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Thirteenth Year

AUGUST, 1915

Number 12



WASHINGTON DIVISION, NO. 46, N. F. S. D.

Top Row, left to right—H. R. Carr, M. Van Hariton, A. D. Bryant, W. P. Souder, R. L. Boswell, Harry Turner, G. O. Erickson, H. C. Merrill, J. O. Amoss, J. C. Dowell, C. H. Keyser.

Middle Row—J. S. Edelen, R. J. Stewart, E. E. Bernsdorff, I. H. Marchman, H. S. Edington, William Pfunder, J. R. Courtney.

Bottom Row—M. Fielding (Chicago), W. E. Marshall, Jacob Eskin, William Lowell, E. E. Hannan, C. F. Creager.

Total membership, 25; in group, 23.

THE NEW GRAND OFFICERS.

The Personnel of the Officers of the N. F. S. D. for 1915-1918.

Harry C. Anderson, President, Indianapolis, Ind., is serving his second term. He is in the loan department of the Farmers' Trust Co. of that city; married; graduate of the Indiana school.

William L. Davis, 1st Vice-President, Philadelphia, Pa.; was 2nd Vice-President during the 1912-15 term. He is an accountant in the auditor's office of the Lehigh Valley R. R.; married; graduate of the Pennsylvania school at Mt. Airy.

H. Lorraine Tracy, 2nd Vice-President, Baton Rouge, La.; was 3rd Vice-President during the 1912-15 term. He is principal of the Louisiana school and was recently ordained to the ministry in the Episcopal church; married; graduate of the Iowa school and of Gallaudet college.

Arthur L. Roberts, 3rd Vice-President, Olathe, Kans. He is an instructor at the Kansas school; married; graduate of the Kansas school and of Gallaudet college.

Francis P. Gibson, Secretary, Chicago, Ill., is serving his third term in this office; married; educated in Chicago public schools.

Edward M. Rowse, Assistant Secretary, Chicago, Ill.; was assistant at head-

quarters for past two years; single; educated in public schools of Plymouth, Mass., and a graduate of Gallaudet college.

Washington Barrow, Treasurer, Chicago, Ill., is serving his fourth term in this office. He is a clerk in the offices of the Firemen's Insurance Co.; married; graduate of the Illinois school.

George F. Flick, Chairman of Trustees, Chicago, Ill., is serving his second term in this office. He is pastor of All Angels' church (P. E.) at Chicago; married; a graduate of the Ohio school and of Gallaudet college.

Edward A. Hart, Trustee, Chicago, Ill. He is an inspector in the plant of the Au-

omatic Electric Co. at Chicago; single; a graduate of the Illinois school.

Horace W. Buell, Trustee, Chicago, Ill., is serving his second term in this office. He is a bookkeeper with Siegel-Cooper Co., Chicago; married; a graduate of the Iowa school.

GRAND FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Collections for July.

Chicago	\$ 327.49
Detroit (delayed)
Saginaw	16.70
Louisville	60.26
Little Rock	68.44
Nashua	19.81
Dayton	55.90
Bay City	7.79
Cincinnati (paid in June)
Evansville	19.11
Nashville	22.21
Springfield	16.92
Olathe	43.00
Flint	53.78
Toledo	39.45
Milwaukee	55.93
Columbus	31.03
Knoxville	36.22
Cleveland	72.42
Indianapolis	102.75
Brooklyn	103.69
St. Louis	128.36
New Haven	28.93
Holyoke	55.99
Los Angeles	52.93
Atlanta	31.12
Philadelphia	97.42
Kansas City	55.97
Omaha	31.82
New Orleans	31.36
Kalamazoo	21.81
Boston	50.06
Pittsburgh	73.08
Hartford	13.46
Memphis	29.97
Portland, Me.	82.94
Buffalo	59.65
Portland, Ore.	23.11
Newark	25.37
Providence	18.28
Seattle	28.30
Utica	19.81
Washington	20.70
Baltimore	30.52
Syracuse	17.74
Cedar Rapids	46.80
Huntington	9.98
Albany	18.15
Rochester	18.04
San Francisco	32.10

Total collections\$2,306.85

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

For July, 1915.

Balance.

From June Report\$78,119.41

Receipts.

Financial Secretary Neuner	\$ 2,306.85
Rent, Chicago Division	10.00
Interest from mortgages	90.00
Interest from bonds	13.75
Interest from bank	.88
Button sales	15.40

Grand Secretary's fees 2.75

Total balances and receipts.....\$80,559.04

Expenditures.

Death benefit (Mrs. Colby)	\$ 500.00
Sick benefits	210.00
Rent and light	42.00
Services E. M. Rowse	60.00
Medical Director's fees	10.00
Accountant's fee	25.00
Official publication	89.00
Secretary's salary	100.00
Convention expenses	612.02
Tracy prize	15.00
Refunded fee	3.00
Treasurer's bond premium	5.00
Printing and stationery	5.97
Folding table for office	2.25
Postage account	19.73
Class B reserve fund	388.77
Office expenses and supplies	21.00

Total expenditures\$ 2,108.74

Recapitulation.

Total balances and receipts.....\$80,559.04

Total expenditures 2,108.74

Balance, July 31, 1915.....\$78,450.30

GRAND TRUSTEES' REPORT.

Exhibit of Balances, July 31.

First mortgage loans	\$58,300.00
First mortgage bonds	15,500.00
Certificates of deposit	923.75
Savings bank accounts	304.78
In bank subject to check	2,916.42
Secretaries' funds	400.00
Treasurer's cash balance	100.35

Total balances\$78,450.30

Standing of the Funds.

