resolves and orders that those members in Classes C, D, E, and F who have been on the rolls for twelve months or longer at the time the assessments fall due shall not be required to pay the regular monthly assessments for April and October of the current year 1932.

A. L. ROBERTS, President,
C. B. KEMP, Secretary-Treasurer,
W. BARROW, Chairman of Trustees,
Executive Committee, Board of Directors.

Chicago, Ill., March 1, 1932.

February Collections

Grand Division	\$ 70.73
Chicago, No. 1	616.08
Detroit	298.63
Saginaw	37.94
Louisville	157.70
Little Rock	264.50
Dayton	130.42
Bay City	36.70
Cincinnati	440.79
Evansville	21.46
Nashville	56.70
Olathe	136.14
Flint	212.12
Toledo	197.23
Milwaukee	163.68
Columbus	278.15
Knoxville	96.90
Cleveland	172.38
Indianapolis	379.34
Brooklyn	1,001.14
St. Louis	486.03
New Haven	105.27
Holyoke	60.86
Los Angeles	409.35
Atlanta	160.25
Philadelphia	385.78
Kansas City	145.84
Omaha	213.17
New Orleans	108.11
Kalamazoo	49.62
Boston	408.85
Pittsburgh	200.70
Hartford	99.16
Memphis	51.24
Portland, Me.	65.55
Buffalo	132.94
Portland, Ore.	228.90
Newark	149.74
Providence	108.62
Seattle	164.82
Utica	157.17
Washington	240.24
Baltimore	210.90
Syracuse	130.35
Cedar Rapids	101.31
Huntington	189.68
Albany	69.45
Rochester	203.75
San Francisco	220.89
Reading	185.38
Akron	542.52
Salt Lake City	74.90
Rockford	109.95
Springfield, Ill.	52.31
Davenport	30.58
Worcester	62.04
St. Paul-Minneapolis	240.88
Fort Worth	285.72
Dallas	279.23
Denver	225.26
Waterbury	55.27
Springfield, Mass.	77.55
Waco	108.79
Bangor	57.11
Kenosha	55.01
Birmingham	103.15
Sioux Falls	104.24
Wichita	59.42
Spokane	41.10
Des Moines	115.28
Lowell	58.67
Berkeley	83.81
Delavan	236.47
Houston	140.71
Scranton	86.62
Richmond	89.91
Johnstown	48.26
Manhattan	440.30
Jacksonville	119.32
Lewiston	82.29
Peoria	48.48
Jersey City	96.13
Bronx	171.65
Columbia	87.95
Charlotte	98.60
Durham	81.39
Dubuque	27.61
Grand Rapids	48.05
Toronto	424.38
Duluth	27.10
Canton	44.15
Faribault	105.28
South Bend	80.43
Council Bluffs	81.91
Fort Wayne	61.26
Schenectady	64.32
Chicago	161.45
Miami	114.11
Binghamton	121.53
Wilkinsburg	101.07
San Diego	33.76
Eau Claire	36.82
Sulphur	137.36
Vancouver	19.30
Westchester	43.93
Total collections	\$16,597.34

Treasurer's Statement for February, 1932

Balance and Income	
Balance, January 31, 1932	\$1,531,590.73
Division collections	16,597.34
Interest, mortgage loans	8,507.25
Interest, banks	13.63
Lodge supplies	1.10
Recording and registry fees	12.50
Subscriptions to Frat	7.80
Advertising in Frat	25.50
Surety bond premiums	247.19
Exchange on checks	1.50
Total balance and income	\$1,557,004.54
Disbursements	
Death benefits	\$ 2,000.00
Sick benefits	2,030.00
Accident benefits	1,080.00
Old Age Income payments	29.83
Accrued interest on mortgage	544.33
Salaries	545.82
Services	470.00
Surety bond premiums	841.62
Insurance Department fees	624.00
Official publication	347.27
Rent	250.00
Investment expenses	144.24
Office expenses	112.36
Postage	64.77
Printing and stationery	41.82
Total disbursements	\$ 9,126.06
Recapitulation	
Balance and income	\$1,557,004.54
Disbursements	9,126.06
Balance, Feb. 29, 1932	\$1,547,878.48

Trustees' Report

Ledger Assets, February 29, 1932	
Real Estate	\$ 11,000.00
Mortgage loans	1,250,385.00
First mortgage bonds	222,920.64
U. S. Liberty bonds	15,000.00
Canadian bonds	10,996.58
Cash in banks:	
Central Republic Bank & trust Co.	24,643.29
Continental Illinois Bank & Trust Co.	1,702.35
Bank of Montreal	9,850.06
Grand Sec'y Treas.' cash	1,880.56
Total ledger assets	\$1,547,878.48
Balances in Funds	
Reserve fund	\$1,385,319.65
Mortuary fund	27,064.28
Sick and Accident fund	104,831.95
Accumulated interest	13,843.34
Convention expense fund	6,590.87
Organizing expense fund	1,794.91
General expense fund	8,433.48
Total in all funds	\$1,547,878.48

In February, maturities amounted to \$3,000, and the Society invested \$8,000 in a first mortgage.

New Members

Brooklyn—Sam Fink.
 Atlanta—Esteben Ward.
 Buffalo—Henry Wypiewski.
 Providence—Fred Goss, Jr.
 Washington—Henry Lowry, Gervaise Neale.
 Baltimore—Marion Cramer.
 San Francisco—Frederick Buenzle.
 Salt Lake City—Walter Kirk.
 Worcester—Sulo Aalto.
 Dallas—William Suttka.
 Delavan—Raymond Steger.
 Manhattan—Sidney Gross.
 Durham—John Dermott.
 Toronto—Joseph Seidler.
 Vancouver—Hugh Cooley.
 Westchester—Frank Carino.

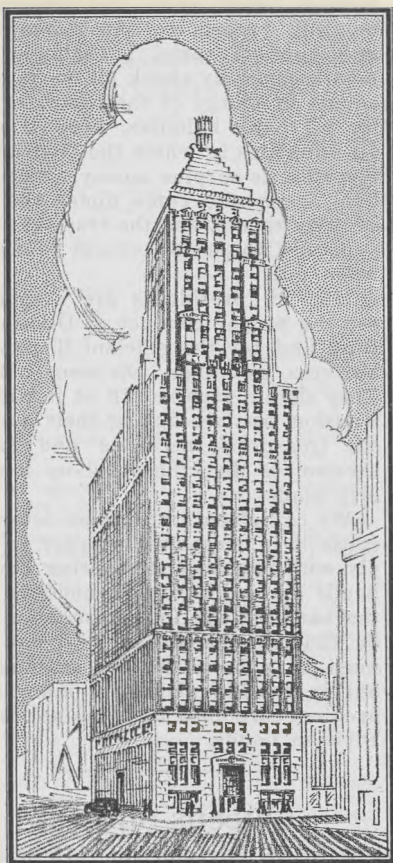
The Get-One Degree

Brooklyn—Aaron Fogel.
 Atlanta—J. F. Ponder.
 Buffalo—F. H. Kraehling.
 Providence—V. W. Mendillo.
 Washington—W. D. Edington, G. J. Ferguson.
 Baltimore—E. A. Cramer.
 San Francisco—D. E. Glidden.
 Salt Lake City—F. V. Farmer.
 Worcester—L. D. Donovan.
 Dallas—T. E. Hill.
 Delavan—O. J. Ducharme.
 Manhattan—M. H. Marks.
 Durham—R. C. Fortune.
 Toronto—M. H. Warnier.
 Vancouver—O. A. Sanders.
 Westchester—S. J. Riley.

Membership

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

	New Members	Total Members
	Since Jan. 1	Feb. 29
Division		
Chicago No. 1	291	291
Detroit	15	199
Saginaw		79
Louisville		97
Little Rock		56
Dayton		18
Bay City		124
Cincinnati		26
Evansville		27
Nashville		60
Olathe	1	102
Flint		93
Toledo		114
Milwaukee		145
Columbus		47
Knoxville		99
Cleveland	1	137
Indianapolis		343
Brooklyn		200
St. Louis		42
New Haven		31
Holyoke		201
Los Angeles		67
Atlanta		202
Philadelphia	1	101
Kansas City	2	74
Omaha		70
New Orleans		26
Kalamazoo		175
Boston	1	119
Pittsburgh		54
Hartford		39
Memphis		33
Portland (Me.)		62
Buffalo		90
Portland (Ore.)	1	79
Newark		49
Providence		93
Seattle		82
Utica		86
Washington	3	90
Baltimore		45
Syracuse	1	42
Cedar Rapids		52
Huntington	1	35
Albany		82
Rochester		97
San Francisco		103
Reading		167
Akron		25
Salt Lake City		45
Rockford		37
Springfield (Ill.)		34
Davenport		34
Worcester		96
St. Paul-Minneapolis		56
Fort Worth	1	97
Dallas	1	70
Denver		22
Waterbury		49
Springfield (Mass.)	1	37
Waco		30
Bangor		38
Kenosha		43
Birmingham		37
Sioux Falls		35
Wichita		29
Spokane	1	48
Des Moines		38
Lowell		44
Berkeley		71
Delavan		62
Houston	1	32
Scranton		60
Richmond		32
Johnstown		175
Manhattan	2	50
Jacksonville		40
Lewiston		25
Peoria		61
Jersey City		70
Bronx		35
Columbia		40
Charlotte		50
Durham		17
Dubuque		27
Grand Rapids		167
Toronto	5	18
Duluth		21
Canton		31
Faribault		36
South Bend		37
Council Bluffs		26
Fort Wayne		25
Schenectady		83
Chicago No. 106		27
Miami		32
Binghamton		41
Wilkinsburg	1	17
San Diego	1	21
Eau Claire		35
Sulphur		12
Vancouver		7
Westchester	7	19
Total	33	7,189



Trustees System Building

WE MOVE . . .

On Saturday, April 16, the Home Office will be moved to new quarters. The new office will be on the 12th floor of the Trustees System Building, shown in cut, at the north-east corner of Wells and Lake streets, one block north of our present quarters.

This is a new building, up-to-date in every respect. We have been able to obtain a floor layout drawn to our specifications, much better adapted to our needs, and at a saving of 20 per cent in annual rental.

Preparations for moving are now under way, and we expect to be installed in our new quarters by Monday, April 18. All mail to reach us on and after that date should be addressed to

NATIONAL FRATERNAL SOCIETY of the DEAF

Suite 1214

201 North Wells Street,

Chicago, Illinois

This 'n' That

By MURIEL BISHOP

GOOD Evening, Everyone! (a la the radio announcers). How do you like the new appellation ye Editor pinned on us—quite a surprise all around. It happened this way: we have the habit of bringing in all sorts of stuff, that couldn't by any stretch of imagination be called "Division news"—or even a distant cousin to it by marriage. Yet you'll admit it's interesting. . . None of these editors ever write us an introduction, we're just thrown in "Sink-or-swim." That's why we're writing this paragraph, to give you the sad news that we'll be right here in this corner every month—that is—if you can stand that—or this! (And we thought the editor said he was "going to improve the paper.") Bet you didn't notice This 'n' That initialed is T. N. T. and doubtless the editor didn't either when he picked up *that* tame-looking title. Never mind, Headquarters mail is always handled with care. . . Contribs to this column are not invited—we have so much to say ourselves. Those sent unsolicited and unsought should comply with the following specifications: Speed limit, sixty smiles per second. No smoking Mufflers and cut-outs not necessary. (These supplied by Headquarters.)

Hurrah for Queens Division! Let's all give 115 a glad welcome. Last month we noticed the list of Divisions

ended with "V" and "W." "Now if we could annex X, Y, and Z, we'd have the whole alphabet," thought us, but a check-up revealed we have no "Q" in the list. Well, we have now! "S" is the most popular letter, sixteen Divisions being located in "S" cities. "B," "C" and "D" follow with ten each, while "I," "G," "U," and "V" have only one each.

Dumb Dora, who used to write to Crutch, says she's lost his address, and wants to know if we can tell her the difference between grands, uprights, and squares. No dif. at all—if you were referring to our Office-Sirs, all our grands are upright and square. But if you meant pianos—there's some dif. Go to the nearest hardware store and find out.

U. N. I. Bit says he wants to go to the K. C. convention, can we tell him if those blister-bugs are as ferocious as advertised? Come on to the convention! If you get stung, it won't be by those horthy-snorties mentioned in Very Bland Jollies—we suspect they were just Jiminy crickets.

February Death Claims

Paid to Mary Provost, Escanaba, Mich., for death benefit of Louis F. Provost, certificate No. 6985-D, deceased January 8, 1932, \$1,000.
Paid to Emma B. G. Hannan, Detroit, Mich., for death benefit of Dennis Hannan, certificate No. 401-C, deceased January 19, 1932, \$500.
Paid to Jennie J. Lank, Rockford, Ill., for death benefit of Robert W. Lank, certificate No. 3228-C, deceased February 11, 1932, \$500.

