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# THE FRAT

OFFICIAL PUBLICATION OF THE NATIONAL FRATERNAL SOCIETY OF THE DEAF

Thirteenth Year

DECEMBER, 1914

Number 4



## BALTIMORE DIVISION No. 47, N. F. S. D.

FIRST ROW (Front)—Geo. Shipley, **W. Stone**, H. Stem, A. Bomhoff.

SECOND ROW—D. Moylan, G. Brown, O. Price, Sr., J. Branflick, R. Kauffman, H. Nicol, Jr., A. Moore.

THIRD ROW—G. Gallion, G. Koenig, Jr., W. Dilworth, **W. Hokemyer**, H. Schleibaum, O. Foland, P. Hallam, **S. Platsky**.

FOURTH ROW—J. Kubjiski, R. Roberts, T. Young, P. Gehb, W. Duvall, T. Fowble, J. Kalal, D. Hamilton, G. Faupel, S. Sandebeck.

Names in bold face denote Charter members.

Organized April 13, 1914.

Total strength 33.





### GRAND FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT.

#### Collections for November.

Chicago	\$ 359.77
Detroit	105.19
Saginaw	10.10
Louisville	68.28
Little Rock	45.12
Nashua	15.26
Dayton	46.36
Bay City	7.44
Cincinnati	67.31
Evansville	20.76
Nashville	28.29
Springfield	23.97
Olathe	28.26
Flint	45.18
Toledo	44.16
Milwaukee	60.06
Columbus	36.52
Knoxville	38.73
Cleveland	73.51
Indianapolis	113.57
Brooklyn	125.56
St. Louis	103.13
New Haven	45.88
Holyoke	57.80
Los Angeles	37.68
Atlanta	41.24
Caney	14.90
Philadelphia	114.86
Kansas City	38.37
Omaha	41.39
New Orleans	34.15
Kalamazoo	23.90
Boston	55.33
Pittsburgh	49.48
Hartford	10.93
Memphis	23.15
Portland, Me.	68.31
Buffalo	44.56
Portland, Ore.	23.76
Newark	24.59
Providence	15.44
Seattle	19.01
Utica	38.01
Washington	20.86
Baltimore	33.90
Syracuse	12.00
Cedar Rapids	45.67
Huntington	13.34
Albany	13.85
Rochester	13.21
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,442.04</b>

#### TO DIVISION TREASURERS.

Beginning with January, when an error is made in your monthly reports which calls for a refund to you, do not attempt to make it right by a "deduction" on your next report. First call headquarters' attention to the error, unless it calls yours first, and then await instructions as to its adjustment.

To those of you who are new at the work, headquarters asks that you carefully read the letter of instructions which was sent out at the beginning of 1914. It should be in your files. If not, ask us for another.

### GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

#### For November, 1914.

##### Balances.

As per last report.....\$64,412.38

##### Receipts.

Financial Secretary Neuner	2,442.04
Rent, Chicago Division	10.00
Final reserve payment	23.34
Interest from mortgage	118.25
Button sales	16.50
Grand Secretary's fees	2.75

**Total** .....\$67,025.26

##### Disbursements.

Death benefits (2)	\$ 1,000.00
Sick benefits	210.00
Accident benefits	200.00
Rent and light	42.00
Officers' quarterly salaries	108.78
Financial Secretary's expenses	6.25
Grand Secretary's expenses	18.55
Services, E. M. Rowse	48.00
Services, Dr. Furlong	10.00
Refunded fees	9.00
Steel files for office	28.50
Sundry office expenses	1.45
Official publication	50.00
Grand Secretary's salary	100.00

**Total disbursements** .....\$ 1,832.53

##### Recapitulation.

Total balances and receipts	\$67,025.26
Total disbursements	1,832.53

**Total balances, Nov. 30** .....\$65,192.73

### GRAND TRUSTEES' REPORT.

#### Exhibit of balances, November 30.

First mortgage loans	\$48,800.00
First mortgage bonds	11,500.00
Certificates of Deposit	1,527.85
Savings bank accounts	300.30
In bank subject to check	2,564.58
Secretaries' funds	400.00
Treasurer's cash balance	100.00

**Total balances** .....\$65,192.73

Note—In November one mortgage of \$1,200.00 was released and the funds, and \$1,000.00 additional, placed in a new one of \$2,200.00 on the same property, at six per cent. making a net increase of \$1,000.00 in those holdings.

### NOVEMBER DEATH CLAIMS.

Paid to Mrs. Mary A. Stemmer, Elgin, Ill., claim for the death of James A. Stemmer, of Racine, Wis., non-resident member of Milwaukee Division; Certificate No. 1524, deceased September 21, 1914; \$500.00.

Paid to Mrs. Minnie R. Sullivan, Chicago, Ill., claim for the death of Charles T. Sullivan, of same city, member of Chicago Division; Certificate No. 68, deceased October 7, 1914; \$500.00.

### COMING DIVISION EVENTS.

#### January.

1. Open house, Evansville.
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15. Masquerade ball, Washington.
16. Entertainment, Toledo.
22. Dance, Holyoke.
23. Euchre social, Cincinnati.
23. Masquerade ball, Cleveland.
23. Annual ball, Chicago.
29. Story contest, St. Louis.

#### February.

6. Whist social, Providence.
6. Annual ball, Brooklyn.
12. Ball, Philadelphia.
13. Dance, Milwaukee.
13. Masquerade ball, Indianapolis.
20. Box social, Toledo.
20. Social, Huntington.
20. Banquet, Albany.