Reserve Fund	\$72,823.57
Mortuary Fund	4,019.16
Sick and Accident Fund	1,079.59
Expense Fund	527.98

Total balances\$78,450.30

CANCELLATION OF "CLASS B."

The Society no longer issues the "Class B" certificates, and applications for same will not be received. All members who were in that class have had their certificates converted into the regular "Class A" form, and, as will be seen by the Treasurer's report in this issue, all have had refunds made to them of the difference in the rates, together with interest credited to such payments. A total of \$388.77 was refunded to those in that class. Every member of the Society is now paying at the "ordinary life" rates given in the standard National Fraternal Congress table of rates, and at age of entry.

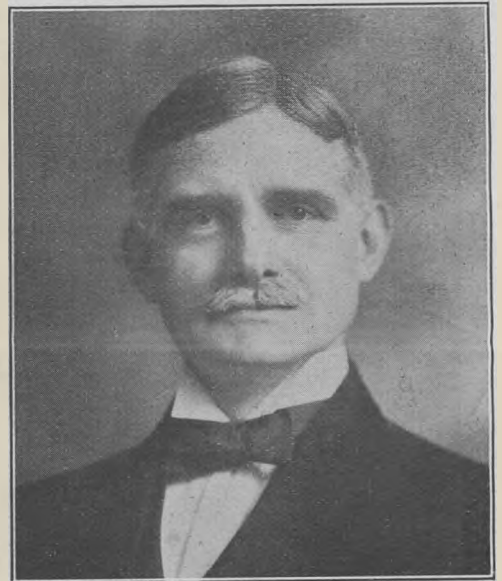
JULY DEATH BENEFIT.

Paid to Magdalena, Ruth and Violet Colby, Detroit, Mich., for death benefit claim of Collins C. Colby, Certificate No. 524, deceased June 1, 1915, \$500.00.

September assessments are now payable.

IN THE MAKE-GOOD DEGREE.

Brother John Francis O'Brien is one of the old youngsters aspiring to The Frat's Make-Good Degree from Brooklyn Division, No. 23. Here he is. Born on the 13th day of the month, and believes good luck follows the figures "13" and "23," he favors one grand Greater New York Division for No. 23. Stands up for the N. F. S. D. as the best organization extant for cultivating equal rights and independence among the deaf, no matter how much life insurance the deaf eligible to enroll may carry. Stands pat for the N. F. S. D. being in line with the prophecy made several years before his death by that sterling friend and teacher of the deaf, Dr. Isaac Lewis Peet, who, besides first broaching civil service for the deaf, said "the deaf would by themselves work out their own salvation." "And what other organization among us is in line with this prophecy more than the N. F. S. D.?" asks Brother O'Brien.



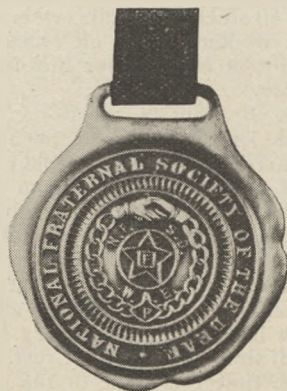
John Francis O'Brien.

In home life, he owns up to being married, with one daughter. Has been plugging along on the same old "Lino" for some 15 years, in the office of the New York Clipper, and was the first to contribute a write-up for the Inland Printer on the deaf as linotype operators. He is a product of Old Fanwood, where he went after a parochial and public school course, brain fever making him one of us at the age of eight. Old-timers will well remember Brother O'Brien as New York correspondent for the Journal and other papers for the deaf over the pen name of "Montague Tigg." Next to the N. F. S. D. for all the deaf, Brother O'Brien is a sturdy advocate of Ephpheta Societies for the Catholic deaf. He is Treasurer of the Xavier Ephpheta Center; interested in the make-up of Ephpheta, the Catholic monthly for the deaf; holds card No. 901 in Typographical Union No. 6; is a Nad, but cannot lose the "Jinx" when there is a big meeting held outside of Little Old New York some accident or business engagement preventing him from attending.

He is active in his Division's work and takes a lot of interest in the Society generally—as all good Frats do—and hopes to see the day when every deaf man eligible to join will be enrolled as a brother under the N. F. S. D. insignia.

THE NEW EMBLEM FOBS.

The emblem fobs, which were passed on as to design by the Omaha Convention and adopted as official, will be ready for distribution in September. They are made of bronze, pendant on leather straps. On the face is the Society's emblem, circled by the full name of the or-



ganization. On the reverse is an inscription that requests the finder thereof, or in case of accident to the wearer, to notify the Society's office in Chicago, and as an additional means of identifying its owner, each fob will have the certificate number of the member to whom it is issued stamped in the center. They are very neat in design, size and finish, and we do not doubt that every member will be proud of his. They may be used as tags for one's baggage, carried as pocket pieces on key rings by adding a small ring to them, or placed on ribbon fobs if the strap is not liked, as their possessors may choose. They will be supplied by headquarters to each Division Secretary, according to the numbers on them and in lots to supply each member attached to the Division, and the Secretaries will supply the members direct. When each Division's supply is sent to its Secretary, a letter of instructions will accompany them.

STORK BULLETIN.

The Frat is strong on vital statistics. Herewith is appended a list of the latest additions to our infantry. Our felicitations to the enraptured parents, and best wishes for every one of the little fratlings and fratlets.