February Disability Claims

H. C. Darling, Portland, Ore.	\$ 200.00
Henry Peters, Manhattan	125.00
Henry Hecht, Brooklyn	25.00
*Ansel Williams, St. Louis	25.00
*A. F. Bomhoff, Baltimore	50.00
William Myles, Columbus	50.00
S. H. Noel, Baltimore	30.00
*W. K. Manning, Memphis	20.00
*I. R. Lipsett, Los Angeles	100.00
Max Wisotsky, Manhattan	75.00
C. A. Lynch, Portland, Ore.	50.00
*J. D. Walls, Philadelphia	140.00
H. E. Gottlieb, Detroit	50.00
Walter Krohngold, Akron	75.00
Arthur Blevins, Akron	50.00
*Clyde Cherrington, Akron	75.00
*Marco D'Antonio, Bronx	20.00
*J. L. Williams, Durham	35.00
Anton Schroeder, St. Paul-Minn.	50.00
J. E. Scanlon, Boston	40.00
T. M. Cryan, Boston	75.00
*F. N. Belliveau, Boston	35.00
*G. E. Ebert, Brooklyn	250.00
*H. B. Feigen, Brooklyn	15.00
F. E. Peirce, Toronto	45.00
G. E. Rhodes, Columbia	25.00
W. B. Humphrey, Louisville	50.00
W. L. Forsythe, Louisville	10.00
N. S. Smith, Detroit	50.00
*E. H. Frey, Sioux Falls	30.00
E. W. Field, Los Angeles	150.00
A. D. Ruggero, Los Angeles	50.00
F. A. Klein, Los Angeles	50.00
*N. C. Garrison, Seattle	135.00
J. S. Kirk, New Haven	175.00
R. E. Sweeney, New Haven	50.00
Arthur Borden, Portland, Me.	70.00
J. A. Sandberg, Worcester	50.00
Jacob Elmer, Milwaukee	50.00
G. K. Rorex, Dallas	50.00
I. B. Ries, Dallas	10.00
L. R. Holway, Omaha	100.00
*T. D. Slaton, Little Rock	50.00
*J. W. Stout, Little Rock	100.00
Dewey Boone, Little Rock	50.00
W. S. S. Austin, Binghamton	100.00
Total for the month	\$3,110.00

*Denotes accident claims.



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APRIL, 1932

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The hibernating season is over.

Spring is here once more.

We doff our heavy overcoats.

The sap is beginning to run in the trees.

Buds soon will blossom into bloom.

Activity is in evidence everywhere in Nature.

After all, the old Earth is still a good place to live on.

The warmth of Spring brings new strength and new hope for better things.

Man strives mightily to overcome his handicaps, and he strives best in balmy weather.

Which reminds us that Deputy Organizers who have been hibernating in close proximity to radiators should bid goodbye to steam heat, shed their overcoats, roll up their sleeves, tackle every prospective member they can lay hands on.

BRING THEM IN.

There is nothing depressing about Spring.

Forget the Depression. We've got it on the run. We've got it licked.

BRING THEM IN.

Have you made a canvass of your territory? Have you got their names and addresses in that little book you carry in your vest pocket? Have you made the first contact? If you have, make the second, and the third, and keep it up until they fill out an application blank.

BRING THEM IN.

Stop! Look!

YEARS AGO, pedagogs and others whom we supposed were gifted with great wisdom exhorted the deaf early and late to beware of the shining rails whereon fast trains scooted hither and yon, every now and then lifting some poor deaf man into the air and the great beyond.

We never had occasion to pound the ties going some place, hence we avoided the calamity of which we were so often warned. But a lot of the deaf did not heed the warning, and death on the tracks was an all too common occurrence.

Nowadays, this happening is rare. The deaf do not walk the ties any more. Nor hearing people, for that matter. They use the broad paved highways and streets, built by munificent government. But the danger is still there, in even greater degree.

Motor cars have taken the place of locomotives. They fill the roads and streets. Trucks and buses add to the earth shaking thunder. People are going somewhere, and they want to get there as quickly as possible. Safety of life and limb is of small consequence in this advanced civilization. Time counts. Time is money. Save time, cost what it may.

The deaf must beware of the danger in the increasing congestion of our streets and highways. Of accidents to our members reported to this office, many give "Hit by auto," "Run over by truck," as the cause. While it may be true that the proportion of deaf people so hurt is no greater than the proportion of hearing persons, still it behooves every deaf person to take extra precautions while walking on the highways or crossing streets. Death lurks just around the corner. If not death, then serious injury.

STOP, LOOK, AND LOOK AGAIN!

To Division Officials

WE desire all Division treasurers to again read over carefully Section 94, pages 22-23, of the general laws of the Society, covering their duties and powers as treasurers. In particular, we desire them to note that no Division moneys may be paid out without approval of the Division, and all bills of accounts against the Division and other expenditures must be approved with the signature of the president before same may be paid.

Division trustees should also carefully read Section 96, pages 23-24,

covering their duties. They should not merely read over the treasurer's monthly reports to the Home Office and approve same, but should each month carefully check all books of accounts in charge of the treasurer, verify all bank balances, keep track of all securities in which the Division has invested its surplus money. Notes for dues loans also come under the head of investments, and the trustees should supervise these and obtain repayment when due.

Division presidents are responsible for the proper conduct of Division affairs and for the efficient dispatch of business by other Division officials. They should each month sit in with the Division trustees during their audit of the treasurers' accounts and satisfy themselves that the check-up is properly made.

We call attention to these details because it is necessary in order to comply with regulations covering Division bonds that all laws in connection with the handling of Division moneys must be strictly adhered to. All our laws must be adhered to, for that matter, but in handling Division finances the greatest care must be taken not to void Division bonds.

Queens on Map

QUEENS Division No. 115 was installed as the latest unit of the Society on February 27. Brothers Goldberg of Brooklyn Division and Lubin of Manhattan Division assisted in the installation.

The following officers will have charge of the new Division during the present year:

Herman Cammann, president,
John Cail, vice president,
Harry A. Gillen, secretary,
Henry Brauer, treasurer,
Alfred Barry, director,
William Aufort, sergeant,
Edward Demerle, Leo Berzon,
Henry Shrer, trustees.

Brother Harry A. Gillen has been appointed deputy organizer for the new Division, which is now in operation and ready to add new members. We hope there will be many.

Division Visits

AT THIS writing, the Grand President is starting on week-end trips to keep speaking engagements, as follows:

March 19—Kansas City,
March 26-27—St. Paul,
April 2—Jacksonville, Ill.

However, he will be at the Home Office during the intervals. In May or June, an Eastern swing around the circle is under consideration, which may include Montreal, where sentiment has developed for a new Division. Action in this latter regard will hinge upon the number of new members obtained in Montreal and Quebec Province during the next few months.

DIVISION NOTES

COMING DIVISION EVENTS

April	
2. Movies	Kalamazoo
2. Country supper	Des Moines
2. Social	Wichita
2. Social and movies	Boston
2. Leap year party	Waterbury
2. Card social	Detroit
2. Box supper	Little Rock
9. Social	Cedar Rapids
6. Open house	Dallas
6. Entertainment	Wilkesburg
7. Social	Saginaw
9. Annual smoker	Washington
9. Card party	Syracuse
9. Vaudeville	Springfield, Mass.
9. Fish supper and social	Buffalo
9. Social	Cedar Rapids
9. Social	South Bend
9. Card Party	New Haven
13. Anniversary social	Memphis
16. Party	Portland, Me.
16. Movies	Brooklyn
16. Anniversary	Memphis
16. Costume ball	Worcester
16. Box social	Toledo
19. Movies	Houston
23. Country fair	Toronto
23. Joint social	Washington
23. Box party	Richmond
23. Strawberry festival	Bronx
23. Social	San Francisco
23. Movies	Scranton
29. Mexican dish party	Houston
30. Masquerade party	Schenectady
30. Amateur night	Boston
30. Social	Cincinnati
30. Military whist	Holyoke
30. Social	Akron
May	
5. Social	Saginaw
7. Banquet	Atlanta
7. Lecture	Utica
14. Party and movies	Holyoke
14. Movies	New Haven
17. Movies	Houston
20. Strawberry social	Pittsburgh
21. Social	Toledo
21. Social	Brooklyn
21. Anniversary	Atlanta
21. Social	San Francisco
27. Spirit of spring party	Houston
28. Annual party	Bangor, Me.
28. Annual dance	Providence
28. Outing	Richmond
28-29-30. Silver jubilee	Milwaukee
June	
2. Picnic	Milwaukee
2. Social	Saginaw
4. Strawberry social	Albany
18. Social	Brooklyn
18. Smoker	Toledo
19. Picnic	Toledo
21. Movies	Houston
26. Picnic	Milwaukee

CHICAGO No. 1

By H. W. Perry

A committee is out to decide whether we move into new quarters for our meetings, or stay at our present place on a new lease.

Our March meeting, followed by movies, came along fine, and we are planning for still better forms of entertainments for the future. Keep up your attendance boys, we may have a burlesque show one of these days.

Our best wishes to Queens Division No. 115. Come ye France, next, then Russia?

Hubby to Wife: "Say, I found holes in my socks."

Wife to Hubby: "You did not buy that fur coat you promised, so if you do not give a wrap, I do not give a darn."

Moral: Co-operate, brothers.

LOS ANGELES

By C. H. Doan

The fourth annual masquerade ball under the auspices of Los Angeles Division was a huge success, and

through kindness the other club halls closed, and the event drew a capacity crowd of about 400, in spite of the rainy weather. We realized a profit of \$131, and we asked each other if the depression was over. Costume awards were as follows: Prettiest, Mrs. Earl Lewis and Mr. Clements; most original, Mrs. Herman and Earl Lewis; most comical, Mrs. Julian Singleton and L. Lipsett. Children winners were Thomas Marsden's little granddaughter, and Tage Samuelson's son.

Owing to the ballroom being overcrowded, the frats' lodge hall was given over to the players of "500," and 21 tables were taken. Mrs. Dwyer and Mr. Lloyd won first honors.

Through the influence of the California Association of the Deaf, of which Russell P. Handley is president, and with the approval of the Board of Education, a night school for the deaf is now being conducted Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7 to 9 o'clock, in the Metropolitan Evening High School on Venice Boulevard at Olive Street. Mrs. Beth Gesner teaches classes in languages, shop ethics and lip reading. When better attendance is secured, other subjects will be added.

The California Automobile Club of the Deaf created a Traffic committee and a Publicity committee, which have been co-operating with the authorities regarding deaf drivers. The chairman of the Traffic committee has been corresponding with the Division of Motor Vehicles in Sacramento and traffic chiefs in various cities or towns about the city of Los Angeles. Their replies are encouraging, and they say we are a great help to the police in weeding out habitually reckless and incompetent deaf drivers.

Every winter it is common to see snow on the mountains, about 15 miles from Los Angeles and no snow falling in the city, but Friday morning, January 15, we had the first snow in 54 years.

Mrs. William Rice of Inglewood wishes to let the deaf circle in St. Louis know about the death of her mother, Mrs. Bolin, on January 8.

Mrs. Annie Smith, widow of Omar L. Smith, deceased, passed away on February 16. Double pneumonia caused her death.

SPRINGFIELD, MASS.

By F. L. Ascher

Our felicitations to Queens Division No. 115. Who comes next!

Our Division does not think much of the sentiment that monthly socials should be stopped on account of hard times. In times like the present there is even more than the usual amount of work for the Division, especially the treasurer and the loan committee in granting loans to members for back dues. There is great fraternal spirit and plenty of co-operation shown in increasing the local fund every month. However, we are trying to finance social parties, within our means, and

at the same time make them enjoyable. In order to make the repayment of loans within a specified agreed time very effective, we are prepared to suspend any member from all Division privileges as in disciplinary cases, without affecting the said member's eligibility to disability or death benefits, unless all payments are made regularly as required. See Section 206a. However, this is a gentle warning. We hope we shall never have to do this.

Plans are shaping splendidly for our evening to be devoted to Mr. Billy Goat on May 7, the date for our regular meeting.

Brother Haggerty, chairman of the entertainment committee, announces that there will be a social Saturday evening, April 9 in Memorial hall. This is going to be a grand one, because there will be a vaudeville show composed of deaf actors and actresses. Plenty of talent will be exhibited. Watch Mike and Sol, who will be the chief attraction of the show. Brother Dramin will be director, and his services will prove very valuable in making April 9 an enjoyable evening. Admission to the show produced by Dramin and Company, 25 cents.

Preparations for our semi-annual ball are under way, and the usual turn-out of a crowd is expected on May 28, 29 and 30. With our great fraternal week-end party of October 10, 12, 1931 still as a pleasant memory in our minds, we shall again stage "Spanish Fiesta and Ball" at El Patio, Hotel Clinton, now familiar to all who attended our last two balls. Chairman Haggerty and his able aides are working hard to overcome depression and to bring out prosperity. Further details will be announced in the May FRAT. Above all, do not forget our dates, please.

Joseph Donahue of Westchester Division, an ex-member of our Division, was a visitor at our last meeting. We were mighty happy to see him, and enjoyed his visit very much. Come again.

Notice to members: Our next regular meeting starts at 8:00 P. M., April 2.

MANHATTAN

By Joseph Worzel

For the first time since his inauguration as president of this Division, Nathan Schwartz had to absent himself from the chair due to illness in his family. Therefore Vice President Leo Weiner had the opportunity to preside, and did it in an excellent manner. It was on initiation night, and President Schwartz popped in in time to initiate the members (twelve). They were the following: Brothers Branigan, Davinger, Nies, Mallemet, Moscowitz, Nesgood, Hager, Lustgarten, Newman, Kruger, Plavsky and Sonnenstrahl. Degree Captain Goldstein expects to hold another one in the near future, as there are more members to be initiated.

Chairman Weiner deserves a lot of congratulations for achieving success

with our November ball, making a net profit of \$86.70. The writer is looking forward to another profit harvest on March 16, at a whist and "500." Brother Schnapp is chairman, assisted by Brothers Kurz and Cohen. Many tickets have been disposed of. Will give results in the next write-up.

Failure to report to the secretary of illness within 10 days, no claim of the applicant is accepted. The fault is yours, not mine. Be sure to pay your dues. Brothers changing their addresses should notify the secretary, otherwise they are liable to miss all fraternal communications.