#### March.

17. Social, Hartford.
20. Ghost drill, Kansas City.
20. Anniversary, Dayton.

### NOVEMBER DISABILITY, CLAIMS.

*W. A. Stebelton, Flint, Mich.	\$ 15.00
J. H. Stemmer, Racine, Wis.	15.00
C. H. Loughlin, Mt. Vernon, Mo.	50.00
Fred Foster, Syracuse, N. Y.	25.00
R. G. Cartner, Durham, N. C.	15.00
Geo. Wilds, Huntington, W. Va.	15.00
*Boni Maffioli, Rockford, Ill.	10.00
*J. T. Pierce, Lowell, Mass.	25.00
T. L. Walker, Kannapolis, N. C.	10.00
E. Smith, Stafford Springs, Conn.	10.00
J. H. Fleharty, LaCygne, Kan.	25.00
*D. Stephenson, Shamokin, Pa.	25.00
*L. C. Rebstock, Philadelphia, Pa.	15.00
C. E. Newberg, Pawtucket, R. I.	10.00
Aug. Schneider, Detroit, Mich.	10.00
E. D. Fogg, Lewiston, Me.	25.00
*Ed. Weymouth, Waterville, Me.	35.00
*S. S. Field, Racine, Wis.	35.00
*E. W. Bruce, Aurora, Ind.	40.00

**Total for the month** .....\$410.00

\*Denotes accident claims.

### TO DIVISION SECRETARIES.

When you send in orders for single buttons you must comply with the instructions on the circular letter sent you early in the year which governs such orders. When a member orders buttons direct from headquarters, no discount will be credited to the Division. The discounts offered the Division are only on lots ordered by, and sent direct, to the secretary or treasurer.

The new monthly report forms are ready to be sent out to you by January 1. On receipt of these new forms, destroy any of the old ones you have left over. Also destroy all old style application blanks, as per the other notice in this issue.





### OUR "HELP" FUND.

In response to the appeal for contributions for the Journal's Belgium Relief Fund, the following amounts have been sent to Grand Treasurer Barrow and are held at Brother Hodgson's call:

Chicago Division, No. 1, \$10.00.  
 Brooklyn Division, No. 23, \$5.00.  
 Baltimore Division, No. 47, \$5.00.  
 Olathe Division, No. 14, \$5.00.  
 Dayton Division, No. 8, \$5.25.  
 Louisville Division, No. 4, \$6.00.  
 Huntington Division, No. 50, \$2.00.  
 Flint Division, No. 15, \$2.75.  
 Cincinnati Division, No. 10, \$5.00.  
 Kalamazoo Division, No. 34, 70 cents.  
 Total to December 19, \$46.70.

St. Louis Division had already contributed to the fund for a "ship from Missouri" which is to be sent to Europe. Nashville Division contributed \$5.00 to the fund raised under the auspices of the Knoxville school people. Little Rock contributed to the general fund raised in that city, as did several others in theirs. Many are making double contributions, so to speak. In our January issue we will print another list and continue such until all are in—including individuals as well. Other Divisions have advised us of appropriations, but not remitted same. The need is urgent—please do what you can NOW.

WASHINGTON BARROW,  
 Treasurer.

### "HELP!"

#### Attention, Non-residents.

In the Deaf-Mutes' Journal, of November 5, appeared under the above caption an appeal for assistance for the suffering deaf of Northern France and Belgium. The article was from the pen of Mlle. Yvonne Pitrois, a leading deaf lady of France and a writer of note. In the same paper, under date of November 19, Brother Veditz had an article captioned, "America to the Rescue," and suggesting ways and means for response to Mlle. Pitrois' appeal. The appeal has had general attention by the deaf of the country and the Journal is receiving many a contribution to the fund through Brother Hodgson, its editor, who was nominated to head the committee in charge.

The Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of this society sent out a circular letter to each Division asking for their contributions to the fund to be made through Grand Treasurer Barrow. This was intended to reach the members at the meetings of the Divisions this month, but no attempt could be made to reach the many and scattered non-resident members. To this class of our membership this article is especially directed. Their contributions are so-

lited, and remittances may be made direct to the Grand Treasurer, Washington Barrow, 602 Schiller Building, Chicago, Ill. None of you are too poor to give something. In the midst of our Christmas cheer, enjoying the blessings of peace and prosperity, we can help. Fraternity sends forth the cry.

Every man Frat of us can give something—a quarter, if no more. Just the price of a couple of good cigars—it will never be missed.

Look over the list of what already has come in, as given in another article in this issue. Then send yours along. Do it now.

### WILLIAM FRANK SICKLES.

BROTHER WILLIAM FRANK SICKLES, of Tiffin, Ohio, and a non-resident member of Springfield Division, was so badly injured, December 5, that his death resulted a few hours afterwards. While at his work around a cinder-mill in the shops of the Western Mfg. Co., he was in some way caught on a shaft and thrown around it many times, before his cries were heard and the machinery stopped. It is thought that his sweater coat was unbuttoned and caught on the shaft while he was adjusting some part of the machine.

Brother Sickles was well known to the deaf of Ohio, and was a graduate of the Columbus school. He joined the society in May, 1908. He was in his 47th year at the time of his death. He is survived by his wife and five brothers. The funeral was at Belle Center, Ohio, his old home, December 8th.

### NIXIE LIST.

Post-office notices have been received stating that copies of this paper addressed to the members named below are not deliverable at the addresses given for one of these reasons: Removed, leaving no address; Not found; Refused; No such number; Unclaimed.

Bonham, Leon J.—8 Central Place, Toledo, Ohio.

Brown, Barney E.—2026 Harney St., Omaha, Neb.

Ellebracht, Henry P.—1519 Clinton St., St. Louis, Mo.

Green, Ansley A.—56 Cottage St., Springfield, Mass.

Marsella, Jacob E.—Linewood St., Waterbury, Conn.

McKenzie, R. H.—169 E. Congress St., Detroit, Mich.

McNeilly, Wm. J.—50 Pearl St., Lynn, Mass.

Meck, Chas. H.—447 N. Second St., Reading, Pa.

Nelson, Arthur G.—4334 Maple St., Omaha, Neb.

Stelzer, Martin—537 W. Thornton St., Akron, Ohio.

Can anyone furnish us correct, present addresses of the members named?