Born

To Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Hansmann, Kansas City, Kansas, on April 14, a girl.
To Mr. and Mrs. Guerry Bishop, of Atlanta, Ga., on April 24, a boy.
To Mr. and Mrs. Claude J. Russell, Atlanta, Ga., in April, a girl.
To Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Miller of St. Louis, Mo., a girl.
To Mr. and Mrs. R. R. McKinstry of DePue, Ill., on June 8, a girl.
To Mr. and Mrs. Grover C. Dickens of Evansville, Ind., on June 9, a girl.



DAYTON DIVISION, NO. 8, N. F. S. D.

Top Row, left to right—J. L. Wiggenghorn, F. E. Ingraham, Elmer Fowler, H. T. Vollmer, L. J. Bacheberle (Cincinnati).

Second Row—D. E. Schmoll, G. E. Simpson, R. C. Bice, Elmer Lewis, W. W. Hines, T. A. Booker, J. H. Robinson.

Third Row—William Kitchen, Eugene Stebelton, Clem Umbaugh, Peter Heinz, W. H. Hahn, O. W. Riddle, R. M. Black.

Bottom Row—Jackson Bates, C. N. Howell, J. M. Shepherd, J. F. Rhamy, W. R. Albert, C. H. Cory, H. P. Mundry.

Total membership, 34; in group, 25.

To Mr. and Mrs. Bert L. Tussing of Toledo, O., on June 12, a boy.

To Mr. and Mrs. Horace B. Waters, Detroit, Mich., on June 29, a boy.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kreigh B. Ayers of Cleveland, O., June 29, a boy.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hans H. Stahr, Kansas City, Kansas, on July 28, a girl.

To Mr. and Mrs. McBlevine Key, Cincinnati, O., July 26—twins, both boys.

To Mr. and Mrs. Chris Hansen, Kansas City, Kansas, July 28, a girl.

To Mr. and Mrs. James R. Shea, Syracuse, N. Y., a girl.

To Mr. and Mrs. Joe I. Jenkins, Kansas City, Missouri, on August 6, a girl.

To Mr. and Mrs. Walter Toma, St. Louis, Mo., August 14, a boy.

OUR "HELP" FUND.

Since the last report of receipts for the Pitrois-Journal Belgian Relief Fund, I received from Holyoke Division and Portland, Me., Division, \$4.25 and \$10.50 respectively, and the amounts were forwarded to Brother Hodgson, Treasurer of the Fund, at New York. These contributions bring the total that went through my hands to \$174.10.

WASHINGTON BARROW,
Treasurer.

LIST OF APPLICATIONS.

1. Alex D. Swanson, Lacombe, Alta.
1. Frank Sayles, Evansville, Wis.
1. Herbert Becker, Hartford, Wis.
1. August Rexin, Greenfield, Wis.
36. Luverne Byrne, Sharon, Pa.
27. C. H. Meyers, Los Angeles, Cal.
3. Arthur Schultz, Saginaw, Mich.
38. William Williams, Camden, Tenn.
1. John R. Wall, Aurora, Ill.
1. Thomas Pekin, Evanston, Ill.

32. Wilber Stichler, University Pl., Neb.

32. Chester L. Higby, Oconto, Neb.
2. Daniel Whitehead, Detroit, Mich.

2. Arthur Smith, Ann Arbor, Mich.

46. Simon B. Alley, Roanoke, Va.

48. Grant Martin, Erieville, N. Y.

48. Henry J. Lalonde, Oswego, N. Y.

MOISE K. KIRSCH.

Brother Moise K. Kirsch of Shreveport, La., a non-resident member of New Orleans Division, passed away at his home Tuesday, August 10. We have not been fully advised as to the cause of his death, but understand that it was the outcome of a long illness that began with malarial fever.

Brother Kirsch was admitted to the Society through Chicago Division in June, 1911, while he was attending school at Baton Rouge and before New Orleans Division was chartered. He was in his 23rd year at the time of his death.

COMING DIVISION EVENTS.

September.

6. Picnic, Toledo.
6. Picnic, Cedar Rapids.
6. Picnic, Muncie, Ind.
6. Picnic, Nashville.
6. Picnic (Home Fund), Chicago.
6. Picnic, Columbus.
6. Picnic, New Haven.
6. Picnic, Atlanta.
6. Picnic, Omaha.
6. Picnic, New Orleans.
6. Picnic, Portland, Ore.

October.

30. Hallowe'en social, Cincinnati.



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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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AUGUST, 1915.

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.

\$78,450.30.

Philadelphia—1918.

Remember that your September payments are due.

Do not forget the additional jitney when paying dues.

Reading Division, No. 54, will be launched at Reading, Pa., about October 1st.

The question of a greater Frat—enlargement and improvement of this, your paper—will have the attention of the Board of Directors this fall. Suggestions are welcome.

The new edition of the Constitution and By-Laws is being printed and it is hoped to have it ready for distribution about September 15th. The Division Secretaries will have instructions as to same soon.

There being a plenty of Division News in this issue, the continuation of the Convention Notes (continued from the July issue) will have to go over. If any of those who were there happen to have notes they would like to go in that article, we would appreciate their being sent to us.

JULY DISABILITY BENEFITS.