An assessment of 10 cents was levied upon the members to help put the new Divisions on their feet. The spirit of fraternity is still with us.

KALAMAZOO

By J. P. Cordano

Our leap year social on February 6 was well attended. It was unusual in that everyone joined in wholeheartedly, and seemed to have a good time. The committee would not tolerate wall flowers. Mrs. Frank Troy won the grand prize, a beautiful large heart shaped box of bon bons. Various games were played, each of which drew out the whole crowd. The committee was headed by Brother Francisco, assisted by Brothers Smallidge and Cordano.

The Division will shortly announce a big moving picture and vaudeville entertainment. Kalamazoo Division is becoming known for its ability to stage entertainments, and these entertainments are looked forward to and attended by the deaf of this part of Michigan.

Brother Kearns was at our March meeting. He and his charming wife live at Three Rivers, Mich. He has not yet transferred to our Division, but we hope he soon will.

A few from Kalamazoo took in the Grand Rapids Division social, and afterwards made a night of it with their Grand Rapids friends.

Brother Martin M. Taylor has moved from Allegan to Wayne, where he has gone into business for himself. He has purchased a first class printing outfit, and proposes to be his own boss. He had orders for work before he had his plant set up, and we wish him every success.

Our March social was handled by Brothers Graff, chairman, Quinn and Orvis, and was well attended.

The Division has made it a policy to hold a social gathering after each monthly meeting. The members of our Division are trying to carry through the business meeting with dispatch. Our experience is that these socials more than offset the hall rent, as the same hall is used for both the business meetings and socials, which adds each month to the relief fund, a consideration highly important in these times.

Brother Tellier's smiling face is missing from our meetings. He has transferred to Grand Rapids Division. What is our loss is their gain.

PROVIDENCE

By J. C. Peirce

As a token of sympathy for the loss Brother Vincenzo Zelano sustained on the death of his mother, which took place on the 24th of February, a floral offering was sent by our Division to the funeral.

An earnest drive for more members is under way, making our Division continually grow. Our members have already received one application for membership from Connecticut, and expect two or three more members.

Our Division will hold an annual dance at Swedish hall, 59 Chestnut street, Providence, on May 28, to raise proceeds to render needy, unemployed members such financial assistance as they deserve, in the form of a loan to keep up their dues payments. Come one and come all, and help such a worthy object.

CINCINNATI

By F. J. O'Brien

A correction: Instead of April 20, it should have been Saturday evening, April 30, the date of the big vaudeville entertainment at St. John's auditorium, Green street, between Vine and Race. It is for the benefit of our unemployed frats. Brothers Honicon and Weber are in charge. All the deaf within a radius of a hundred miles are earnestly urged to attend and help a worthy cause.

On receiving the last issue of THE FRAT, I was much impressed by George Janicke's suggestion of a home in the south for our aged members. It was timely. Such a project is now under way in Florida by another organization. Instead of a main building, small cottages are provided for husband and wife. Land in the south is now very cheap, and it costs very little to build on account of the mild climate. Here's hoping Brother Janicke will keep up this good work, as it is the noblest memorial suggested to commemorate the memory of Francis P. Gibson.

Frank Ellerhorst had the misfortune to connect one of the bones in his right hand with a mallet. As he carries increased accident benefits, and with garden sass and other edibles at rock bottom prices, I'll omit the stereotyped words of sympathy, as the depression has the wolf an eyelash from my door.

Two of our out of town members, Brother Goldman, who lives in a fine old mansion at Middletown, O., and Brother Renaker, a country gentleman from way down in Kaintuck, set us a good example by attending our meetings.

I am informed that Brother Straus is a second Aleshire at chess; Brothers Hoy and Allen have good positions with pensions at retirement; Brother Buchert is the champion of our Division, having 8 children; Rev. Brother Staubitz is heartened at the interest his flock take in his religious

services; Brother Bercheit is still moaning that the 18th amendment is still enforced (?); Brother Shepherd has had his share of hard luck owing to misfortunes, but bears up like a trojan; Brother Pidcock looks as if married life agrees with him; Brother Bacheberle is getting out a nifty card case—see advertisement in THE FRAT.

WORCHESTER

By D. J. Trask

Our Division had a smoker at Fraternity hall on February 20. It was the first one held since the Division was installed in 1917. The crowd was not a very big one on account of the cold weather. On the opening of the smoker, Chairman Clark gave a song, "Carry On." Secretary Jarvis of Hartford Division came to the smoker with Brothers Katzenstein and Szopa by auto. Also Brother Greenough of Springfield Division was there. Three of our members took the goat ride, after which refreshments and cigars were served.

Larry Donovan came to the smoker and looked much improved in health. There was a little surprise for him. Our Division and members of other Divisions presented him with a pipe set in a nice case, a Gillet safety razor and a pack of cards. Brother Donovan thanked them, saying the gifts were useful for an old bachelor. Charles Moscovitz of New Haven gave us some good moving pictures. He may come to Worcester again to give more later.

The party from Hartford had bad luck after the smoker. Their auto broke down in Auburn, Mass., and they were taken back to Worcester by taxi, for the night, while the car was being repaired.

Six tables were in play at a whist social sponsored by the Division on Saturday evening, March 5, immediately after the business meeting. We will have another whist social on April 3, after the meeting.

The committees are making plans for a costume ball on April 16, which will be held at Red Men's hall, 306 Main street, Worcester. Admission 50 cents. We hope there will be a good crowd.

ST. PAUL-MINNEAPOLIS

By J. J. McNeill

The mask dance on February 20 came out all right, but the profits were only a few dollars. Due to the depression, the attendance was poor. The committee worked hard for its success, and they deserve some credit. They will try and give a "500" and bunco party the middle of April.

The ladies auxiliary again presented the Division with a sum of \$20, and the Division gave them a rising vote of thanks. They have a "500" and bunco party every month at the club house on the same night as the Division meeting, and it is getting popular.

Dr. J. L. Smith of Faribault will celebrate his 70th birthday on the 15th,

and at the last meeting of the Division, it was voted to wire him congratulations, as he is a social member of our Division, and he never charges the Division for expenses on his trips up here to give lectures. We really appreciate his kindness and friendship.

Wake up, boys of Division No. 61, and send the writer news for THE FRAT. The writer cannot be everywhere to gather news, and hence it is your duty to help him.

Everything is ready for Roberts' night at the club, and we expect a big crowd. The admission will be free and everyone is welcome. Invitations will be sent out to new prospects for the rally on the next day, and we all can see the Boston convention on the screen. Remember, the dates are March 26-27.

LOUISVILLE

By J. W. Ferg

Twice within the space of less than a year we have had no quorum, hence no meetings. Is it because the members have lost all interest in their Division, or are the members too good for their Division? Surely one must realize the importance of attending meetings, for if any action is taken at a meeting (and you are absent) that does not meet with your approval, the place to protest is at the next meeting, not on the street corner or in the back rooms of pool parlors. The Executive committee of No. 4 makes an earnest and urgent appeal to the members to attend the meetings—they are only once a month, the first Saturday night.

It may be unbelievable, nevertheless it is true, that there are many members who do not realize the inexhaustible benefits paid by our great Order. One has only to consult the financial reports published each month in THE FRAT to be convinced of the huge number of sick claims paid out and to note how promptly all death claims are met. Yet we note with alarm the growing tendency among members to drop their frat certificates for the most insignificant reasons. Little do they realize that they are giving up the greatest organization in the world for the deaf. Deplorable indifference, an utter lack of interest and a complete lack of judgment are the only reasons for this condition that is accomplishing very sad work in the minds of our members. Immediate steps should be taken to educate the members of the folly of being tempted to neglect their fraternal obligations. Let us cultivate a real sense of responsibility, and not forget that the dues we pay each month will be paid back to us in many ways. Let us be careful and not pay the price of indifference. Think it over!

Daniel Brennan, certificate No. 190, a paid-up (by expiry) member of No. 4, answered the final summons to the Great Beyond on February 15, after an illness of almost a year, the last six weeks of which he was bedfast. His demise at the age of 62 removes another of the rapidly disappearing army

of the old guard who so valiantly withstood the shocks that were the portion of our great Order in the early days. Dan joined the Society way back in 1905 when No. 4 was struggling to gain a firm foothold in Louisville and was an active member for many years, serving several terms as director and sergeant-at-arms up until three years ago when his health began to fail. He was one of the best well known deaf-mutes in Louisville; his friends were legion, from all walks of life. Although seemingly gruff and somewhat brusque in his ways, everyone who know Dan was always aware of the kindly and generous heart he possessed. Peace be to his ashes.

The Louisville Deaf-Mute Welfare Association—this spells out the magic and mysterious initials often appearing in our notes—the members of which are mostly frats, and their wives, at their recent election of officers, unanimously returned Grand Vice President Mueller as president, "Uncle" Patrick Dolan (Prexy of No. 4) as vice president, and the writer as secretary-treasurer for the 'steenth consecutive term. Their efforts are concentrated on working in behalf of and raising funds for, the proposed Kentucky Home for the aged and infirm deaf.

Grand Vice President Mueller took a two-weeks' vacation from his proof desk at the "Courier-Journal" the last two weeks of last month. He was on the verge of a nervous breakdown caused by the serious illness of, and operation on, his young son, Norbert. Big Jawn seems to have worried himself sick helping his fellow man.

AKRON

By W. H. Townsend

Social Committee Chairmen: Brother Frater has the right idea. If your plans for Division socials are good, tell the frats about it first, and take care of the non-frats later. THE FRAT circulates where it will do the most good.

Somebody remarked that the aux-frats have had no chance to handle a frat social for a long, long time. We hope to announce their plans for the May social next month.

Do your Division meetings lack interest? Then try to buy something. For three months Akron Division has debated about buying a movie projector machine, and is still at it.

Preparations for a big joint picnic and outing for Cleveland, Canton and Akron Divisions are already started. Ask Brother Ware what he is cooking up for the event.

It is the unusual that attracts attention. Frat socials are so commonly successful, that we feel safe in promising not to pan the chairmen of such, or waste space praising them either.

Nowadays Class A members are looking with envy at the ease with which Class C, D, E and F members get aid from the Division Relief Loan coffers. More reason to wonder why they stay that way. It would be less embarrassing for them to change to

some other class as a matter of course, instead of waiting until forced to it in order to protect their investment. The Home Office has repeatedly pointed out the advantage of such a change.

Thanks, old timers, we won't let you down. A pat on the back with an expression of thanks is as it should be, but let's not forget the obligations every young deaf man and woman receives from our old timers. The comforts, advantages and opportunities enjoyed by the deaf of this country today are due greatly to the energy with which our old timers grasped such chances for advancement as came their way and held on to them. Let us hold on to what they won and add to it, thus earning the right to the title of "old timers" too, when we have had our fling. When things go wrong on the job, and we feel like arguing with the boss, think of our old timers and the younger fellows coming along after us, then it won't be so hard to fix things up pleasantly. Cheerfulness on the job may mean additional opportunity for somebody else. This may not be a new idea, but in regard to "our old timers" it packs a mighty wallop for some of us. Let us hope it still has the same kick twenty years hence.

We ought to get a good swift kick. We had a chance to get a new member and muffed it. When we finally got down to business, Uncle Sam informed us that our prospect had moved, leaving no address. If you see Mr. Marinus P. Claussen, formerly of Elyria, Ohio, sign him up.

HOLYOKE

By A. L. Klopfer

Congratulations to the newly organized Divisions, Westchester and Queens.

Holyoke Division voted to hold two annual socials, one in April and one in November. Our first annual social will be a Military Whist party on April 23, at Caledonian hall, 189 High Street. Remember 23—Military Whist.

May 14 is chosen as the date for a party with movies at Ernest Klinke's, 601 Canal Street. New games will be played.

Philip Harris was reported in the paper as having met with misfortune by falling down on an icy pavement, fracturing his skull and breaking an ankle. He was unconscious, but a



GOOD LUCK is just a lazy man's estimate of a fighter's success.

—HERBERT KAUFMAN.

policeman found him, and sent him to the hospital. A doctor was called and found him in a critical condition. It occurred February 19, and it will take him several weeks to get in condition again. We all feel sorry to hear of his accident.

Brothers Leo Bernaquer and Arthur Chandler recently attended a Hartford Division social and reported as having a fine time. They were products of the old Hartford school.

CHICAGO No. 106

By F. B. Wirt

Our March meeting started at a little earlier time than has been the custom. All the necessary business was transacted in the space of an hour. We decided, for one thing, that we will go back to the five dollar fee with application, the endorser receiving his portion for bringing in the new member. For nearly two years we had been paying out of the treasury the fee for the new members, and the results cannot be said to have been satisfactory. That is another way of saying that a person values more what he has to pay for.

Another thing: It is our intention to have a smoker the last of May or early June at Occidental hall. For this year only we decided on a 25 cent admission charge, for the reason that on account of relief loans our bank balance is not so fat. At the smoker, there will be the usual features, plus movies and other entertainment and free eats and smokes. The 25 cent admission charge covers all that. Whatever is left after expenses will go to our relief fund.

After the closing of business, we called in our auxiliary and their friends, for the movies that followed. It was the first showing in Chicago of the movies taken by Mrs. Hull of the N. F. S. D. convention in Boston last summer. It was very interesting, and gave us a good idea of what our delegate had been doing in Boston. No



THE HIGHER MOTIVE

By ARTHUR TWINING HADLEY

IF YOU value the world simply for what you can get out of it, be assured that the world will in turn estimate your value to it by what it can get out of you.