### LIST OF APPLICATIONS.

38. William C. Kerr, High Point, Miss.
1. Guy A. Rasey, Ft. Collins, Colo.
1. Roy F. Brooks, Ft. Collins, Colo.
22. Joseph Rollings, Indianapolis, Ind.
35. John Lynch, Charlestown, Mass.
40. Frank Seely, Buffalo, N. Y.
40. William Evans, Buffalo, N. Y.
40. Alvin Heinz, Elmira, N. Y.
15. Cortland Ridler, Flint, Mich.
35. John F. Bruce, Boston, Mass.
36. William Becker, Pittsburgh, Pa.
49. George Anthony, Cedar Rapids, Ia.
39. John Crassman, Portland, Me.
39. Frederic Skillin, Woodfords, Me.
39. Ernest Morrell, S. Poland, Me.
25. Matthew Bakos, Bridgeport, Conn.
45. Harold Holmes, Iliou, N. Y.
1. John McTigue, Denver, Colo.
30. Harry U. Wise, Harrisburg, Pa.
40. Charles Marsh, Elmira Hgts, N. Y.
47. Clayton Forsythe, Hagerstown, Md.

### New Application Blanks.

New blanks for applications for membership are being printed and will be ready for distribution before January 1st. Each Organizer and Division Secretary will be sent a supply. These blanks are in 4-page form and a great improvement on the old form. As soon as the new blanks are received, those having a supply of the old ones on hand will destroy same. Beginning the new year right, the new forms will be the only ones recognized after January 1. Division Secretaries will please bear this in mind. Individual members wishing some of the new blanks should secure them from Division Secretaries or Organizers.

### GRAND DIVISION COMMITTEES.

THE following is a list of the Grand Division standing committees. Communications for these committees should be addressed to the chairmen:

#### Board of Directors Committees:

Law Committee—H. Lorraine Tracy, Chairman; Henry B. Plunkett, William L. Davis.

Claims Committee—C. C. Neuner, Chairman; F. P. Gibson, Washington Barrow.

Executive Committee—F. P. Gibson, Chairman; Washington Barrow, George F. Flick.

Ritual Committee—F. P. Gibson, Chairman; Henry B. Plunkett, H. Lorraine Tracy, William L. Davis, C. C. Neuner.

Grievance and Emergency Committees are made up of the members of the Executive Committee.

#### Special Committee.

The National Propaganda Committee—James F. Brady, Chairman, 1419 S. Paxton St., West Philadelphia, Pa.; C. Orvis Dantzer, James S. Reider, Alexander McGhee, Robert E. Underwood.





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Correspondence is solicited from all members and others interested in the Society.

Members changing their addresses should at once notify the editor.

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### SPECIAL NOTICE.

In sending changes of address to this office Division Secretaries and individual members should always give the old address as well as the new one.

\$65,192.73.

4,000 by Omaha.

Omaha, July 5-12, 1915.

San Francisco, July 19-24, 1915.

Baltimore has some Division, eh?

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Non-residents: Read the article captioned "Help!" And help.

The handy greetings elsewhere in this issue speak for themselves.

There are whispers of another Division a-coming in New York. O-hi-o!

The season's greetings to The Frat's staff of correspondents, to the Grand officers, the Division officers, and to the whole thing—the members. Our many friends outside are included as well.

Special attention is called to our "Nixie List." It shows the importance of notifying us of any change of address—and how much bother is caused by failure to notify your post office, as well.

Owing to the list being incomplete, several Division secretaries not having sent their reports in promptly, as requested, we will defer printing the list of new Division officers until next month.

At the close of 1913 the society had in its funds over \$45,000.00. This has been increased in 1914 by over \$20,000.00. It was a good year, was it not? And the N. F. S. D. is a pretty good organization, isn't it?

The foundation of fraternity and of fraternalism is laid on the Golden Rule. This is the way the Mohammedans interpret it: Let none of you treat his brother in a way he himself would not like to be treated.

With divisional politics out the way, and 1915's officers duly elected, let's turn to the task of keeping up the fine record 1914 has made—and beat it. Each year of the society's existence brings forth better things in the showing it makes.

To the new Division officers: Remember that team work should be the main thing, "Harmony," the watchword and "All for one and one for all," the slogan. This is convention year that is coming. Any of the old officers will tell you that is the most important event of their terms.

"Help America First" is a good slogan, but fraternity extends her territory beyond our own shores. Mlle. Pitrois' appeal comes in that guise; it hails from the land of "Liberty, Equality and Fraternity," and is from our own people, too. Give what you can, anyhow, and argue the ethics afterwards.

Do not forget The Frat wants to be in the mail on the 25th of each month. Copy must reach the editor by the 16th. As the reports of the Division secretaries are called on for a good many items, especially the coming events, it is only reasonable to ask the secretaries to send in their reports the day following their meetings.

One of the best resolutions you can make for the new year is to make up your mind to do your share of the recruiting during 1915. A little earnest effort on the part of each member would double our membership in a short time and make President Anderson's "4,000 by Omaha" slogan a reality. It is not at all hard to figure what our membership would amount to were each member to average one application to his credit between now and Omaha's opening day. Come on! Do your share.

### CONCERNING DIVISION DELEGATES.

THE society's laws (Article IV, By-laws) provide that the delegates to Grand Division meetings must be elected not later than sixty days before the meeting. This means that the delegates to the Omaha convention must be elected before May 5, 1915, so will require such elections being held at meetings of the Divisions not later than the April meetings. An early meeting in May, but on or before May 5th, could elect—but

no later than that. (It is understood that in case new Divisions are organized in May or June they will be allowed to elect their delegates at any time up to the opening date of the convention.)

The elections are to be by ballot.

Each Division is to be allowed one regular delegate, with powers as outlined in the Article.

Each Division should elect two alternates, for the reasons set out in the Article, and, if it is possible, at least one of the alternates should accompany the regular delegates to the convention. Both alternates may go, if desired. The Division should provide for the first alternate's expenses as well, if it possibly can.

Section 5 states Divisions must pay their delegates' expenses, so if a regular delegate and an alternate delegate are sent, they are both the Divisions' delegates in reality, with but the "regular" and "alternate" difference.

It is the Board of Directors' interpretation of this question that the "regular" shall take his seat in the convention, with his "alternate" beside him, and attend to all duties in connection with his representing his Division. Only in case of his inability to discharge these duties, through illness, absence, or other reason, shall the "alternate" have a part in the proceedings—unless he should be duly delegated to act for the "regular" in some special instance.