G. H. Kimmich, Canton, O.....	\$ 10.00
R. B. Conkling, Terrace Park, O...	5.00
C. W. Oliver, St. Jo, Texas.....	30.00
F. A. Berry, Mt. Vernon, Me.....	30.00
L. O. Christenson, Seattle, Wash...	10.00
G. F. Flick, Chicago, Ill.....	30.00
H. H. Mayberry, Waterville, Me....	30.00
J. F. Donahue, Springfield, Mass...	10.00
J. F. Casteel, St. Louis, Mo.....	45.00
I. Schetzer, Louisville, Ky.....	10.00

Total for month\$210.00

DIVISION NOTES

Chicago.

John Lewis, admitted a month or so ago as a member of Milwaukee Division, has moved to Chicago, having obtained a job here with Kuh, Nathan and Fischer, manufacturers of men's clothing.

George Simpson, formerly of Dayton, arrived in this city a fortnight or so ago. He has found a job and intends to stick around with us for a while.

Isaac Weisbaum is now out of the hospital. Early in August he underwent an operation for hernia, brought on by heavy work at the marble shop where he has been employed. He is doing very well and is now able to go about with a cane. Several of the visiting delegates who were here in July will remember Ikey.

Warren R. Murdoch and Miss Bessie Martin were married on Saturday, June 19, and are now making their home here on the North Side.

John E. Purdum and Miss Mazie F. Britt were married in St. Louis on Monday, August 16th. For lack of authentic information concerning details of the wedding and their future plans, we are obliged to let this notice go with the bare announcement and the extending of our felicitations and best wishes.

Eugene Jasinski is now with his brother, W. E. Jasinski, custom tailor, at 2208 S. Albany Ave. They wish to announce that they will press free of charge for one year all suits made in their shop. Cleaning and dyeing at regular prices.

Horace W. Buell has been spending the summer in Omaha, devoting himself to golf, over which he has become an enthusiast. He is expecting to return to this city some time in the fall.

Early in June Hyman Frankel left Chicago on an extended trip through Canada and the Northwest. Last advices located him out on the coast in the Puget Sound country—Tacoma.

The annual picnic of the Silent Athletic Club, held in July 25 at Stickney, Ill., was a highly successful affair and drew an excellent attendance, in spite of the weather, which was somewhat cool and cloudy, and the distance to the grove. The grounds were very large, clean and well-kept—distinctly better than the general run of picnic groves the Chicago deaf have used for their summer gatherings. An excellent sum was realized for the club's treasury—two hundred dollars, more or less. All who went enjoyed themselves very pleasantly, and the affair was a decided credit to the club.

Frank Spears, now of Racine and a non-resident, was in Chicago for a couple of days during the first week of July, having come on to attend the funeral of his father-in-law. He made a brief call at headquarters, but did not stay long, as he was leaving that same day for home. He reports himself well satisfied with his present steady job in the employ of the J. I. Case Co., manufacturers of threshers and autos.

Chicago Division had its annual "Special Day" at Riverview Park on Saturday, August 21. By arrangement with the

management, the general admission carried with it a reduction of half-price on the admission charged for most of the concessions; and No. 1 pockets the sum realized from the sale of tickets. It rained in the early part of the day, and so there was not quite as large an attendance as has been drawn in former years. Still, there was quite a crowd, and the final figures will doubtless show a fair sum has been cleared for our local fund—all velvet.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bromann, parents of our member, Edward C. W. Bromann, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on June 24. Moreover, on June 12 Brother Bromann celebrated his own tin wedding. All of which makes quite a lot of festivity for this family in one month.

W. O. Branum, a social member of Knoxville Division, who has been visiting his son here this summer, is making good progress toward recovery from the operation he was obliged to undergo at Garfield Park Hospital early in July. Although he was in a very bad way for a day or two just after the operation was performed, he came through all right, and now his complete recovery is but a matter of time and sufficient rest.

By the time this issue of the paper is out, Chicago Division's annual picnic will be as water that has gone over the dam—past and done with. It is to be held August 29 at Bergmann's Grove, on the banks of the Desplaines River. The committee on arrangements, headed by the indefatigable Mike Kerr as chairman, has worked very hard and diligently with the preparations for the event. There is a possibility that Charlie Chaplin, the famous movie comedian, may be on hand to help referee the games, and so on. If the committee's untiring efforts count for anything, success is assured.

Speaking of picnics, don't forget to turn out for the annual Labor Day picnic for the benefit of the Home Fund, Monday, Labor Day, September 6; Atlas Park, 5025 N. Crawford Ave. Take any car to Crawford Ave. and transfer to northbound Crawford car, which will take you right to the grove.

Callers at the Society's home office since the convention have been: Philip Morin, J. Wm. Seitz, F. A. Leitner, Arthur J. Myers, Rev. H. L. Tracy, E. I. Holycross, Rev. J. M. Koehler, Milton M. Miller, Fred J. Hart, Gordon Midget, J. F. Flynn, Walter Glover, W. H. Chambers, Wm. J. Japes, Edwin W. Frisbee, Peter T. Hughes, Rev. H. C. Merrill.

Detroit.

At No. 2's July meeting, Rion Hoel was elected to fill out the late Brother Colby's unexpired term as Division Secretary.

Brother and Mrs. Henry A. Germer returned from California last June. While his better half was visiting her mother, who lives near Flint, Brother Germer secured work with the Wilson Body Co. as a door hanger. It is said, however, that he has given up this job and is now working in Flint. He does

not expect to remain in Michigan very long, but intends to return to California when work picks up again. All his children live out there now.

William Japes is making a two weeks' visit in Chicago. While there he ran up to Milwaukee for a couple of days. He is a baseball fan of the real "bug" variety, and when the Tigers came to Chicago he made a special point of going out to the game; to his great elation, Cobb, Crawford and Co. put it all over the White Sox to the tune of 5 to 3.