That man, who values the world for what he can *put into* it; who deals courteously with his associates, patriotically with his country, and who, under whatsoever creed or forms, has that spirit of devotion to an ideal which is the essential thing in religion—that man makes himself part of a world which is bound together by higher motives than the hope of *material success*.

doubt some of us wished we had run for delegate. The projector was handled by Brother Blair. All in all, we had a very pleasant evening, one of the best of its kind we have had for a while.

We will likewise shorten our April meeting in order to have movies, to which all are invited. Brother Schmidt will run the projector next time.

Our auxiliary will meet in the home of Miss Sadie Crooks, on the afternoon of March 23, for a "500" party. The proceeds will be given to our relief fund. We are very appreciative of this thoughtfulness of our sisters of the auxiliary.

Our bowling team will have a movie show on March 20, for their own benefit. They have only a few weeks left of their season, and if conditions later on are anything like it is now, no effort will be made to keep up the teams next fall.

HARTFORD

By H. V. Jarvis

Our sympathy goes to Brother Meskill, whose brother died on December 28, to Brother Luther, whose mother passed away on January 6, and to Brother Rockwell, whose father passed away on February 11.

One reason why several members wear college pins is because you can not tell by their signs whether they are educated or ignorant.

Notice: We have seven in our fold who laughed at us for giving them sound advice regarding change from Class A to other safer classes, and their hee-haws will turn to moans when they lose everything. No one can laugh at the future. Change now—no regrets, no pleas, no sorrow, no bitter feelings. Do it at once. Write to the Home Office for figures, etc.

The Connecticut Silent Athletic Association was formed in August, 1931, for the young deaf fellows who desire to strive for the higher ideals of life, ambition, fellowship and clean sports. Their first president is David R. Cole, member of our Division. They have formed a basket-ball team which is playing in the Waterbury City League every Sunday afternoon.

BROOKLYN

By John Kirby

The March meeting broke this year's record for the shortest one. The hall was empty by 11:35 P. M. If the Board of Directors continue to take care of everything important, it is possible to have the meetings over at 9:30 so that the hundred members may become better acquainted with each other, instead of being rooted to their chairs throughout the night. Among the items of the February report of Treasurer Gabriel was that of \$1001.14 collected as dues for the Home Office. Were the boys so broke by Christmas presents that their pocketbooks remained flat for two months? Or is it true that the depression is being broken up?

Once more Brooklyn Division has undergone an operation. This time it has lost fifteen members to Queens Division. Here's our best wishes to No. 115. We know that this contribution to Queens tends to only unite both Brooklyn and Queens in harmony.

The Board of Trustees has renewed our year's lease on the meeting room at Odd Fellow's Hall, 309 Schermerhorn street. The committee on halls was discharged with thanks, without making known its findings!

A word to the wise: Treasurer Gabriel notified us that he would be at home between 8 and 9 o'clock every first and second Friday of the month to receive dues from members of No. 23 who do not attend monthly meetings owing to circumstances over which they have no control. Outside that time, non-attending members must mail their dues to him instead of hindering his home life with his missus and three growing boys.

Director Pachter has selected the May meeting as the next initiation night. He reported the goat had a starving look on account of hard times, and that he thought the clothes of fifteen victims would tide it over to the next initiation. By the way, everybody who intends to attend is warned to bring his own smokes this time. If variety is the spice of life, the goat should then be well spiced with all kinds of butts from Paul Jones down to Mussolini.

The five-cent monthly assessment for the relief dues is ordered to be discontinued from April, hereafter, as its quota has been reached. It is proper for those who have secured loans from the Brooklyn treasury for their dues, to pay back as soon as possible in order that other deserving loans may be granted to worthy members. Do not forget to return ball tickets within ninety days from March 12, otherwise the tickets will be charged as sold.

Benjamin Friedwald is the "father of the Kansas City club," which is to encourage savings for the convention at Kansas City in 1935. Get in touch with him if any Brooklynite desires to partake of the pilgrimage to the "Heart of America."

A monthly publication of the doings of No. 23 is in the embryonic stage, awaiting the approval of the Home Office. "The '23' Chain" is its suggested title.

The February social under Chairman Klein was far from a success. On the same night there were seven other affairs in the Metropolitan city. Who says competition is the life of trade? Chairman Klein gave to the few loyal souls rain checks, which will be good for admission to Chairman Pachter's affair on April 16 at Odd Fellows Hall, which is four hours of movies: "The Cat and the Canary," a tale of murder and mystery with LaPlante and Hale; "The Fighting Eagle," an adventuresome story of the glamorous days of Napoleon, with plots, counter-

plot, duels and narrow escapes, featuring LaRocque and Haver; "Eats are Wests," a comedy of hungry Felix the cat amidst starving cowboys; "Snapshots of the masquerade ball of No. 23" (if successfully taken); "News-reels of the Boston convention." Sol has chocolate bars to be given away free to the patrons of his show. Chairman Klein has consented to manage the May 21 festival.

Julius Bick donated to the Division his labor of love in the form of two picture frames covering A. L. Pach's "Francis P. Gibson" and Brother Sheridan's "Brooklyn in Memoriam." The latter, a bronze tablet, carries 28 names of the departed members of Brooklyn.

BOSTON

By D. McG. Cameron

The big Ford assembly plant here, which usually employs 20 to 25 deaf mutes, or practically nearly every deaf person that applies for work there, has so far taken back only five of them. This year it has been late in reopening after its annual closedown at the end of the year. With most of the shoe workers idle, or on part time, at the numerous factories in Lynn and Brockton and everywhere, we certainly are having our share of unemployment and hard times, still none of us are thinking of going to other places in search of work. It is a foolish and hardy person that strays from his base of supplies these days.

Social activities in the Division have been rather quiet since the new year, but on April 2, after the Division meeting, which is to be called at 5 P. M., a movie show of the convention will be given at Boyle O'Reilly Hall, Hibernian Building, 184 Dudley Street, Roxbury. Entirely new reels, one from Buffalo and one from New York are among the features. Those coming via the elevated will take Fields Corner or Geneva Avenue and Blue Hill Avenue car from Dudley elevated station and get off at first stop.

Chairman Herbert Colby reports that his committee is progressing nicely with the arrangements for the farce play and amateur night on April 30 at Huntington Chambers, 30 Huntington Avenue. They will soon have the program in the hands of the printers, and all those wishing to take part in amateur night should send in their names at once. As an inducement to help the sale of tickets, he offers free admission to any one selling 10 tickets, provided the cash for the sales is turned in on or before the 2nd of April. Brother Anthony D'Amelio has charge of the tickets, and requests that all receipts and unsold tickets be returned by April 30.

J. D. Nicholas has been appointed guardian of the Boston convention films and has been given permission to make contracts as to rental, etc. of same on his own responsibility without having to consult the Division. By this arrangement the films can be rented and shipped anywhere at the

shortest possible notice. The six reels, totalling about 4,000 feet are 16 m. m. and may be run on any projector, but it is advisable to use a Bell-Howell projector. Divisions and organizations using the reels, besides paying the rental price of \$10, are required to bear the cost of postage and insurance both ways. All information can be obtained by writing him at 125 Henry Avenue, Lynn, Mass.

A large number of his acquaintances helped Albert Chapman, our oldest member and holding the lowest numbered certificate, No. 152, celebrate his 75th birthday recently. Among his schoolmates attending was A. B. Meachman. They entertained the younger generation with interesting tales of the pioneer days of education for the deaf at the American School in Hartford. Brother Chapman, looking at least 20 years younger than his age, is still active and employed as a shipper.

Charles Tex Hopkins with auto and all, and a brand new stock of tales and jokes, passed through here recently, heading south. Talk of spying a flock of wild geese winging north, or tell the old yarn of seeing a red breasted robin in your front yard, but until Brother Tex deserts the comfortable warmth of his log fires in the wilds of Maine for the big city in New York State, do we fully realize and be firmly convinced that spring is close at hand.

Through its president, J. D. Nicholas, the Division received a very cordial invitation from the Boston oral club to attend its annual banquet, which is an informal affair on April 23 at Brightelmstone club, Allston. The Division certainly appreciates the invitation and hopes to be able to reciprocate at an early date with one of our own.

John O'Rourke is chairman of a committee to devise arrangements and plans to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the organizing of the Division, which falls on April 6. Due to the general depression, if plans materialize, the affair will take place some time in May or June, instead of in April.

Brother McCord of Lowell Division, with his perpetual big cigar, and smi-Willie Abbott, once an active member of the Division, but now attached to Schenectady Division, graced the

meeting on the 5th with their presence.

SEATTLE

By A. W. Wright

John Adams was summoned to court recently to defend a damage action and emerged the victor. A speeding autoist side-swiped John's car, but doing more damage to his own car. Finding John was one of those deaf drivers, he tried to shift the blame to him, but the court dismissed the case and assessed the costs on the plaintiff.

Rudy Stuht, holder of certificate No. 1937, has joined the ranks of the fully paid-up members. Although he lives in Bremerton, and is seldom able to be present at the meetings, he is continuing as an active member by paying the Division dues. Rudy says he will soon be retired from the navy yard and go on the pension list because of age limit.

The moratorium declared on the special assessment at the February meeting lasted one month, as it was voted to be effective again in April. Those favoring it must have thought Old Man Depression departed at the same time with Old Man Winter.

MEMPHIS

By W. C. Correll

The coming 19th anniversary social of our Division will be held at Hotel Gayoso on the 13th of April, Wednesday night. The frats and their wives, sweethearts and friends are invited. Bridge and bunco will be the entertainment and refreshments will be served afterwards. A good time is assured. Write for information and reservations to J. A. Todd, 396 Walker Avenue, Memphis.

SCHENECTADY

By J. F. Koeper

We have arranged to hold socials following our monthly meetings, and find our gatherings very pleasant.

After the February meeting, we held a St. Valentine party and refreshments were served. A whist party followed the March meeting. A masquerade party will be held at Red Men's hall on April 30. John Koeper is in charge of the affair. It is assured that everyone who attends will enjoy it.

Brother and Mrs. Wasserman entertained on their fifteenth wedding anniversary at their home in Amsterdam, N. Y. About twenty attended the party, and they presented the couple with a beautiful and useful gift, a coffee set. Brother Wasserman is a social member.

PITTSBURGH

By E. A. Ludovico

After two months with no news in THE FRAT, I have decided to take up my pen to write some news for March.

I have read the most important thing in THE FRAT about getting a

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new member each month. Here in Pittsburgh it is hard because of the depression. But we hope we will get some new members when times are better.

On Saturday evening, February 20 there was a fine program at a George Washington social which was given by Pittsburgh Division. George Black was chairman. At the March meeting he announced that we will have a strawberry social at the Pittsburgh Association of the Deaf hall on May 20. Remember that date.

We all were very glad that our former treasurer, Samuel Rogalsky, was back with us again after spending six weeks at Brooklyn, where he has been taking a linotype course. My! He is getting fat. We hope he will get a job soon.

Our President Connor spent some of his leisure time with his friends at Cleveland, and also attended a social held by Cleveland Division.

SAN FRANCISCO

By H. O. Schwarzlose

Brothers Terranova and Kleinfeldt are on the disability list. Kleinfeldt had his little finger crushed in an automatic elevator and Terranova's middle finger was badly cut by a paint knife. Both are doing well, and will soon be able to use their hands again.

San Francisco Division has arranged a series of Spring socials. The first will be on April 23, the next on May 21. Our socials are getting more popular each time. The committee on our whist socials struck a new note by giving groceries and wearing apparel as prizes instead of novelties and ornaments. Come and bring your friends.

D. E. Glidden, genial president of 53, drove to Los Angeles recently during a three week lay-off from the Ford Motor company. He returned fatter and browner and with a mouthful of new store teeth with which he claims he can chew anything. Even his favorite plug cut.

A. Koenigsthal, big race horseman of Sixteenth street, was elected sergeant-at-arms by acclamation at our March meeting. The office was declared vacant, as Brother Albright has been unable to be present at meetings on account of the elusive job.

Brother and Mrs. Walter Hannan drove to Los Altos Sunday to his sister-in-law's ranch. We wonder if our annual summer picnic shouldn't be in that direction?

Political Patterson, erstwhile two terms treasurer and delegate from 53, traveled all the way across the Bay from Berkeley to attend our March meeting. It has been his first appearance since February, 1931. The water on the Bay must have been pretty rough to keep him away for a year and a month!

Brother Schwarzlose drove to West Point, Calaveras County on Sunday the 27th and brought D. J. Cademartori home. Dave has been trapping for furs with George Phelps, but deep snow and intense cold made it impossible to make a go of it. Phelps, not wishing to return to San Francisco, has gone to Jackson, Amador County, to the gold mines. Dave had been gone since October, and on arriving home, bade Schwarzzy drive slowly and carefully, as he hadn't seen a street car for so long he had forgotten what it looked like. Oh, Dave!

San Francisco Division is again starting a drive for new members. According to my idea the drive should always be under way and not started and stopped like the traffic on Market street. Come on, fellows, let's follow President Glidden's example and each grab a non-frat as a prospect. There is plenty of room in No. 53 for a few hundred more members!

We were sorry to lose Brother H. V. Canaris, who transferred to Berkeley Division, as he now lives across the Bay so as to be near his work at the Ford Motor company. We hope for his continued prosperity and success.

NEW HAVEN

By Clarence Baldwin

New Haven Division numbers among its members other old time employees besides John O'Keefe, who was retired on a pension last year. There is William P. Sullivan of Guilford, Conn. who has been employed as an iron molder with Spencer Iron Foundry for 33 years. Just because he has been there so long should not be taken as an invitation to all others to go there for work, as Brother Sullivan writes that work there has been very slack since Christmas but is showing signs of slight improvement at present.