It will be seen that should the "regular" be called home, be taken ill, or for some reason be prevented from attending to his duties, the absence of an "alternate" would leave the Division without representation. For that reason, the importance of sending both a "regular" and an "alternate" is being urged. A second "alternate" could be sent or go at his own expense, if the Division desires to have such additional representation.

It is understood that there is no need to hurry in the selecting of delegates, but it is hoped that all will be selected by April 15, so the April issue of The Frat can give the complete list.

The Board appreciates the fact that the ways and means for sending two delegates (regular and alternate) is a hard question for some of the Divisions, but it believes it can be solved. It is hoped that the Omaha convention will mark another successful epoch in the society's history—and it is believed that it will be if the interest being shown is any indication.

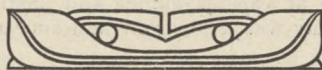
There's no question as to the importance of these conventions, so it is once more mentioned that the choice of delegates should be guided by possible results. The Divisions should have representation that really is representation.

FRANCIS P. GIBSON,  
Grand Secretary.

### New Due Cards.

For the year 1915 there are entirely new due cards issued, bearing the year printed on their faces. No others will be recognized. See that your Division Treasurer gives you the right card.





## Division News

### Chicago.

The home office's list of callers this month includes: Carl Dutell of Arledo, Ill.; Herbert R. Hathaway of Elgin, Ill.; Mr. and Mrs. Max Blachschleger of Cincinnati; and Rev. J. M. Koehler of Kansas City.

Stanley Osburn has transferred back to Chicago from Indianapolis. In exchange as it were, as A. H. Robbins has taken out a transfer from No. 1 to the Hoosier Division.

On November 23 Brother and Mrs. Fredo Hyman gave a pleasant party for the newly-weds, Mr. and Mrs. Max Blachschleger, who were staying over with them for a visit on their way from St. Louis, where they were married, to Cincinnati where they will live. The bride (formerly Ida Klegman) and Mrs. Hyman are old St. Louis friends.

The engagement was announced on November 26 of Isadore Newman and Miss Ida Wellencheck. The announcement was made at a party held that evening at the young lady's home. Both of the young people are very popular, and they are receiving the congratulations and good wishes of many friends.

### Milwaukee.

Prof. Warren Robinson, M. A., instructor at the Delavan school, gave an instructive lecture in signs to the deaf of Milwaukee Saturday night at Catel's hall. Prof. Robinson, who by the way, is himself deaf and who has been one of the foremost instructors at the Delavan school for more than thirty years, has the happy faculty of holding his audiences, and for more than two hours he regaled them with interesting experiences of an eastern trip he made last summer to conventions at Washington and Staunton, Va. \* \* \*

Milwaukee Division No. 17, National Fraternal Society of the Deaf, under under whose auspices Prof. Robinson spoke, has had a phenomenal growth during the past few years. The deaf, barred from active participation on an equal plane of life insurance with the hearing, started a national insurance association of their own and today boast of a membership of nearly 2000, with more than \$62,000 in the treasury. The success of the opening course of lectures begun Saturday evening was largely due to the efforts of Henry B. Plunkett, national first vice president of the society, ably assisted by Ladimir Kolman, Henry G. Knoblock and Emil Rosenfield, all prominent local officers. It is the intention of the local division of the society to arrange several lectures during the winter and some of the most eminent men in the present day annals of the deaf will be brought here to speak under its auspices.—Milwaukee Evening Wisconsin, Monday, Nov. 30.

### Evansville.

November 3 was Mrs. Adolph Brizius' birthday. But the Aux-Frats took time by the fore-lock and sprung their surprise on November 1. It was a "stocking party" and she was presented with several pairs of gay-colored hosiery. Although quite taken aback by the surprise and all, she recovered sufficiently to bustle around and spread a three-course lunch. There was a good crowd and everyone enjoyed the evening.

The watch party to be held at the home of Brother Brizius on New Year's Eve will be a "box social," and there will be a raffle for five beautiful articles of valuable jewelry. Also there will be lots of prizes, but the winners will have to go some to get them. All visiting Brothers will be welcome. Let them come and try to win the smiles of some of our beautiful southern belles.

A strange and singular thing is to be related. Brother Nathan Greenberg has a charm for the wild things of Nature. He can attract animals and fowls—draw them by a spell to come to him. This is the way he does it. Sitting somewhere alone he will play a tune on his ears by snapping his forefingers against them, beating time the while with his foot. This apparently has a hypnotic effect over the wild things—they come curiously towards him until they are within reach, and if he likes he can kill them. [Say, is this a "nature-fake," or what.—Ed.]

Brother and Mrs. Walter F. Stoltz, of Indianapolis Division, were here recently on a ten days' visit. Mrs. Stoltz, who was formerly Miss Foster, a belle of our own city, was raised here and has many relatives here. Before their departure Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Schneider gave a reception for her at their home, which was attended by a large number of friends to greet them.

Grover C. Dickens, formerly of Louisville but now one of our resident members, has a good position in a tailorshop down town, and is engaged evenings in business for himself. He has taken some space in Brother A. Brizius' barbershop and does his work there. Lots of jobs have come his way and he is doing a good trade.

The holiday season will be upon us by the time this is printed. And so Evansville, No. 11, sends to all the other Divisions this greeting, "A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year."

### Dayton.

Harry G. Augustus will return to Alaska about January 20th. Mrs. Augustus and the twins will follow in June.

Acting on the suggestion that the 2000 members of the society chip in twenty-five cents each for the aid of the French and Belgians deaf, a purse was made up

at the December meeting to which each of the twenty-one resident members of Division No. 8 contributed his quarter, bringing the total up to \$5.25. Hope the rest of the 2000 will do the same.

### Toledo

You might think the Toledo Frats were all sleeping the slumber of Rip Van Winkle, it has been so long since any Toledo notes appeared in The Frat. But now a new and green reporter takes the pleasure of writing a few items about our doings up this way. And don't think we are going to drop back again among the dead ones.

Bert L. Tussing, formerly a frater of Columbus Division, No. 18, has taken out a transfer to our lodge and was at the meeting on the 6th. Perhaps it was a little strange to him at first, but we bet he will soon feel at home here. By occupation he is a painter and is employed at the Overland Auto Co. He brought his family with him and they are living on Elm street.