Cincinnati.

L. J. Bacheberle reports having enjoyed a splendid time both at the Convention and on the rest of his vacation trip, which took him to the San Francisco and San Diego Expositions, with a pleasant stop-over at Los Angeles. On his return, he took in the wonderful sights of Colorado. At No. 10's June meeting the members all paid their dues for both June and July, so that "Bach" could go off and enjoy a care-free holiday; he wishes to express here his thanks and appreciation for the friendly accommodation.

Cincinnati Division now holds its meetings in very attractive new quarters at Doyle's Academy Hall. The building is very convenient and has all the comforts the members could ask for.

The first social event for the fall of 1915 will be a Hallowe'en Social, to be given Saturday, October 30, when all visitors and non-members will be given a chance to take their first glimpse of No. 10's new surroundings.

Arlie Ervin, whose application for membership was to have been presented at the August meeting, was run down by a train and instantly killed while he was returning home from work on Wednesday, August 4. His body was horribly mangled.

The Division's annual picnic was held July 4 at Fernbank Dam, on the Ohio River some twelve miles below Cincinnati. The weather being ideal, quite a large attendance was present. Much credit should be given Brothers Hay and Lawson for their untiring efforts towards making the occasion an enjoyable one. The affair attracted quite a number of visitors from Kentucky and the neighboring towns.

John Hahn has left for parts unknown for the purpose of securing employment. His old shop was recently closed down by a court order, the owners having gone bankrupt.

Before the school at Columbus closed for the summer, Bernard Taran and Harry O'Donnell took advantage of an excursion and paid it a visit. It was Brother Taran's first call at the Ohio Institution, and he was greatly impressed with all that he saw.

Evansville.

The result of a week's fishing at Brizius Camp—a fine time and a good catch, especially for Dewitt Stephens, our leading piscatorial expert. This is his secret: He feeds his worms on garlic, and the

scent attracts the fish. (Well, what do you know about that!—Ed.) But here is something yet more remarkable: Adolph Brizius, who is lucky by nature, caught a small eel, about five and a half inches in length; he tied it on a rather long stringing line and put it back in the water to keep it alive until the day's fishing was done. When, after a while, he drew it up to put on another fish he had just caught, to his surprise, he found seven bass and perch on the string. He finally studied out how they got there; one after the other had tried to swallow the eel, but it had squirmed out sidewise through the gills of each, leaving them all fast on the string. This is NOT a fish story. (Oh, very well—if you say so! But if you pull any more of those yarns, the U. S. postal authorities won't let The Frat go in the mails.—Ed.)

Milton M. Miller of Los Angeles took a long and roundabout route to the Omaha convention—intending to go via Louisville, Evansville and Chicago. During his stop-over here he was the guest of his friend Brizius, and enjoyed a "chicken fry," with also a "cocktail tea"—something new. On his return to Louisville he was laid up sick. But it must not be thought that the "chicken fry" or the other thing had anything to do with it. (We have our dark suspicions.—Ed.)

After Dewitt Stephens had mastered the driving of his new auto—an electric, a regular lady's car—he found it was too slow for him. So he bought a gasoline car, a Ford. He finds it just the thing for hunting and fishing trips out in the country or up and down the river. He is going "bug" over it—vows it's the best little car that ever happened; great for joy riding.

When James Downey left for the Convention, Mrs. Downey, with the children, went back to the Bluegrass to spend the vacation with her relatives at Louisville and Owensboro, Ky.

Nashville.

Rev. H. L. Tracy of Baton Rouge was in Nashville for a few days during the second week of August. On the evening of the 10th he delivered a sermon to the deaf at Christ Church. During his stay here he was the guest of honor at a banquet given at the Y. M. C. A. by Thomas S. Marr, an old classmate of his. All the frats, their wives and sweethearts were present. While in town Rev. Mr. Tracy was the guest of Brother Marr.

Gordon Midget passed through here about the first of August, en route home from the Exposition, Canada, and other points.

Flint.

Inasmuch as the Baker Business University, where our monthly meetings have for the past two years been held, is to be removed to another building next month (September), a committee has been selected to hunt up another hall, unless the University people can let us have one of their new rooms.

Willis Hubbard is spending a few weeks among the White Mountains.

A. J. Eickhoff together with his better half, has been "summering" at Petoskey and Port Huron, at the latter as guests of Brother and Mrs. Adolph Kresin. They both returned home last week.

J. M. Stewart has been elected to the principalship of Brown Hall at the School for the Deaf, and is now busy arranging courses of study to be pursued during the coming school year.

Ralph Miller every once in a while manages to hie himself away with two or three of his friends to some place along Swartz Creek to camp out in an Indian fashion.

A number of the frats from this city contemplate attending the picnic to be held at Toledo on Labor Day.

Henry A. Germer, formerly of this Division, was present at our meeting recently. He has just come back from Los Angeles, Cal., and secured employment in the Buick auto factory. He does not expect, however, to stay here for good, but thinks he may go back to Detroit.

Frank Drake, with the assistance of his neighbors, recently had a new barn set up.

After going back and forth to work at Saginaw for over three months, E. M. Bristol now stays at home and holds a place in the ad-room of the Flint Daily Journal.

Oren DeChamplain returned last week from a month's stay in East Tawas and will soon be at his old place at the School for the Deaf.

Howard Blodgett did not propose to let the grass grow under his feet during his vacation months. Immediately upon the close of the school term he obtained work in the Buick auto factory.