Joseph Chagnon is now living with his brother, Moise, in Derby, Conn. We do not know for how long, but since he is a bricklayer by trade, the length of his stay will probably depend on business conditions in the building trade.

Telephore Cossette was injured

while employed in Waterbury. It seems he slipped, and in falling struck the sharp end of an overturned box, fracturing one of the bones in his back. It is quite painful and he has been laid up with it for over five weeks now. He carries the maximum weekly disability benefit in our Society, so he is well protected.

Bernard Sullivan, New Haven's perennial bachelor, was laid off from his place of employment temporarily a couple of months ago, but he being a bachelor, naturally has a neat pile laid aside for a rainy day, so he isn't the least bit worried. Whoever saw a poor bachelor, any way? It is only married men like the writer who are hard up during times of unemployment and slack times.

New Haven Division purchased a 16 mm moving picture projector for use at its socials and as a means to increase the local fund. We have nearly always succeeded in making the outfit pay for itself at each show. We know for sure that any Division which has loyal supporters among its members can do the same as we have done. Our outfit is not yet quite paid for, but as soon as it is, we are sure of increasing our local fund every month.

DETROIT

By A. A. Stutsman

While the whole nation was celebrating George Washington's 200th birthday, a baby boy was born to Brother and Mrs. William Denham. Consequently the baby was named Frederick George Washington. Congratulations to his parents. William, a cigar, please.

The Smoker on March 5 went off as per the announcement in THE FRAT. The business meeting of the Division was put through at good speed and adjourned before 10:30 P. M., and amid the thick cigar smoke that filled the hall, the Degree Staff took possession for half an hour, and nine stalwart men were initiated in good order by T. J. Kenney, who disguised himself as a stern, bald, bespectacled, heavy-browed country judge, dressed in full evening suit, and displaying on his "bay-window" a glimpse of a white shirt bulging between the vest and the tightly-buttoned trousers. The initiation rites brought forth gales of laughter from the audience. The men initiated were

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Walter Whetstone, Horace Roy, Floyd Mowrey, James Henderson, Edward Homan, Maxime Labelle, George Pusey, Sam Mayers and Herschel Thompson. Ham and cheese sandwiches and coffee were served. Great credit was given to Aloysius Japes, chairman of the smoker, for the big success.

While the Division was having its business meeting and the smoker, there was a card social attended by fully 100 people held in the adjoining room under the auspices of the Division. As soon as the Division was through with its smoker and lunch, the dividing doors were thrown open, and all the people came in. A little dialogue ensued on the platform between Asa Stutsman, who took the role of a frat, and Otto Buby, who played a non-frat part, after which the company was treated to wiener sandwiches and coffee, adeptly served by the members of the Division who had had their fill during the smoker. It was pretty well past midnight when the people dispersed, well pleased with the evening.

Should any Division wish for a copy of the little dialogue above-mentioned, one may be obtained from Davenport Division No. 59. It is worth while for 20 minutes amusement in any public social or meeting.

Asa Stutsman was acknowledged at the meeting the winner of the honor of being the most valuable member of the Division during the year 1931. He was therefore presented with a handsome watch charm with the Society's emblem on its face, and on its back, his name and that of the Division and the year. John Hellers and Andrew Salmond were given honorable mention for their faithful service to the Division. The prize-awarding officials further announced that Ben Beaver came near to capturing the honor and the prize, but was prevented by having missed one meeting during the year. The above was the awarding of an annual prize in the form of a button, a pin, a ring or a charm, with the Society's emblem attached to it, to a member whom the Board of Directors of the past year voted as the most valuable member for the year. The member's value was determined by his record of attendance at meetings, his getting of new members, his promptness in dues payments, and his service to the Division. It is of interest to note that a dozen members had a perfect record of attendance for last year, whereas for 10 years previous, not more than 3 or 4 could claim the record in any one year.

The first quarter of the year has passed, and Herschel Thompson as chairman of the Entertainment committee has hung up a good record which the succeeding chairman may find hard to surpass. Alanson Webster is chairman for the second quarter, and as he is quite experienced in entertaining, we are looking forward

to equally good socials for the next 3 months.

CLEVELAND

By E. E. Rosenmund

The frat social season started off with a bang on February 13. William Meade, who has a reputation for making successful social affairs, was in charge. A beautiful tap dancing exhibition pleased the large crowd that filled the spacious hall. Then Fred Connor of Pittsburgh sang "No Wedding Bells for Me" so gracefully that it brought rounds of applause. Many prizes were offered for various games. It was one of the best affairs the frats have staged in a long time, and everyone went home in a good humor. A large profit was turned into the treasury.

Brother and Mrs. VanGorder moved again last month. This time they live nearer to Cleveland, so they can visit their friends more often. For some time they were compelled to walk about as their car was stolen. A short time afterwards the car was returned in bad condition.

The Sphinx Athletic Club bought a moving picture projector. The first show was held on February 27 before a packed house. They will hold shows twice a month.

On February 20 Rev. Brother Smielau gave a very interesting lecture about his trip abroad. Light refreshments were served later. The proceeds went to the maintenance of the Mission House for the deaf.

The March meeting was a very lively one, with a large attendance. The Division voted to cut the officers' salaries to preserve the general fund. Over \$300 was used to pay dues for members in arrears, which put the fund in bad shape, and money is hard to get nowadays.

Martin Maynard resigned as treasurer of our Division, and Clarence Graves was elected to fill the vacancy. Non-resident members please note this change. Brother Graves' address is 908 Greyton Road, Cleveland Heights, O.

Pretlow Munger went to Columbus, Ohio to compete in the Printcraft bowling tournament, February 18-22. His team carried off the first prize. While there he visited the school for the deaf. Mr. Munger is a well known bowler of this city.

ROCKFORD

By B. F. Jackson

The funeral of the late Robert W. Lank, who passed away after a brief illness, was held from his residence, 126 Forest Avenue, Saturday, February 12. The services were conducted by Rev. P. J. Hasenstab, who was a classmate of Brother Lank at the Indiana school, back in the eighties. Rev. G. W. Stafford of the Court Street M. E. Church read the services orally. There was a large attendance of both the deaf and the hearing, and the floral tributes were numerous and

beautiful, showing the regard in which the deceased was held. The Division's tribute was a simple floral pillow in the Society's colors with "N.F.S.D. No. 57" across the center. Interment was in Greenwood cemetery. The following frats acted as pallbearers: John Neilson, Fred Shatwell, Harry Long, Frank Dobson, Will Hart and Frank Jackson. Brother Lank held numerous offices in our Division. He was always ready to do his part, and was a most companionable gentleman. He will be greatly missed. The Division's sympathy is extended to the bereaved widow and family.

Although it is near zero weather in Rockford, the most talked of subject among the frats is our coming annual picnic, which will probably be held early in June. On account of the difficulty in transportation to our old camping ground—Hononegah Forest Preserve—it will most likely be held at one of our city parks. Watch for announcement of date in Coming Events. You will want to be there.

Jimmie Boyer, our erstwhile delegate to the Boston convention, is still wondering about the Hub's historic streets. He reasons if the streets are as crooked as that sage Richard Wallace Williams says, how did he ever get in? Or if they are circular as Editor Conkling affirms, how did he ever get out? And, oh, those girls from Northampton! Their signs were a puzzle to Jimmie, but they were sure wonderful lip-readers, or mind-readers!

We regret to learn that LeRoy Kuelper, who has been confined to his home for several weeks on account of illness, has had a relapse. We hope his recovery will be rapid.

SCRANTON

By H. B. Young

Visitors among local frats during February were Michael Nowak of Buffalo, N. Y., and Brother and Mrs. C. D. Kirby of Philadelphia.

The fraternal glad hand was extended to Brothers Piazza and Armfield at our March meeting. It does not look as if Brother Armfield will let any grass grow under his feet, as he requested two application blanks before the evening was over. Good luck brother, hope you succeed in convincing your prospects on the wisdom of being a frat.

February 27 saw No. 82 celebrating the 200th anniversary of Washington's birth. Did we? Yes and how! We certainly entertained a big crowd, and as usual cleared a nifty sum for our fund. On March 26 we have made a date with the Easter Bunny, so don't forget where Leonard Hall is, as Mr.

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Bunny will be there with bells on. Of course bring the kiddies. For April 23 we plan a movie show with Michael Nowak as the "movie man." According to reports, this is one of the best shows on earth, so better save your pennies and do not miss it.

Because we had announced that in the future no member in arrears two months or more would be admitted to meetings, some of us were skeptical of the attendance at future meetings of the Division, as so many of our members either through lack of work, forgetfulness or just plain carelessness have let their dues slide over the limit, but the March meeting lacked just two of the record for February. Fine and dandy! That's the spirit boys. Keep up the good work so No. 82 will be on the honor roll at the Home Office at all times.

Just a word here regarding loans. If members who are out of work would ask the Division for a loan for dues payments before they fall in arrears two months, instead of waiting until they are four or five months behind, it would be much better and safer all around. Better, because it is fairer to make loans to several than only one or two at a time and safer because the Division and member in question will be fully protected in case of sudden illness or accident. So remember the dead line, the 15th of each month and act accordingly.

How about that non-member friend of yours? Have you succeeded in changing his opinion yet? If not, why not? Get busy. We need him, and he needs us.

KANSAS CITY

By O. L. Sanford

On February 28 we held our monthly party at German Hall, and the main feature was a basketball game between the Omaha Silents and the Kansas City Sphinx club. About 175 were present. During the evening the auxiliaries served a very good cafeteria style supper. In fact it was so good that they had to cook more to satisfy the crowd.

It seems as if old man sickness is hot on this town, and is overstaying his visit, and many of the boys and girls are his guests. Probably the weather is co-operating with him. One day you are barbecued, next day you're iced. We were almost stunned to hear that one of our members, Frank Rebal, is in a dangerous condition in a Baltimore hospital. His case was at first pronounced hopeless, but thanks to the Great Providence, the doctor's wire to his grief-stricken wife that there is still hope. We all

hope he will be with us again this summer.

Quite a big crowd was on hand at the March meeting, as it was Auxiliary night. Refreshments were served and movies were shown, but not Boston convention movies as promised, because Brother Rebal, who was to send them to us, was unable to attend to the matter.

BAY CITY

By C. F. W. Lawrence

Two members of Saginaw Division have deposited their transfer cards here—Alexander Gibson and Nelwyn Speers. In that proposed race, we probably need not stir at all, just leave our feet on the desk and complacently file transfers from Saginaw Division. We already have a prospect who is a husky farmer from the Alpena evergreen belt, who is sure to flatten our goat when the time comes. The Saginaw fellows are warned to lay off'n him. We saw him first.

A private party for the benefit of our local fund was given at the home of Brother and Mrs. Lawrence Lynch on February 28. Among the men, Wady Bednarek proved to be the most adept at cards, while Mesdames Nelwyn Speers and Mrs. Fred Sundquist tied for the ladies' prize. The Lynchs blew the crowd to a free lunch. Mrs. Adolph Kresin and daughter Florence, of Port Huron, were present.

July 2-4 is the date of Bay City's next outing. These affairs always went big with the Michigan deaf. Brothers Alexander Gibson (Chairman), Floyd Neal and John Meyers were selected as the committee in charge. Details will be given out later.

Floyd Neal has added broilers as a side line to his poultry business. He is starting with 350 Barred Rock chicks. For egg production, he will place his annual order for several thousand Leghorn chicks very soon.

BIRMINGHAM

By S. B. Rittenberg

Your humble correspondent is finding it pretty hard to concentrate on this write up, due to the fact that The Ham is now enjoying its first snowfall in more than two years, and somehow the writer is thrilled. Between paragraphs he peeps out the window to get an eyefull of something that he regarded as a nuisance while living up North several years ago. The frats here will have something to talk about for a month after the blanket of snow disappears. Frankly, when reading of the blizzard up North and out West, we were often wont to shed tears for our brothers out there suffering from the cold, while we enjoy balmy weather down South. We have a sneaking suspicion those we felt sorry for were in cahoots with the weatherman to send us some snow just to spoil our gardens and get even with us. This long-awaited snowfall will certainly get our minds off hard

times, for which we are thankful. Nuff said!

Dow Stephens' home was the scene of a benefit party on the night of January 22. Brother Stephens revealed to the large crowd present his hitherto unknown talents as a pantomimic. The way he courted and won the heart of a country spinster was a scream. We marveled at the way he coaxed a rooster to lay an egg, a real live rooster, mind you. All in all the affair was most pleasant and a good sum was realized for the relief fund.

A George Washington birthday party was put on at the home of Brother Bell on February 22. Instead of indulging in heart dive, bunco games, etc., the gathering was treated to a new game, miniature bowling. Each of the six tables had a miniature bowling set, and prizes were bowled for. Brother Brocato and Mrs. Chunn, partners, carried off first prize. Brother Brocato was so puffed up about his skill as a bowler that he announced to the universe he would like to test his skill against all comers, Brother Leiter included. What say, Brother Leiter?

The Division extends its heartfelt sympathy to Brother Militello in the loss of his father on February 25.

Non-residents, how about helping us out by sending something to the writer for THE FRAT? Just send in anything interesting, and the writer will do the rest.

In our next writeup we will announce the name of a new member. We are now busy preparing to give him the "works."

If you must know, things are about the same here as last reported. Better give the Magic City a wide berth!