Shirley Newcomer's baby boy, born last June, has been in poor health, and so have the baby's father and mother. But at the present time they are all improving, and Shirley is smiling and not worrying any more.

Some weeks ago John Curry and Philip Schwartz became owners of new homes of their own. Congratulations! Brother Curry, living farther out from the business district, is breathing several more gallons of fresh air every day on his way down-town. Let us see how fat and healthy-looking he will get.

Louis Blum and his family moved last month to a new place on Noble street. They like it pretty well and the house is very roomy for a small family.

George McGowan, who has been staying a while at the farm of his married sister in the Wolverine state, came back for the purpose of attending our monthly meeting on the 6th. Then "Daddy George" returned to the farm for what will probably be a long stay because of the slackness of employment this winter at his trade of brick-laying. We expect to hear that he is getting fat on the country fare with plenty of good cider.

Arthur G. Wenner of "Cincy," who has been working for Mr. Geo. Goll, Jr., on his farm at Stryker, Ohio, for several months, arrived in our city one day recently. He attended the live stock and land show that was held at the Terminal Building last month. Brother Nathan P. Henick had an opportunity to meet him and they had a good chat. It is rumored that he will be back in the "River Town" this week, or sometime before the Christmas holidays.

Preston L. Stevenson is booked to come here on January 16 and will give, under the auspices of the local division, his popular magical entertainment, which the fraters of several different cities have already seen and enjoyed. It will be a big event and a good time is assured. Other preparations are being made for the coming Valentine's Day box social, to be held in February. Jacob Schwartz and Nathan P. Henick will be in charge.



At the December meeting Toledo Division elected new officers for the ensuing year, 1915. Most of the new officers are younger men to take the places of the older ones, who are now to be allowed a rest in honorable retirement from the cares of office.

#### Cleveland.

Cleveland Division will conduct an elaborate masquerade ball on January 23, 1915, at West Side Turn. Hall, in the big assembly room. Tickets are selling at these prices: Couple, 50 cents; extra lady, 25 cents. A three-piece orchestra will furnish music for the especial benefit of the Frats' hearing friends. Grand cash prizes will be given for the most attractive and striking, and also for the most comical costumes. All Frats living in Cleveland are especially urged to attend this ball, as this is the grandest event we have ever attempted to pull off. All the deaf in Cleveland, and from outside also, are invited to come. Get tickets from only Frat Cleveland Division. The committee in charge is made up of Herman Kolle, Jr., chairman; Kreigh B. Ayers and Louis Williams.

#### Pittsburg.

Pittsburg Division will have a "Watch Night" entertainment on New Year's Eve at its lodge room in the McGeagh Building, Webster Ave. A pleasant evening's program has been arranged and refreshments will be served.

The Thanksgiving social was well attended—about eighty-five came. Samuel Nichols was chairman of the committee in charge of arrangements. There was an interesting program, refreshments were served, and the evening passed very pleasantly.

P. L. Stevenson of Findlay, Ohio, gave an entertainment in sleight-of-hand tricks and cartoon drawing in Pittsburg last Saturday evening, under the auspices of the Social League of the Deaf. There was a large attendance and everybody seemed much pleased. Mr. Stevenson's reputation as an entertainer preceded him here and he made good everything said of him.—The Western Pennsylvanian.

#### Albany.

No. 51 wishes you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Arthur T. Bailey and Edward Klier attended the first annual banquet of Utica Division, held on Thanksgiving Eve, November 25. They were very glad to meet all the Frats of No. 45, and had a pleasant visit. Later they went to Rome, and here too enjoyed a good time.

John F. Koeper spent his Thanksgiving vacation of four days in New York. While there he saw many Frats of Brooklyn Division, No. 23, and greatly enjoyed meeting them.

There is little news to tell. We all are in good health and everything is going on about as usual.

#### Rochester.

Rochester Division held a Halloween social at the home of Brother Rudolph A. Schmidt, on October 31. About thirty were present. Prizes were given to the

winners at various games and pastimes. The affair was a pleasant and successful one.

Division No. 52 for the present is holding its meetings on the second Saturday at "the Kimmel place."

Philip J. Maue, of Buffalo, was at the November meeting and gave us a brief talk, with encouragement and good advice. We Rochester frats were glad to have him with us at the meeting.

#### Baltimore.

A Merry Christmas and a Bright and Prosperous New Year to all, from No. 47.

The profound sympathy of every member of No. 47 goes out to Brother Sandebeck in his great bereavement by the death of his mother, which occurred on December 1.

I. H. Marchman and Wm. Pfunder of No. 46 were welcome guests at our last meeting.

Treasurer Nicol certainly threw a bomb into camp No. 47 on November 26 when he announced his marriage to Miss Fannie E. Hoke, of Washington. To come back at him, we planned a surprise for the new benedict. At the December meeting he was summoned to answer a faked-up charge. Quite taken aback but indignant he faced his accusers to find they were but bearers of a gift from the division—a handsome parlor clock. Perceiving the joke that had been played on him, Brother Nicol took it with great good nature and thanked all for remembering him and his bride.

All of the present officers of No. 47 were re-elected by acclamation to serve for 1915, with the exception of president, treasurer and sergeant-at-arms, who declined to serve again. William W. Duvall was elected president, while his retiring predecessor was chosen treasurer. Adolph Bomhoff will be seen guarding the door this coming year in his capacity as sergeant-at-arms. Quite a good selection, for Brother Bomhoff is a regular Hercules. Beware and take care.

Treasurer Branflick's address is 2704 Bernard street, Baltimore, Md.

#### Boston.

As usual, our annual Thanksgiving Eve event was a success. This year it was more in the nature of a social than of a ball as in former years. In spite of the general business depression and slackness of employment a good crowd took in the affair.

Patrick J. Thibodeau, after six months at his home in the wilds of the Aroostook potato fields, is back in our midst with the old smile. Pat has an option on 120 acres of valuable land in that place, and after the expiration of the present lease on the property, which has three years more to run, it is back to nature for Pat.

William J. Rudolph was voted a small benefit from the local fund at our last meeting. He was incapacitated from work for ten days on account of a serious hemorrhage of the nose.