The last number of The Frat furnished a lot of thought for us all.

Toledo.

A big and lively outing was held at the home of Charles Kane's parents in Maumee on July 25. A maximum attendance and complete success marked the occasion. The chairman and his co-workers did their best to make everything pleasant and enjoyable for the participants. Some of the fraters did not appear, owing to the threatening weather. But luckily the downpour lasted for only a little while—just a passing shower—and the day's pleasure was not spoiled. One of the features was an auction sale of different kinds of cake. Many pictures were taken. It may be said that every one of the merry-makers had a great time. "This is the life!" was the sense of all. The affair was managed by Chas. Kane, George McGowan, Shirley Newcomer and Arthur I. Whitacre.

John E. Curry, our delegate to the Omaha Convention, was called on for a speech after business was finished at our recent meeting. He gave us an interesting narration of what the Convention did, the happenings of the week, and so on. John is some "floor speaker," in a class with William Jennings Bryan of grape-juice fame.

Edward Hetzel of Upper Sandusky was the guest of Nathan P. Henick for a couple of days while here for the outing at Maunee. He came looking for a good time and a holiday from his work on a farm. It is to be trusted that he enjoyed this brief recreation. He may come to our city again for the purpose of getting work in one of the big factories.

Our Division will give its annual picnic at Willys' Park (formerly known as Central Grove Park) on Labor Day, September 6. This place is very near the largest auto factory in the world, that of the Overland Motor Co., and picnickers will have a very good opportunity to see it. The Long Belt car will bring you to the park; then just walk on to where you see displayed the banner of Toledo Division No. 16, N. F. S. D. Richard J. King is chairman of the committee on arrangements. We expect to make this the biggest day we ever had, so it will be well worth your while to attend. Prizes will be awarded to the winners in various events, and eatables will be on sale.

Merton A. Fielding of No. 1 stopped over in Toledo not long ago for a two days' visit. He was on his way back to Chicago. According to his talk he had had a most enjoyable time on his long trip through the east.

Milwaukee.

H. B. Plunkett, Ladmir Kolman, and John W. Kurry, Milwaukee's representatives at Omaha, all report an excellent time on their trip. They enjoyed the whole week of the Convention, the sight-seeing, meeting new friends, and so on. Their only regret is that such a good time was all too short.

George Karges met recently with a very painful accident to one of the fingers on his right hand. He received the injury while operating a candy-cutting machine in the big factory of the American Candy Co. The N. F. S. D. is looking out for him of course.

The picnic held on August 8 was a success in spite of the cloudy weather, which threatened until late in the evening when there came a downpour of rain that drove scurrying to shelter those who had stayed to enjoy the society of Milwaukee's fair. John W. Kurry was chairman, and knew all the time just what to do—no hanging fire or hitch of any kind. Quite a number of non-residents and Chicago frats came on to attend.

Edwin Teweles, after spending the Fourth at Lake Pewaukee, went on to Sturgeon Bay and Green Bay for three weeks of recreation.

Henry G. Knoblock and wife were given a surprise by local frats and other friends on June 11 in honor of the twenty-fifth wedding anniversary. H. B. Plunkett made a speech appropriate to the occasion, and the couple were presented with some fine pieces of silverware. They had already been surprised in a similar way by their Racine friends.

Bro. and Mrs. Otto Langner went to visit in Racine over July 4th. Soon afterward they were called to Sheboygan

Falls to attend the funeral of a relative.

John Holub was another who spent the Fourth in Racine.

Emil Rosenfield went to Columbus, O., on business July 3, and stopped over in Chicago for a day or two to meet the crowd of delegates and visitors on their way to Omaha. He returned from Columbus July 11, with the report of having had a fine time.

Wm. Howard, whose wife had been away in Detroit for a few weeks, surprised her by coming on there to see her July 4th. Soon afterward they both came home.

We are requested to print this card:

Milwaukee, Wis. June 18, 1915.

We wish to thank the members of Milwaukee Division No. 17 and other friends for the beautiful gifts presented to us by them in honor of our 25th wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry G. Knoblock.

Indianapolis.

The annual picnic held on July 5 at South Grove Park was attended by a good-sized crowd, with a number of visitors from surrounding towns and one or two from Ohio and Illinois. The chief event and the most exciting was the drawing for a diamond ring, which was won by Miss Goldie Rupkey, a charming young lady of New Palestine, Ind.

George Burford was married to Miss McDaniels of Toledo, Ohio, on June 26, 1915. Congratulations and best wishes were extended by Division No. 22.

State Organizer A. H. Norris spent his vacation days in Indianapolis and Chicago. He was a visitor at No. 22's July meeting, and helped to initiate Rollin O. Yoder, our latest new member. While in Chicago, Bro. Norris saw the delegates off for Omaha.

After the Convention, Robert E. Binkley and wife spent a few weeks visiting Denver, Kansas City, St. Louis and other cities on their way home.

It is officially announced that the Muncie frats will hold their annual picnic on Labor Day. The resident members of Indianapolis Division are planning to run a special car to Muncie for the picnic. Any information concerning same will be given on inquiring of N. L. Harris, chairman of the committee.

During the middle of July a bunch of Indianapolis frats made a week-end trip to Noblesville to visit Bro. Jerrell and have a day's fishing.

August Querengasser has transferred back to Indianapolis Division from Cincinnati.