UTICA

By Thomas Booth

The Division meeting was held on the 5th of March with our President, Dennis Costello, sick at home, thus making necessary a little changing around before the meeting was called to order. Vice-President Richard McCabe was called to take the president's chair. Everything went off in great style. A social was held after the meeting, and a large crowd attended. Lunch was served and everybody enjoyed themselves. From the outlook of things, it looks as though we will have new members soon.

On May 7 there will be a lecture held after the meeting, and we are hoping that every Utica member will be present. Everybody is welcome, so if members from other Divisions wish to come, they will be welcome.

O. J. Lashway, who lives up in the northern part of New York, reported some hard luck, falling and breaking his hip, for which we are all sorry. Mr. Lashway is one of our members from the far north, where we hope to see a new Division in the near future, as soon as Utica Division can get more members up that way. Brother Lashway has our sympathy, and we all hope he has a quick recovery.

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The Utica Division basketball team has still a clean record, with five victories and no defeats, but they have a heavy schedule for this month, and all of the members are hoping they come out victorious.

ST. LOUIS

By C. B. Smith

Edward Miller, president of our Division, accompanied by Joseph Palecek, made a recent trip to our neighbor city, Chicago, where Brother Miller visited his brother. The boys also took in the annual masquerade ball of Division No. 1, and paid a visit to the Home Office, where they had some inspiring talks with Grand President Roberts and Grand Secretary-Treasurer Kemp. On their return they gave us an interesting account of their trip.

The local secretary has received several copies of the first issue of *The Silent Friend*, edited by Brother Murphy. It is published expressly for the deaf, and should be subscribed for and read by all.

We recently counted our goats and found one missing. Later we learned that it had been caught in Des Moines on February 6. It has not yet been returned to our stable, and we fear it may not be, as we hear it has become attached to the stable of No. 77, where a reliable rider has been found for him.

PORTLAND, ORE.

By H. P. Nelson

After an absence of many years, Brother and Mrs. Jacob Garberson of North Bend, Ore., arrived in town on February 20. Mrs. Garberson returned home a day or two later to take care of their four children, but Brother Garberson remained a couple of weeks under the care of a doctor at a local hospital. He was injured last summer while working in a saw-mill at North Bend. We hope that he will improve under the treatment. The many friends of Mrs. Garberson thought that she was looking fine and healthy.

Brother and Mrs. H. P. Nelson have our sympathy in the death of Brother Nelson's brother in New York City, and Mrs. Nelson's brother in Toronto, Canada.

Frank Amann of Montana was a recent visitor in Portland, coming here from Seattle. He joined the Society last December.

Rev. Brother Hanson of Seattle held services in Vancouver and Portland on February 28, giving an interesting account of the life of George Washington in his sermon. His next service here will be on Sunday, April 25.

TOLEDO

By Nathan Henick

A very enjoyable Washington's Birthday party, sponsored by the Division, was held in Kapp Hall on February 20, and was a big success, fi-

nancially and socially. It was under the chairmanship of Elmer McVicker, assisted by Brothers Henry, Eller and Green. The crowd seemed to be contented with the arrangements, and all apparently had a good time, as was to be expected, with so many contests and games furnished for their amusement.

Out of town visitors have included John Fryfogle of Columbus, guest of the Pilliods, and the Goll family of Stryker, guests of the Deaks. All enjoyed their visit, we hope.

The Division has voted to have a two days' celebration on the 18th and 19th of June, the occasion of its jubilee anniversary. The celebration will be in the form of a smoker and picnic. Watch for particulars later.

Rev. Brother Smielau came up slightly ahead of his mission schedule, and attended our last regular meeting, giving us a good talk during the Good of the Order period.

Wesley D. Ellis seems to be improving slightly after his long illness. The Maddens recently took him and Mrs. Ellis for an auto ride to the Ruhm farm, White House, O. They had a pleasant trip.

SAGINAW

By George Janicke

Sure, Brother Lawrence, it is all right with us that Bay City Division is willing to enter a race with us for new members, the race to end on September 5, Labor Day. Is it agreed that if your Division wins, our Division will "set 'em up" for the Bay City boys at your log cabin, but if our Division wins, your boys are to come over here and do the same for us? Or, if we win, we might be magnanimous enough to come over to Bay City to your cabin for the treat, saving you the expense of coming here. Also, is it agreed that the expense to the losers shall not exceed \$12.50? Grand Secretary-Treasurer Kemp is elected judge of the contest, if he will accept the job. (Sure, if you will invite me up to the feast.—C. B. K.) You Bay City fellows already have the jump on us, taking two of our members by transfer. But we still have a Chinaman's chance.

A box social was held by the Division at the Saginaw Silent Club on February 28. It was a leap year party, and drew a good crowd. It was in charge of Brothers Corcoran and Cummiford, and the profits went to our relief fund.

The Division is preparing to celebrate its 30th anniversary on October 22, with a banquet. The place for the banquet has not yet been selected. The committee consists of Brothers Minaker and George Janicke.

Brothers Cummiford, Corcoran and Dundas comprise the Division's relief committee. Members wishing help in paying their dues should see them. Our system of making loans is simple.

We have decided to adopt the suggestion in regard to having a social period after the regular business

meetings. After the next meeting we will have a frankfurt and sauer kraut supper, any profits made to go to the relief fund.

Attention, non-resident members: Hereafter we will hold our regular meetings on the first Thursday of the month, instead of on the second Thursday as heretofore. The next meeting will be held on April 7. Bear this change in mind.

READING

By E. C. Ritchie

On the morning of March 6 it was nice and warm, and the sun was shining brightly. About noon a regular blizzard started, and raged all the afternoon. Wires were down everywhere, and trees were blown down. The town of Quentin was without electric current, but by the light of the trusty old-fashioned oil lamp, Elmer Eby of our Division and Miss Alta Binner of Quentin had enough light to carry on their betrothal. The news was soon on its way, and everybody was completely surprised. Brother Eby was for many years senior trustee of No. 54, so why shouldn't Miss Binner consider him "trustworthy"? The couple are popular, and their many friends are congratulating them and wishing them well.

The Division is meeting at 610 Court St. The old place was at 612, next door. It will not be long before our old rooms are put back in shape again.

R. M. Williams is starting preparations for an indoor picnic on May 15. My next letter will announce more details anent the affair. While you readers are wondering what we have in store for you on May 15, we also announce an out of door picnic for July 10.

WATERBURY

By F. G. Cossette

A social entertainment followed our March meeting, and a neat sum of money was realized. Considering that it was the first effort of our new committee, it was very satisfactory. There were several out of town visitors, and they were so well satisfied with the good time had, and the prizes they won, that they declared their intention of coming again.

Our next social will be a Leap Year social, and will be held at Liberty Hall, 305 Bank St. on April 2. A "Leap Year Queen" will be chosen and enthroned, whom all will be expected to serve and obey. Refreshments will be served, and a general good time is assured—all for an admission of 25 cents. Don't miss this.

DALLAS

By T. E. Hill

The interdivision chess match, between Chicago Division No. 1, represented by James F. Meagher, and Dallas Division No. 63, represented by the writer, has reached the 16th move at this writing, with each side having

taken three men. Meagher is a master chess strategist and should whip us hands down, but time and time alone will tell. The match began early in January and has lasted three months already.

Here's an idea, and a challenge. Dallas Division's chess team, consisting of John L. Sheppard, Leo L. Lewis and the writer, will play any Division having three members who can play the game, a series of games by mail.

At a special meeting on the 8th of March, Dallas Division voted to admit to membership William Suttka, otherwise known as "Silent" Olson, deaf light heavyweight wrestler, who has been standing against all pleas and arguments for some 15 years, but finally succumbed in the good old Southwest, and finally becomes a Frat. Suttka can be of real benefit to us, as he travels in his wrestling tours all over the country, and by his influence and talk to the various deaf groups can secure more members for us in all sections of the country.

Something like 20 members of No. 63 hit the 30-mile highway from here to Fort Worth, to take in and enjoy No. 62's annual fraternal on the night of March 5. Everyone attending secured a prize of some sort, and the prize of prizes went to Judge Clifton L. Talbot. For your information, it looked like whiskey, it smelled like whiskey, but we can't say if it tasted like whiskey or not. You might write and ask the Judge about that.

By J. F. Brown

Dallas Division will hold open house on April 5 at Labor Temple. Everybody is urged to attend and have a good time. We plan to show the non-frats how kindly we are.

Virgil Gray got knocked down some way or other by an automobile while he was on one side of his car doing some repairing on it, and got his knee and shoulder badly hurt, some time ago.

Leonard King is working steadily at his carpenter trade in Fort Worth, after a five or six months lay-off.

Fred Pairitt just returned from a visit in Little Rock, and fell sick with lumbago, but is now able to be at work.

Troy E. Hill has been ill with the flu for two weeks. He is much better now and able to be at work.

Henry Lange of Waco Division paid us a visit at our last meeting. He is planning to transfer his membership to our Division, as he has a job in Dallas at his shoe-repairing trade.

ATLANTA

By Muriel Bishop

Falling in line with the good idea to cut meetings short, and have some time for socials and entertainment, our regular meeting in April will convene at 7 P. M., doors to be thrown open to the public at 8 or 8:30 P. M. While the frats meet upstairs, The Nadfrat Club

will meet at the same hour in the dining-hall (open to members only). These ladies will have charge of the refreshments, and as to what else is planned, we will tell you about it next time. Please note the date, April first!

The home-town paper of "Bill" McCannless, of Canton, Ga., recently ran an interesting paragraph commenting on the Scout work in that vicinity, which is in charge of Bill, who has devoted himself to this work since he returned from Maryland, where he served as supervisor in the school for the deaf, several terms. The paper says in part, "The Boy Scout movement was begun here several times, but the necessary interest could never be sustained . . . There are more members in the troop than ever before. Bill McCannless and all his boys deserve the commendation of their fellow-townsmen, and we wish them every success in the continuation of this splendid work." Same here, Bill. We are proud of you.

C. A. Dickson of Griffin was called to Great Falls, S. C., to attend the funeral of his aged grandmother, whose death occurred when she suffered a broken hip and other injuries in a fall.

Hats off to Esteben Ward, our first new member in '32. He joined this Division March 4. Watch the others follow; we are going to try that "one-a-month" plan.

E. B. Young is now in Lexington, Ga., after a year and a half in the Battle Hill Sanatorium. He is going into the poultry business on his own farm.

SYRACUSE

By T. A. Hinchey

Our felicitations to Westchester Division No. 114 and Queens Division No. 115. Help keep our New York State in front.

Brothers Strail and Keller were on the hospital list recently, but they pulled through nicely.

Albert Eaton is approaching the three-score mark. He has been in failing health of late and is planning to sell his farm at Marcellus.

Our deepest sympathy goes to Brother Merrill in his recent loss of his mother, who passed away in Minnesota.

Our annual masquerade on February 13 brought in 110 customers and a substantial addition to our fund. Only six wore costumes, Miss Harris and William Cherry of Canandaigua winning prizes. In the dart game Brother Munger and Secretary Ayling formed a "partnership of crime" to grab a Swift's ham. Brother and Mrs. Merrill gave us the horse laugh when they emerged victors in a coat and vest contest. In the waltz dance contest Brother Pabst and Miss Alisa Beynan won out by a cut in cards after a tie with Brother Houze and Miss McMahon. In all, the social was a success, and a sprinkling of Rochester, Utica and Binghamton frats helped to augment the crowd. Due credit went to the able assistants of Chairman Conley.

We wish to thank the Utica scribe for the nice compliments paid to our

pin crashers and we will endeavor to uphold the prestige of Central New York in coming tussles with Rochester and Buffalo.

On the afternoon before the shindig the Saline and Bingo klegers concluded their last half of their home and home series, which resulted in a one-sided victory for the Saline brethren by 400 sticks. The following day the local five started the first half of a home and home series with the newly organized Rochester divisional team and piled up a lead of 437 sticks. But in the two-man event, Brothers Foland and Donovan of Rochester nosed out the local team of Mancino and Lenn by a pin. Frank (Noisy) Lenn was the individual star of the team match with a series count of 615.

On February 21 the Syracuse pin knights migrated to Utica to start a second home and home series of the season. The outcome ended in a 65-pin margin for the Saline lads. Brother Ackerman filled well the shoes of Brother Strail, a regular, who was confined to bed with a severe cold. The second half was played here at Jefferson alleys.

WASHINGTON

By H. L. Tracy

The Baltimore frolic attracted no less than two score Washingtonians on the night of March 5. There were spirited contests, and we opine the representatives of No. 46 gave a good account of themselves (we, being snowbound, are unable to secure a detailed account).

The writer has been made the recipient of a brochure entitled "Should the Deaf Be Allowed to Drive" written by Edwin Gallaudet Peterson, now Superintendent of the Saskatchewan School for the Deaf, David Peikoff, formerly a member of No. 46, being the donor. It is "plumb full" of convincing arguments and excerpts, proving there is absolutely no reason for denying the deaf the right to drive cars.

The authorities of Gallaudet College have extended the Alumni Association an invitation to hold its next reunion June 16-19 on historic Kendall Green. President Smielau has issued a formal call. As most, if not all, the college graduates are frats, it is a foregone conclusion that No. 46 will be prepared to do a lot of entertaining. H. D. Drake is chairman of the local committee, and he has already gotten things

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ready for the great influx of old boys and girls.

Anyone studying the January collections of the Divisions, amounting to nearly \$18,400, cannot help but feel dubious about the existence of the depression. Depression or no depression, the Society is, it is a foregone conclusion, doing a vast amount of good, financially and otherwise, for the members.