Abraham Silnutzer has been having a crowded experience lately. A day after drawing two weeks vacation he was compelled to take to his bed with an abscess

of the chest, which necessitated an immediate and serious operation. In the meantime his wife was taken to a hospital where she presented Abe with a baby girl. Surely events come thick and fast for a while, but Abe has survived them all and is rapidly recovering. They don't do things here by halves as in Philadelphia, Abe.

Among the out-of-town Brethren who attended the Thanksgiving social we noticed Brothers Haggerty, Brown, Forsythe, and Donahue, of Holyoke; Ruckdeshel, Myers, Newberg, and Williams, of Providence; and Smith of Nashua.

We regret to tell it, but it is better to have it come from us. Holyoke again took us into camp on the bowling alleys on Thanksgiving Day.

Frank E. Lander was called to Burlington, Vermont, on Thanksgiving Day on account of the serious illness of his mother.

#### Portland, Ore.

A social held recently at No. 41's hall was a great success. There were thirty of the deaf people in attendance. An enjoyable time was reported.

D. G. White was away from home a few days toward the end of November. His trip took him to several small towns in southern Oregon. On his way home he stopped at McMinnville and Carlton to visit several deaf friends.

W. W. Fleming, Joseph Jorg, and several friends made preparations to go to Vancouver Thanksgiving morning to play a football game with the boys at the School for the Deaf. But they were prevented and had to give it up. So they spent the afternoon playing pool instead, and enjoyed themselves pretty well.

P. L. Axling and Ernest Swangrew, both of Seattle Division, who are now working in Portland, were welcome visitors at our meeting on December 5th.

Several of the brothers are out of work at present. Most of the saw-mills around Portland where they were working, were shut down for a while—or maybe a long time—because no ships have been here from Europe for lumber. The writer of these items is one of those who are out of work now. He has been employed in a lumber yard for the past ten years.

The annual election of officers was held at the December meeting.

News is very scarce at present. Hope to have more to tell after New Year's, as there will be more doing then.

#### Los Angeles.

The box supper given by the Frats on November 23 was a complete success. The ladies responded liberally by bringing beautifully decorated boxes and baskets filled with all of the good things to eat that the state of California provides. The prize affair was a spick and span miniature canoe, loaded with lunch as if for a voyage. The judges considered this the prettiest and most original idea of all, and so awarded the prize to miss Ella Roy, the donor.

Los Angeles Division co-operated on December 12 with the other organizations of the deaf in celebrating the birthday



of Thomas Hopkis Gallandet, at the rooms of club Amapola.

At the December meeting new officers for 1915 were elected. For the benefit of non-resident members the addresses of the new secretary and treasurer are here given. Secretary, Clarence H. Doane, 4731 Budlong Ave., Los Angeles, Cal. Treasurer, Tage E. Samuelson, 318 North Hicks St., Los Angeles, Cal.

#### Kansas City.

A social and moving-picture show, for the benefit of the relief fund for the French and Belgian deaf, will be held at Grace Church Guild Hall, 13th and Washington Streets, on January 1, 1915. A small admission fee will be charged for refreshments. The social will begin at two o'clock in the afternoon and continue until about ten. Mmes. Greeley, Duffield, and Arnett, representing the Kansas City Ladies Aid Society, and Brothers Makepeace, Duffield, and Sprague are the committee in charge, and are working hard in their efforts to make the social a financial success for this worthy cause. Come one, come all. Remember the time and place.

The date of the Ghost Drill which had been set for February 20th has been postponed to March 20th.

#### St. Louis.

E. L. Blevins writes that he is doing well in Freeburg, Ill., where he recently opened a shoe-repairing shop.

James J. Hawn of Frederickstown, Mo., was a visitor at the recent Division meeting and remained in St. Louis for a short stay.

A funny story contest will be held on January 29th, with the audience as judges. A prize will be awarded the teller of the story voted the most comical. All the members of the Division are looking through the daily and Sunday comics, since a prize in these hard times is worth going after.

The division held its annual ball on the 5th. The attendance was smaller than usual but the pleasure and social attractions were as great as ever. A profit was turned in to help out the local fund. Emil and August Valentine of Red Bud, Ill., were among those who attended from out-of-town.

Carroll W. Battles writes to say that owing to slack business at the Curlee Clothing Co. he has gone home to stay on his farm at Red Sulphur Springs, Tenn., until work picks up again. He congratulates himself on his good fortune in having this comfortable farm to retire to, and thinks every deaf man should try to own a place in the country somewhere, against old age or hard times like these.

E. G. Whitaker of St. Louis was laid off indefinitely a few weeks ago, when the St. Louis Car Co. shut down its plant for the winter on account of hard times. But, says the Missouri Record, Ed is really glad of the vacation; he has been working steadily as a coach-painter for four years, and has often complained of being "all in." Now he will be able to sit and toast his toes at home for a while, and will have time to look around for that farm he means to buy some day.

until the day of their wedding, but became mutually acquainted through correspondence. The courtship was carried on by letter for several months, with the auspicious termination already told of. This unconventional romance, trusts The Frat, is but the opening "First Act," or prelude, to a well-ordered and happy wedded life.

More wedding bells from Dixie! On November 8, Patton Rivers and Miss Effie McCrary were married at the home of the bride in Peachtree Park, Atlanta, Ga. The ceremony was performed in the presence of some two hundred friends and relatives. After returning from their honeymoon, the young couple will make their home in Atlanta, where the groom has a good position with the J. K. Orr Shoe Co.

Chauncey Laughlin, of Kansas City Division, a couple of months ago learned that he was in the early stages of pulmonary tuberculosis. His doctor ordered him to a sanitarium at Mt. Vernon, Mo. During his stay there his condition has greatly improved and he is now nearly well again. In all this time he has learned a lot about right living and hygiene for consumptives and is eager to give any of his fellow-deaf, who may be in the same fix, the benefit of his own experience. His most important message to these is, perhaps, one of hope and optimism. The doctors tell him that if the disease is found out early, and if the patient promptly begins to follow the doctor's directions and faithfully keeps it up as long as necessary—then he will almost certainly get well. Take this word to heart, Brethren. Pass it on, if the chance comes, to any discouraged and hopeless friend who feels he is "doomed."