James Lafever of Muncie was the victim recently of a speed maniac and road hog. Jim was riding a bicycle, and on the right side of the road, too; but he did not make sufficient allowance for the hoggishness of the motorist—hence the mix-up. Luckily very little damage resulted. Bro. Lafever was laid up a few days with a sprained knee, but is now as good as new—and gunning for road-hogs.

St. Louis.

St. Louis Division had its picnic on August 13, with a pouring rain all morn-

ing and a dim sun the rest of the day. The attendance therefore was smaller than usual; but all who came had a good time notwithstanding. Mrs. Charles Schwartz, of Alton, was the only one of the deaf people lucky enough to win a prize. All the others went to hearing persons. Mrs. Ed Miller, we regret to relate, met with a rather bad accident in one of the races, but at this writing is resting comfortably at home.

Austin Baird, a non-resident member of No. 24, is at present down at the new oil fields of Woodmount, Oklahoma. We are looking for him to show us something should he strike the fluid.

Bro. and Mrs. P. T. Hughes of Fulton, Mo., were in town during August for a month's stay with his mother.

Our representatives at Omaha, Bros. Burgherr, Arnot, Stumpe, Remshardt and Bloch are back in town, and are being kept busy relating what they saw and did in the west.

Rev. J. H. Cloud returned on the 22nd from a three months stay in California, and reports having had a pleasant and profitable vacation.

Los Angeles.

The local frats with their wives or "best girls" were all invited to attend the twenty-year wedding anniversary of Bro. and Mrs. Isom P. Haworth at their residence August 20.

The stag party given by the local frats in honor of visiting frats from the east at the residence of Brother Doane on Wednesday evening July 28th was a great success. Since our delegate, Milton M. Miller, was unable to be present at the Omaha Convention and so would not be able to tell us much about it, Bro. A. L. Roberts of Olathe, Kansas, gave us an account of the Convention proceedings. Rev. Dr. Cloud of St. Louis described for us the N. A. D. convention at San Francisco. Excellent refreshments were served at three long tables, and fine Havana cigars were passed around.

Robert Hawvichorst, after being out of work for nearly a year, has secured a good position at a vulcanizing shop—where, by the way, Leon Fisk also works.

Isom P. Haworth now has a good job at Compton, where he does treading, cutting and chopping of auto tires. He, too, had been out of regular work for months, but had a small shoe-repairing business of his own to fall back on.

While calking at a large iron works Lester H. Presley was hit in the eye by two or three small bits of steel. His eye gave him a great deal of pain for several days, but he still worked as usual. He was under the care of the company's physician, and a new pair of eye-glasses will be furnished him soon.

A Chess Club was organized recently. It meets at the members' houses—turn by turn. To this club the following-named frats of No. 27 belong; Lester H. Presley, Tage E. Samuelson, Alvin T. Dyson, Edmund M. Price, J. Orrie Harris, and Clyde S. Tong.

Milton M. Miller is recovering rapidly from the illness which laid him up in Louisville and kept him from attending

the Omaha Convention. But the doctor would not allow him to work at all for a couple of weeks after his return. His printing business has been looked after by Bro. Doane ever since Bro. Miller left Los Angeles in June.

Mrs. Clarence H. Doane and children were due to reach home August 15th after a three months' visit with her parents in Washington state.

Henry Dahl's daughter is to teach this fall at the state school for the deaf in Berkeley. Miss Dahl has been a normal student there, receiving her diploma last June.

Celebrating their china wedding anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Shuford entertained with a reception at their home June 25. A color scheme of pink and white was effectively carried out with roses and ferns. Various games were enjoyed, and dainty refreshments served. More than sixty guests responded to the invitations, and Mr. and Mrs. Shuford were the recipients of many beautiful gifts—no two alike. Bro. Shuford was educated at the Arkansas school; Mrs. Shuford, who was Nina Hatcher, attended the Kansas institution at Olathe.

Mrs. Isom Haworth and Mrs. Herbert Ellis, sister-in-law of the late Frank Ellis, invited all the local frats with their wives and friends to a farewell surprise party in honor of Mrs. Nellie Ellis, Bro. Ellis' widow, on Friday evening, July 2. Mrs. Ellis, with her children, was soon to leave for her Iowa home, where she expects to stay with her father for a year or so.

No. 27's picnic on July 4 was very successful, and everyone had a big time. It was held at the home of Mrs. Ellis. Edmund M. Price did some clowning stunts in regular movie comedian style, which called forth many a hearty laugh and fully entitled him to be called a second Charlie Chaplin.

Rev. Dr. Cloud of St. Louis spent some two months of his summer vacation with us. To all seeming, he thoroughly enjoyed his stay and the glorious climate of Southern California. (Editor's Notice: Hereafter all boosts for the Climate will be deleted by the censor). During his stay, Rev. Dr. Cloud held Sunday services whenever he was in town.

Leon A. Fisk, organizer for California, returned home in July from his trip through the northern part of the state. He reports that all the deaf of San Francisco and Sacramento are taking great interest in the N. F. S. D.

Kansas City.

The members of Kansas City Division No. 31 will please take note of the Treasurer's change of address. It is now: J. Frank Carroll, 2015 East 30th St., Kansas City, Missouri.

The Division's annual picnic on July 5 was well attended, and everyone enjoyed it. The sports and games were keenly contested.

Charles A. Hartman not long ago bought a five-acre piece of land in the Ozarks of Southern Missouri. He re-

cently gave up his job as a wallpaper hanger and decorator, and has gone down there. He is glad to be back on the farm again, and is looking forward to the healthful outdoor life and the independence it offers.