The Sunbeam Society of the local Baptist denomination, assisted by several of No. 46's members, presented an interesting pageant depicting "The Gifts of Time" at their church on the night of March 3.

No. 46 is carrying out President Roberts' "urgent suggestion" that at least one new member be secured each month. If each of the other Divisions do likewise, headquarters will be swamped with work. [And like it.—Ed.]

Hats off to Queens Division No. 115, the baby.

HOUSTON

By R. C. Morriss

Although hard hit by the depression that has held the world in its grip for the past two years, Houston Division has continued to heed the admonition to "keep smiling" and, as an evidence of its "never say die" tendencies, during recent months this Division has aided its members with dues payments to the extent of approximately \$200.00, in addition to foregoing collections of local dues and fines, and is still going strong.

During the recent holidays the deaf of this city distributed \$120.00 worth of groceries, purchased at wholesale, to needy deaf residents, and in various other ways went to the rescue of our fellow-men and women.

Considering that the resident membership of our Division is only 32 and the heavy expense entailed in our unsuccessful quest at Boston we feel justly proud of accomplishments.

Now we are striking again.

Effective March 1st, and continuing until September, in order to meet present economic conditions and encourage recruiting of new members as far as possible, this Division will refund \$2.50 of the membership fee of every new member accepted into the Society during the period above mentioned, the \$2.50 so refunded to apply on the members' first month's dues, or first and second month, if the total amount of dues is less than \$2.50 per month. The 50 cents difference due the home office will be paid by the local.

The Constitution (Old Ironsides) which, it will be remembered, the Boston entertainment committee had hoped to have thrown open to delegates and visitors to Boston last year, spent 5 days in the Port of Houston the past week and during that time was visited by over 100,000. While regretting that the Boston committee could not carry out its plans, we of this section have nevertheless had the pleasure of viewing the old ship.

Recently a certain credit jeweler started harassing one of our members for what was claimed to be an account due them on the purchase of a watch on the credit plan. Investigation revealed that some one had used our member's name to make the purchase without his knowledge and consent. Further investigation brought to light that a watch answering the description had been pawned here by a member of another Division. The location of the watch has been reported to the jeweler who will compare numbers and, if found to be the same, the suspected party will doubtless be arrested and returned here for trial.

Our Deputy Organizer would be very glad to hear from any non-members, or ex-members, who might be interested in our refunding plan and will give all enquiries immediate and careful consideration and reply. A postal addressed to the writer at 400 Quitman St. is all that will be required.

We wish to extend our sincere condolence to Brother Foltz over his recent bereavement.

FORT WAYNE

By J. E. Pershing

John A. Butler of Huntington, Indiana, acted as Division Secretary at the regular monthly meeting in place of the writer, who was advised by his physician to remain at home on account of illness.

Fort Wayne Division had a red heart social at Stolzenau Hall on Sunday, February 14, from 1:30 to 9:30 p. m. I was not there, but I understand that there was a large crowd attending the social, and it was financially a success. Various games in keeping with St. Valentine Day were played. A new post office building designed by the Lehman Brothers, where mail was received, was put up in the hall, and it netted a good sum. Refreshments and ice cream were enjoyed by those in attendance. Brother Butler, who is quite a progressive chairman, managed the affair in a creditable manner.

Lawton Park has been selected as the place for the annual picnic to be held on Sunday, August 14. Particulars will be announced later.

PEORIA

By C. J. Cunningham

Number Ninety is holding up pretty well these days, in spite of the depression. It is hoped that by next fall everything will be back to normal.

In a recent issue of THE FRAT there were quite a few write-ups relating to moving pictures. At its last meeting the Division decided to look into the

matter with the ultimate possibility of purchasing a projecting machine of the 16 mm size for the Division's use. There is no telling that plenty of entertainment will be on the program if our dream is realized. For the Home Office to buy up all films and rent them to the Divisions would be a popular move. Soon every Division would have a machine of its own, and when that time comes, the Home Office can purchase a camera and have Prexy Roberts deliver his annual message to the Society, and we will see and "hear" him on the screen in our own meeting hall. Some pipe dream, but possible.

Brothers Otto and Redlich of Springfield Division drove up to Peoria last month, and spent the week-end with the Cunninghams. They were accompanied by Mrs. Otto and Miss Lillenstein.

Howard R. Martin, a paid-up member of No. 90, is now confined to the infirmary ward of the Proctor Endowment Home, where he took up his residence last fall. Brothers of the local Division should call on him whenever possible to keep him cheerful.

Charles W. Belcke has been called back to work at the Haag Washing Machine Mfg. Co., after a lay-off since Christmas. Though the present hours are a little curtailed, Brother Belcke is glad to get back, as he says time was hanging pretty heavy on his hands, as there is not much work for him to do around the house during the winter months, except fire the furnace and haul out ashes.

Thomas Herring of Rockford Division, who has been with Mrs. Herring's folks during the past few months, expects to return to Rockford shortly, to resume his former place of employment.

VANCOUVER

By E. C. Langlois

President Sanders and Secretary Norton of Portland Division, No. 41 were a good-will delegation to our last meeting. They expressed the belief that a better understanding of any inter-Division business could be had by meeting with the Division rather than by correspondence, and asked for a closer co-operation between the two Divisions.

The Portland frats suffered a second defeat, this time by Coach Hunter's basketball machine. Capt. Tateau of the Portland team was a visitor at our March meeting, and we were pleased to note that the loss of the games had failed to erase his smile.

Coach Hunter's basketball machine defeated Washougal, its bitterest rival, in a recent game. Brother Holmes is one of the important players who helped administer the defeat.

The Vancouver frats enjoyed a bridge party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hunter. The purpose was to raise funds to help roll back the tide of bills that has been coming in. Mrs. Langlois and Mr. Divine were the winners of the prizes.

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Because of the depression in the shoe repair business, Chas. Lawrence has taken the job of painting the interior of Mrs. MacDonald's house. Fred Bjorkquest has charge of the work.

Edwin McNeal is enjoying steady work in the printing trade.

Our old friend, John Skoglund, president of the State Association of the Deaf, came down from Spokane to renew acquaintances. John is very much interested in the welfare of the deaf.

At our last meeting, President Sanders read and commented on news of interest contained in the THE FRAT, and stated that he would appoint some member to do likewise at each meeting.

MIAMI

By R. H. Rou

The Division was saddened by the sudden illness, operation and death of our Brother John R. Quarles which occurred on Friday night, March 4. He joined the Society through our Division, and as far as the writer can remember he never missed a meeting. He was secretary for nearly two years, and one of the oldest members in the Division, not in age but in years of membership. He was one of us, and the elements of his personal popularity were his keen sense of humor, wit, joviality and geniality, that drew to him the liking and friendship of so many of us. His body was shipped to Brooker, Fla., for burial, accompanied by a brother-in-law.

Non-members, age is getting you faster than you realize. You have been "on the fence" about joining the great National Fraternal Society of the Deaf. Now is the time for you to remember that safety comes not from wishing and hoping, but from thinking and doing. Write to Cleveland Davis, deputy organizer, and the writer for information and application blanks, fill one out, take the physical examination, and before you know it you will be on the safe side. Let's hear from you.

R. A. Powers of Chicago Division, No. 1, was a pleasant visitor at the March meeting. He gave us some talks which were interesting and appreciated. He expects to remain here as long as his bankroll allows him, or until such time when business from home recalls him. We hope he will visit us at the April meeting.

Herbert A. Wright, member, and his family said goodbye to many of their friends here. They have moved to Tampa, Fla., where Herbert will be connected with his hearing brother in the tire and battery business. We hope they will come back to visit us sometime.

Carl Watson is wearing a smile as broad as he's long, and all because he caught a ten-pound canal bass near the county line on the Tamiami Trail recently.

Paul Blount has sold his Buick car and purchased a late model sedan of same make, adding beauty and class whenever he and his wife travel.

Cleveland Davis, who underwent a treatment for leg trouble at a county

hospital recently, is now progressing very favorably, and it is hoped that he will soon be restored to complete normal condition again. Be careful, brother.

FORT WORTH

By Albert Tully

A hard norther with an icy blast made its regular appearance the day of the entertainment, March 5th, causing many to indulge in a long distance toe roasting contest. In spite of the weather and hard times the entertainment was a success, netting a neat sum. The committee in charge of arrangements is to be congratulated for what was accomplished under such conditions. There probably will be no more Division entertainments until fall, unless it be ball games between the local and Dallas Divisions and we will find it our painful duty to kick the pants off the boys down the river, as usual.

Think of it, being presented with a wallet during present conditions. That was what was done to one of the retiring officers during the January meeting. Information is that the wallet has been in a very lean condition ever since, with prospects of being in the same condition for many months yet.

TORONTO

By M. A. Warmier

Despite the hard times, still hovering over us, the Valentine Party was a real success. Those who took part

in the fun said that they enjoyed it immensely, old and young alike. Chairman Terrell and his committees are to be congratulated.

We wish to extend to Brothers Fred Brown and C. Pinder our sympathy in the loss of their brother-in-law Francis P. Rooney, who passed away on Feb. 26th, after a short illness. Altho not a Frat, Mr. Rooney was greatly liked, and his many friends will sorely miss him.

Chas. McLaughlin has asked to have his insurance increased. Sounds rather fishy. May be he has been caught by some enchantress, who knows how to act in leap year. How did she propose Charlie, and when is the fatal day?

Bob McPherson has been figuring on getting a few new members during the past few days. The writer happened to pass his residence and dropped in to say hello; upon entering his room, he found him lying on his cot, snoring and talking to himself in cute gestures. Here is what he talked while in dreamland: "Friends! I'm going to tell why you should be a Frat."

Grand Vice President Shilton, in his masterly way, gave some real good pointers about insurance at our last meeting. He showed us how stocks, bonds and properties go zig zag up or down, but the value of insurance remains the same.

The engagement is announced of Willie Abrams to Miss S. Bluestein of Hamilton. Well, in the spring time a



young man's fancy generally turns to thoughts of love. Congratulations! Say, Willie, are not you going to double up your insurance as a wedding gift to her?

It is rumored that S. B. Baskerville has secured three new born billy goats. They are getting the best nursing, also new tricks are being taught them, so if non-resident members wish to bust a few buttons off their suspenders, now is the time to put your pennies aside for a trip here, as the occasion will come in November.

OMAHA

By R. W. Mullin

Oscar Treuke, our retired Deputy, fell sick, probably from lack of action, and when one of our Board came out to pat and please him back to health, he was not home—his garage doors were wide open, and no car was within. Dunno where he went, but it appears like he feels better every time he steps out after a new member. Dat's right, brother! And any one else that brings home a member or two certainly is our champion frater, fit to be colonel if he wishes.

An up to date dinner with lit candles, chicken a la king, demi tasse, and all this sort of Chinese was given by Harry Long in honor of his wife, Mabel Long's birthday. Mabel did not seem to have had very many birthdays that eve, for she was gay with an occasional quip, and humor ran high. Cards followed, the prize winner being Brother Treuke, and, coincidentally, Mrs. Treuke won the ladies' prize. Mabel's happiness mounted with the presentation of gifts, which were as she generally describes them in signs, "truly pretty."

Who's been feeding Brother Klopping too much candy? He's been laying under the covers mighty sick, taking bitter medicine. Poor lad! T'aint much fun, either. But he's about cured now, and will soon be up in time to cuddle in among us fraters and have his regular fun at the March meeting. There is nothing better and cleaner in town than a regular fraternal meeting of men where rank and prominence are discarded.

The contagious Culbertson - Lenz Contract Bridge contest has hit Riley Anthony, his brother Fred, and a few more fraters here. They are about as busy at contract bridge as they are with contract jobs and are likely to become Omaha's foremost contractors before long. Only they are not interested in contract marriage, nor do they care to contract colds. They'd rather contract our fraternal spirit, which is harmlessly contagious.

Mark Bishop and his wife spent a week in Omaha. We patted, petted and invited them in hope that they would remain longer and find a job here, but the weather is to blame. He's got a head plum full of political sidelights and we'd surely cast a straight vote if he ever ran for Congress. Governor Murray can chew any old rope, but Mark knows his terbaccer.

Anybody wanting to see Brother Berney will find him at home hereafter. Used to be everywhere around until his wife returned from Chicago. Dunno just what's keeping him interested if it's not all the talk about her Eastern visit. The bets are doubtless that he will appear at our regular meeting. Nothing can tempt a good frater away.

Fraternity has made a remarkable fellow out of Frank Chase. Recently he realized what good it will do to others, and asked for a couple of application slips. He keeps a little truck farm near the city limits, and is busy every spring—you see, he has no table depression. His only sorrow is for a non-frater that has no idea what a life he'd enjoy if he would only join.

It seems like the Doctor told Brother Rosenblatt, who hasn't been working for some time, to take some interest in sports for his health. Now Abie is writing sport columns for the papers so he can get free entries, and all the real exercise he ever gets is sharpening his pencil. An' 'en he saunters into our crowd after each game, looking all tired out as if he had the ball most of the time.

Mrs. Newlywed: "Hurry up and carve the turkey, dear; you know how to do it now."

Husband: "Um-yes, but where in thunder are the dotted lines?"

Revived Interest

MANY of our Divisions are finding that the get-together meetings following regular monthly business meetings have increased interest and attendance.

The two Chicago Divisions, Nos. 1 and 106, have been staging movie shows, and plan other diversions later on. Packed houses have been the rule.

We believe this departure from long established custom will serve to revive interest to a marked extent in our monthly meetings. Most lodges have complained for years past of a lack of interest in their meetings, and many of them have adopted the idea which we are now putting into effect.