Clarence Lee narrowly escaped death, when he fell from a scaffold at the Skinner Macaroni Company's new building. He was taken to the St. Joseph's hospital and a minor operation was performed. He is now at his parental home in Council Bluffs, Iowa, doing very well. He was a member of the Chicago Division N. F. S. D., but had recently been transferred to the Omaha Division, No. 32. During his worst illness several of the local Frats took turns taking care of him in the night. Stand up for the N. F. S. D.—Nebraska Journal.

#### Born

To Mr. and Mrs. Ira D. Todd of Pittsford, N. Y., a daughter.

To Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Silnutzer of Roxbury, Mass., a baby girl.

To Mr. and Mrs. Abe Himmelschein of Los Angeles, Cal., on November 2, a boy. (Or is it a girl, Abe? You didn't say which.)

To Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Soland, Jr., of New Orleans, La., on November 10, a girl.

To Mr. and Mrs. John Holub, of Milwaukee, Wis., on November 26, a girl.

To Mr. and Mrs. Santford G. Mapes, of Troy, Ohio, on November 28, a girl.

To Mr. and Mrs. John Wiggenhorn, of Eaton, O., on December 5, a boy.

To Mr. and Mrs. Edward Miller, of St. Louis, Mo., on December 5, a boy.



## Frats Everywhere

The Mississippi Voice announces another "knock-out by Dan Cupid." The happy victim is Gus Oakes of Kosciusko, Miss. He was married, on November 29, to Miss Edna Edmundson of Meridian, Miss.

Last August marked the completion of his sixth year of service for John B. Martin, "the silent typo, who does the heavy mechanical work around the office," [of the Caney News.] who "is always on the job and does his work well;" who "in all the six long years has never been heard to utter a cross word. \* \* \* While some may come and some may go, John goes on forever. He never knows what a day may bring forth, but let come what may he is always ready and equal to the task."

On Thanksgiving day Miss Annie Gersdorf of Delavan and Mr. Edward P. Olson of Sioux Falls, S. D., were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents in Medford, Wis.

The newly-weds will be at home after January 15th on North Cliff Avenue, Sioux Falls, S. D.—The Wisconsin Times.

Martin Caviston, who recently went

into business for himself has taken into partnership Fred Greiner and the two young men will hereafter conduct a tobacco and confectionery shop and shoe shining parlor at 2932 Richmond St., Philadelphia.—Mt. Airy World.

James E. Babb is living near Idalia, Stoddard County, Mo. Since leaving the Oklahoma School at Sulphur, where he had been instructor in shoe and harness making for two years, he has been dividing his time between farming and shoe-making and has been successful at both.—The Missouri Record.

James A. Hadden, formerly of Fort Smith, Ark., and Emra F. Castle have set themselves up in business down in Poteau, Oklahoma, where they have opened a shoeshop. We wish them success in their venture.

Walter J. Thurston of Blue Hill, Kansas, writes that he has husked 1500 bushels of corn and is selling his seed corn at \$1.50 per bushel.

Jesse B. Rodgers of Gadsden, Alabama, and Miss Sadie DeVoe of Cocksackie, N. Y., were married on October 10, 1914. They had never seen each other



# National Fraternal Society of the Deaf



## WHAT IT IS.

The National Fraternal Society of the Deaf is a fraternal insurance society composed wholly of deaf men. It works on the lodge system, having branch lodges (Divisions) in various cities and others in process of organization—a combination of white deaf men of good moral character, health and education to help one another and to relieve their families of immediate want in case of death.

## WHEN AND HOW IT WAS ORGANIZED.

The Society was organized in 1901 in Flint, Michigan, its originators being some young deaf men just out of school, with the idea of having a lodge organization of their very own for mutual aid and protection. The classification of the deaf by lodges for the hearing and insurance companies, at that time, as undesirable members or risks had considerable to do with the birth of the Society, which was then called The Fraternal Society of the Deaf.

In 1907 the Society was reorganized under its present name with a membership of 500, and a charter as a fraternal beneficiary association was secured from the Insurance Department of the State of Illinois.

## ITS OBJECTS.

The Constitution and By-laws of the Society gives its objects in the following words: "To unite fraternally all able-bodied white deaf men of good moral character between 18 and 55 years of age who are possessed of good bodily and mental health and industrious habits; to give moral, financial and material aid to its members in times of need; to establish and disburse a fund for the relief of sick and injured members; and to benefit the relatives and dependents of deceased members who may be named as beneficiaries in accordance with the laws of the Society."

To gather and unite in a genuine Fraternity all acceptable white deaf men who are of the proper age and in sound health, for mutual improvement, protection and benefit, and so cultivate the true spirit of Brotherhood which the deaf, regardless of creed or station, should unite in.

## MEMBERSHIP AND ITS QUALIFICATIONS.

It is open to all white deaf men possessing the qualifications given in the foregoing extract from the Constitution and By-laws, good mental, moral and physical health and between the ages of 18 and 55 years, for beneficial membership; that is, participation in the benefits. Social or associate membership is open in the Divisions to deaf men who by reason of age or physical condition are not eligible to beneficial or active membership.

## COST OF JOINING.

All candidates for beneficial membership must pay an admission fee of five (5) dollars at the time the application is made. The candidate must also pay the fee charged for his physical examination to the physician making same, which is generally one (1) dollar.