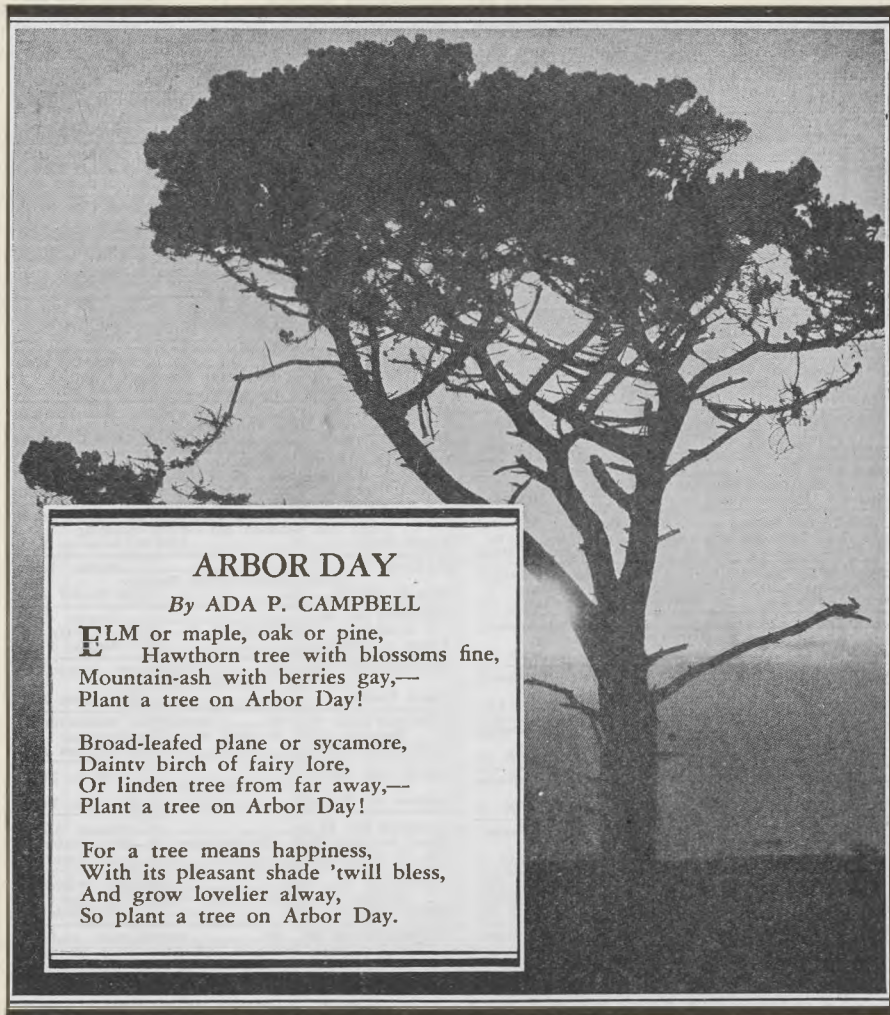
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Well, some day you are going to have an old man to care for, and it isn't going to be your father—it's going to be YOU. Why not invest fifty cents a day in life insurance to take care of him?—Dotted Line.



ARBOR DAY

By ADA P. CAMPBELL

ELM or maple, oak or pine,
Hawthorn tree with blossoms fine,
Mountain-ash with berries gay,—
Plant a tree on Arbor Day!

Broad-leaved plane or sycamore,
Daintv birch of fairy lore,
Or linden tree from far away,—
Plant a tree on Arbor Day!

For a tree means happiness,
With its pleasant shade 'twill bless,
And grow lovelier alway,
So plant a tree on Arbor Day.

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JOHNSTOWN No. 85.....	Johnstown, Pennsylvania	Swank Annex Bldg., Main & Bedford Sts.—Second Sat.	Joshua Wilkinson, Jr., Route 5
MANHATTAN No. 87.....	New York, New York	143 W. 125th St.—First Wednesday	Joseph Worzel, 1907 Loring Place, Bronx, N. Y.
JACKSONVILLE No. 88.....	Jacksonville, Illinois	Gallaudet Club Hall—First Thursday	Ernest Tilton, 414 Koclusko St.
LEWISTON No. 89.....	Lewiston, Maine	Knights of Pythias—First Saturday	Patrick J. Thibodeau, R. 2, Box 6, Gray, Me.
PEORIA No. 90.....	Peoria, Illinois	Proctor Recreation Center—First Saturday	Charles J. Cunningham, 1713 N. Madison Ave.
JERSEY CITY No. 91.....	Jersey City, New Jersey	Odd Fellows' Hall Bergen Square—Second Saturday	Charles Schlipf, 15 Summit Ave.
BRONX No. 92.....	New York, New York	Casino, 156th and St. Ann's Ave.—First Friday	Albert Sumner, 3457 Kingsland Ave., Bronx, N. Y.
COLUMBIA No. 93.....	Columbia, South Carolina	Y. M. C. A.—First Saturday	H. R. Glover, 2415 Park St.
CHARLOTTE No. 94.....	Charlotte, North Carolina	K. of P. Hall, 408 Piedmont Bldg.—Second Saturday	Donald W. Gledhill, Box 652
DURHAM No. 95.....	Durham, North Carolina	Y. M. C. A.—First Saturday	J. M. Vestal, P. O. Box 397, Burlington, N. C.
DUBUQUE No. 96.....	Dubuque, Iowa	1355 Bluff St.—First Wednesday	F. H. Dohrmann, 3135 Central Ave.
GRAND RAPIDS No. 97.....	Grand Rapids, Michigan	Y. M. C. A.—First Friday	William H. Miller, 421 Quimby St., N. E.
TORONTO No. 98.....	Toronto, Canada	I. O. O. F. Temple—First Thursday	Marcel A. Warner, 20 Chambers Ave.
DULUTH No. 99.....	Duluth, Minnesota	Suite 14, Winthrop Bldg.—First Sunday	William L. Nelson, 2013 W. 4th St.
CANTON No. 100.....	Canton, Ohio	211 North Court St.—First Saturday	William N. Toomey, 2007 Kirk Ave., N. W.
FARIBAUT No. 101.....	Faribault, Minnesota	Eagles Hall, First Saturday	Toivo Lindholm, 416 Shumway Ave.
SOUTH BEND No. 102.....	South Bend, Indiana	Moose Hall—Second Saturday	A. P. Rink, 223 W. Navarre St.
COUNCIL BLUFFS No. 103.....	Council Bluffs, Iowa	Railroad Y. M. C. A.—Second Saturday	Ransom H. Arch, Route 1, Crescent, Iowa
FORT WAYNE No. 104.....	Fort Wayne, Indiana	Y. M. C. A.—First Friday	John E. Pershing, 3406 Barr St.
SCHENECTADY No. 105.....	Schenectady, New York	612 Union St.—Second Saturday	John F. Koeper, 501 Becker St.
CHICAGO No. 106.....	Chicago, Ill.	Great Northern Hotel—Second Friday	Frederick B. Wirt, 211 Williams St., Aurora, Ill.
MIAMI No. 107.....	Miami, Florida	Y. M. C. A.—First Sunday	J. R. Quarles, 129 N. E. 2nd Ave.
BINGHAMTON No. 108.....	Binghamton, N. Y.	120 Court St.—Second Friday	James M. Lewis, 57 Cook St., Johnson City, N. Y.
WILKINSBURG No. 109.....	Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania	1018 Penn. Ave.—First Sunday	Laurence Frank, 1109 Walnut St.
SAN DIEGO No. 110.....	San Diego, California	Chamber of Commerce Bldg.—First Saturday	L. B. Cartwright, 4227 Iowa St.
EAU CLAIRE No. 111.....	Eau Claire, Wis.	Y. M. C. A.—First Sunday	William Roth, 631½ N. Dewey St.
SULPHUR No. 112.....	Sulphur, Okla.	School for the Deaf—First Monday	W. T. Griffing, Box 192
VANCOUVER No. 113.....	Vancouver, Wash.	School for Deaf—First Thursday	E. C. Langlois, 3504 E. 7th St.
WESTCHESTER No. 114.....	Mt. Vernon, N. Y.	Marlotte Bldg., 201 S. 3rd Ave.—First Friday	Fred C. Berger, 145 Sickles Ave., New Rochelle, N. Y.
QUEENS No. 115.....	Jamaica, L. I., N. Y.	Y. M. C. A., Jamaica—First Saturday	H. A. Gillen, 625 DuBois Ave., Valley Stream, L. I., N. Y.

INSURANCE PLANS AND RATES

CERTIFICATE CLASSES

THE NATIONAL FRATERNAL SOCIETY OF THE DEAF writes insurance on the same sound and correct principles as the regular old-line insurance companies, and issues the following certificates:

Class A—Whole Life, on the National Fraternal Congress—4% basis, guaranteeing the payment of the certificate amount at death. Dues payments continue during the lifetime of the insured. No new members will be admitted to this class after August 1, 1927.

Class C—Whole Life, on the American Experience—4% basis, guaranteeing the payment of the certificate amount at death. Dues payments continue during the lifetime of the insured.

Class D—Twenty-Year Payment Life, on the American Experience—4% basis, guaranteeing the payment of the certificate amount at death within the twenty-year period, or at any time thereafter. Dues payments cease after twenty years.

Class E—Paid-Up at Age Sixty Life, on the American Experience—4% basis, guaranteeing the payment of the certificate amount at death prior to age 60, or at any time thereafter. Dues payments cease at age 60.

Class F—Old Age Monthly Income for Life, on the American Experience—4% basis, and McClintock's Annuity Tables, Males, for Income after 100 Months Certain, guaranteeing the payment of the certificate amount at death prior to age 70, or, should the certificate holder live to age 70, the payment of TEN DOLLARS per month for each ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS of certificate amount for the ONE HUNDRED MONTHS CERTAIN, and should the member live beyond the ONE HUNDRED MONTHS, the monthly payments will be continued during the lifetime of the insured. Dues payments cease at age 70.

WITHDRAWAL EQUITIES AND MONTHLY INCOME OPTIONS

Certificates in Classes C, D, E, and F carry the privilege of a withdrawal equity in the form of paid-up insurance after three years. Members in Classes C, D, and E, on reaching age 70, have the option of a liberal monthly income in lieu of the promised death benefit.

REQUIRED MONTHLY PAYMENTS

After joining, a member pays each month: (1) The mortuary assessment for entry age, class, and amount given in the table below; (2) The sick and accident tax, ranging from 25c to \$1.50, as called for by the amount of weekly benefit chosen; (3) A per capita tax for the General Expense and the Convention funds, amounting to 30c in Class A and 36c in Classes C, D, E, and F; (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, and continue to be payable on the first day of each month thereafter, in accordance with the terms of the various certificate classes and the laws of the society.

MONTHLY NET RATES FOR LIFE INSURANCE IN THE N. F. S. D.							
Minimum, \$250; Maximum, \$5,000 to Age 45, \$3,000 to Age 50, \$1,000 to Age 55							
RATES PER \$1,000 OF DEATH BENEFIT CERTIFICATE							
AGE	CLASS C	AGE	CLASS D	AGE	CLASS E	AGE	CLASS F
18	\$1.11	18	\$1.58	18	\$1.13	18	\$1.20
19	1.11	19	1.60	19	1.16	19	1.20
20	1.11	20	1.63	20	1.19	20	1.20
21	1.13	21	1.66	21	1.22	21	1.23
22	1.16	22	1.69	22	1.25	22	1.27
23	1.18	23	1.72	23	1.29	23	1.30
24	1.21	24	1.75	24	1.32	24	1.33
25	1.24	25	1.78	25	1.36	25	1.37
26	1.27	26	1.81	26	1.41	26	1.41
27	1.31	27	1.85	27	1.45	27	1.46
28	1.34	28	1.89	28	1.50	28	1.50
29	1.38	29	1.93	29	1.55	29	1.55
30	1.42	30	1.97	30	1.61	30	1.60
31	1.46	31	2.01	31	1.67	31	1.66
32	1.50	32	2.05	32	1.73	32	1.72
33	1.55	33	2.10	33	1.80	33	1.78
34	1.60	34	2.15	34	1.88	34	1.85
35	1.65	35	2.20	35	1.96	35	1.92
36	1.70	36	2.25	36	2.05	36	2.00
37	1.76	37	2.31	37	2.15	37	2.08
38	1.82	38	2.37	38	2.25	38	2.17
39	1.89	39	2.43	39	2.37	39	2.26
40	1.96	40	2.50	40	2.50	40	2.36
41	2.03	41	2.57	41	2.64	41	2.47
42	2.11	42	2.64	42	2.80	42	2.59
43	2.20	43	2.72	43	2.98	43	2.71
44	2.29	44	2.80	44	3.18	44	2.85
45	2.38	45	2.89	45	3.40	45	3.00
46	2.49	46	2.98	46	3.65	46	3.16
47	2.60	47	3.08	47	3.95	47	3.34
48	2.71	48	3.18	48	4.29	48	3.54
49	2.84	49	3.29	49	4.69	49	3.75
50	2.97	50	3.41	50	5.18	50	3.99
51	3.11	51	3.54	51	5.76	51	4.25
52	3.27	52	3.67	52	6.49	52	4.53
53	3.43	53	3.82	53	7.41	53	4.85
54	3.60	54	3.97	54	8.64	54	5.21
55	3.79	55	4.14	55	10.35	55	5.62

RATE FOR AGE AT NEAREST BIRTHDAY TO BE TAKEN

NATIONAL FRATERNAL SOCIETY OF THE DEAF



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 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 22.