## MONTHLY DUES.

The monthly dues are based on the amount of insurance the candidate wishes, certificates being issued in three different amounts (\$250, \$500 and \$1,000), and the rates therefor are as follows for Death Benefits; these rates being those of the National Fraternal Congress, which are recognized as the standard by the majority of first class fraternal organizations:

## N. F. S. D. TABLE OF RATES.

The monthly dues for death benefits are according to the following Table of Mortuary Rates; the rate to be figured at the nearest birthday of the applicant for membership:

AGE	\$250	\$500	\$1000
18 to 21	\$0.24	\$0.47	\$0.93
22	.24	.48	.96
23	.25	.49	.98
24	.26	.51	1.01
25	.26	.52	1.04
26	.27	.54	1.07
27	.28	.56	1.11
28	.29	.57	1.14
29	.30	.59	1.18
30	.31	.61	1.22
31	.32	.63	1.26
32	.33	.66	1.31
33	.34	.68	1.35
34	.35	.70	1.40
35	.37	.73	1.45
36	.38	.76	1.51
37	.40	.79	1.57
38	.41	.82	1.63
39	.43	.85	1.69
40	.44	.88	1.76
41	.46	.92	1.83
42	.48	.96	1.91
43	.50	1.00	1.99
44	.52	1.04	2.07
45	.54	1.08	2.16
46	.57	1.13	2.25
47	.59	1.18	2.35
48	.62	1.23	2.45
49	.65	1.29	2.58
50	.68	1.36	2.71
51	.71	1.42	2.83
52	.75	1.49	2.97
53	.78	1.56	3.12
54	.82	1.64	3.28
55	.86	1.72	3.44

Applications not accepted from persons over 55 years, nearest birthday. Rates are level, monthly in advance.

In addition to the above rates, which cover Death Benefits only, an extra monthly due (assessment) of thirty (30) cents is charged to cover Sick and Accident Benefits and Grand Division Expenses. A small local due is collected by the Divisions to cover their expenses. The initiation fee is \$5, payable at time application is filed.

## HOW FIGURED.

In figuring the total monthly due, take the rate given in the table for Death Benefits and add thereto the extra thirty (30) cents. These rates are of the level kind, remaining the same for life as at the joining age.

One's age is figured at the nearest age—age at nearest birthday.

## LOCAL OR DIVISION DUES.

The Divisions oblige their resident members to pay a small monthly local due for meeting the expenses of the Division, but the amount is so small that it is not missed.

Non-resident members are not obliged to pay these dues, but they may give such assistance as may be requested by their Divisions.

## PAYMENTS OF DUES, ETC.

All dues, etc., are payable on the first day of the month which they are for. In the case of resident members they must be paid at or before the time of the Division meeting; non-residents may pay theirs to the Division Treasurer by mail.

The Constitution and By-laws makes provision for all such payments and has additional provision for cases where same may be delayed through the inability of a member to promptly meet same, either from illness or other causes.

## BENEFITS.

The Society guarantees to pay to the beneficiary named in the certificate of a deceased member the sum mentioned in said certificate; provided that the death of the member was not due to certain causes mentioned in the By-laws of the Society which are termed prohibitory causes, and subject to other slight restrictions such as prompt payment of dues, etc., as provided in the laws of the Society.

A Sick or Accident Benefit of five (5) dollars per week is also guaranteed to the holders of certificates for a period of ten (10) weeks in any twelve (12) months (year), on presentation of a properly filled out physician's certificate; provided such disability was not due to or caused by the prohibitory causes mentioned in the By-laws.

In some cases local Divisions have an additional Disability Benefit to the above.

These Benefits are only participated in by beneficial or active members, as mentioned in the paragraph concerning membership.

## THE SOCIETY'S RECORD.

Since the organization of the Society, to the present time (July 1, 1914), it has paid thirty-seven death claims and thousands of dollars in sick and accident claims, keeping its promises to the letter.

## SPECIAL FEATURES.

In addition to the sick, accident and death benefits provided, the various Divisions engage in social and literary entertainments for the pleasure and profit of their members, giving parties, balls, picnics, lectures, readings, etc., from time to time. In this way they make membership doubly attractive.

The feeling of good fellowship among the members is strong. Each member is made to feel that his interests are the interests of his fellow members—that the good of one is the good of all. The "fellow feeling" that makes one "wondrous kind" is applicable to this Society more than to any other of its kind, being as it is "of, for and by the deaf" in every sense of the phrase.

## SAFEGUARDS.

The funds of the Society are deposited and invested under the supervision of its Board of Trustees, the books of the financial officers being audited by this Board monthly. A voucher system has been installed, every expenditure of funds requiring the approval of the Grand President. The Grand Financial Secretary and the Grand Treasurer are bonded by a surety company—in short, nothing is neglected that will add to the safeguarding of all financial matters.

The Society, being chartered by the State of Illinois, is subject to inspection by the Insurance Department of that state, and its books and vouchers are open for examination to its members or their legal representatives at all times.

## WHY YOU SHOULD JOIN.

The National Fraternal Society of the Deaf is alone in its chosen field.

It is providing life insurance and disability benefits to its members at the lowest possible cost consistent with permanency and safety.

It draws its members together in not only the common bond their deafness has thrown around them, but also that of mutual and self-protection, as well as protection for those dependent on them.

The deaf have everything in common and an organization that looks after their interests as does this Society should have their hearty support and co-operation.

Everyone knows the value of life insurance. It is the duty of every man to provide such protection for dear ones. In time of death, illness or accident what is more welcome than Benefits such as this Society provides?

No fraternal order in existence today has a better claim on the thousands of the deaf in this country than has ours; it is for them alone; its membership cost is no greater than that of any first class order of the kind, its table of rates being based on the experience of years and that adopted by the National Fraternal Congress, which is the standard in most states of the Union.

The influence it exerts is most beneficial. The principles on which it is founded cannot be otherwise than elevating and helpful.

In joining you help yourself; help others, too, and those others of your own class—a class that needs the help of each of its units to demonstrate it is capable of holding its own with any other.

Will you not do your part? Join, and so give your aid and influence not only to the Society and your fellow deaf men, but at the same time guarantee its help to you and yours.

## HOW TO JOIN.

If you are interested, as we believe you are, write to the State Organizer of the state in which you reside and ask for an application blank. Ask him for any further information you may wish to have, as well.

Or if you reside in a city where there is a Division, any member or officer of that Division can supply everything necessary.

If you reside in a state that has no Division, or far from such centers, write to the Grand Secretary.

If there is no Division in your immediate vicinity you will be attached to the nearest one as a non-resident member. Non-resident members receive the same benefits as resident members.

Be sure and give your full name, age, occupation and address. A postal card will do.

Do it now.

Omaha—1915.

We Are Energetic.

January Dues are now payable.

Chipped in for the Belgians yet? If not, do it now.

Begin the new year right and become a Frat—if you are not one now.