Those who attended the Omaha Convention from Kansas City were Rev. J. M. Koehler, P. W. Haner, Matt L. Ahern, and Paul E. Glasscock.

Rev. J. M. Koehler is spending his vacation in the country near Scranton, Pa., his old home. He will return west in October to resume work in his missionary field.

Chauncey Laughlin returned to Kansas City recently after a long stay in a sanitarium at Mt. Vernon, Mo. The fraters were indeed glad to see him again. He looks to have completely recovered—in fact, seems to be perfectly well now.

C. R. Lawrence, delegate from Portland, Oregon, to the Omaha Convention, was a guest of the local fraters during the last week of July. He formerly lived in Missouri.

Memphis.

Robert E. L. Stout was married about June 1st to Miss Peak of Knoxville.

Portland.

After a long sleep the writer has woken up and hastens to show that Maine is still on the map.

Up to this time we have 52 members, and are still combing the state for more. All of you get a hustle on and keep bringing in members until none of the boys who ought to be frats are left out. (Now you're talking! And here it may be said that the steady growth of the Maine division has been noted approvingly and with pleasure—a member or two, month after month, and nary a lapse since we can remember. That is sawing wood, even if you haven't been horning into print very much.—Ed.)

Adolph J. Fisher has gone home to Aroostook county (where the potatoes grow) after having worked in Portland for several years as janitor for a hotel. We miss him as our director—and, more, as a good fellow, for he is as jolly as a Dutchman.

Frederick C. Frazier is getting along well down in Bar Harbor, where he is working as a carpenter. Getting any tips from the millionaires, Fred?

Pat Thibodeau, lately of Boston but a native of Maine, has hiked back to his farm in Aroostook county. We pity him, yes we do—not! But how was he able to break away from the gayety and enjoyments of city life?

Thomas J. Prinn is doing finely as watchdog of the Division treasury, and in his hands our funds are growing right along. He has a big coop of chickens; every Saturday night he goes after the one that is fattest—and the rest you know.

All the fraters of Lewiston and vicinity are doing well, but the writer hasn't heard anything in particular from them of late.

J. Somers Kennedy of Bangor is beyond doubt the leading baseball fan in

Maine. He would rather read about the Boston Braves than eat, and is pulling hard for them to land in first place. (Well, we don't believe he has anything on Bro. Chambers of Tennessee. Ask Bro. Flynn.—Ed.)

A. L. Carlisle will go to Richmond, Me., to attend the annual convention of the state association, of which, by the way, he is president. It is to be held August 28-29-30. All visitors will be welcome.

Harry V. Jarvis of Bangor captured the checker championship of the local Y. M. C. A. at a recent tournament. His score was: Won 43, lost 11. Another fellow and Jarvis were tied for first place, so they played seven games to settle, of which Jarvis won four and lost one, with five draws.

Bro. Jarvis' shop recently shut down, and if business does not pick up by the end of three weeks, they will use only the old hands and he will be left out in the cold.

Hereafter Will O. Kimball will write the news for The Frat. All the brothers please take notice that items should be sent to Will O. Kimball, 77 Winter St., Gardiner, Me., and he will do the rest. Watch for his notes every month or so. And remember to help him out by sending in items now and then—often a postal card will be enough.

J. Fred Flynn of Bangor was No. 39's delegate to Omaha. After the convention he continued his trip to California to visit relatives, take in the Panama Exposition and the N. A. D. convention, with a side trip to Los Angeles, returning via the Twin Cities, Chicago, Detroit, Buffalo, and Holyoke. He was away for six weeks in all. From coast to coast—some junket!

On July 5 the Division intended to have a big picnic down by the shore, but it rained so we had to give up the outdoor features. However, we enjoyed ourselves under shelter and ate up the lunch just the same.

To all the brothers, we would say, come to Maine sometime; you can have a fine time here—camping, fishing, or mountain climbing.

Greeting to all the Divisions, from No. 1 down to 53, from Division No. 39.

Portland (Ore.)

Fred S. Delanoy has moved to Salem, Oregon, where he has obtained work for the time being. During his absence, P. L. Axling is filling his place as Division Secretary.

Daniel C. Brown has been admitted as a social member of Portland Division, No. 41. He is seventy-two years young, and enjoys excellent health.

Providence.

No. 43's president, Edward Vigeant, was married on June 9 to Miss Bessie I. Currie of Clinton Mass. The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride. Mrs. Vigeant is a graduate of the Maine school at Portland, and will be a valued addition to our Division's Aux-Frats. The couple spent their wedding trip in Maine.

One Saturday night in the latter part of June, nearly all the members of the Division invaded the home of the newly-wed president and presented him with a handsome Morris chair. An enjoyable evening was spent by all.

Our delegate, Arthur Myers, made a trip to Denver and Colorado Springs after the Convention. At the latter place he visited the poultry farm of G. W. Veditz.

Amedie Gaudreau is the proud owner of a new house, which he bought recently.

We are in favor of the enlarged Frat, and say, by all means let it go on. We liked the last two issues very much. (Thanks; we will see.—Ed.)

Baltimore.

Hearty congratulations to our mother-division of Philadelphia on the victory in securing the convention for 1918. Our own loss has not dampened our spirits at all, for we feel well satisfied with having put up a strong bid for the honor. To come out second was not bad for a Division only one year old. Grandpap Davis must feel elated over our showing.

Old Dan Cupid has been playing havoc among our members lately. No less than three have grown tired of "solitary confinement," and have branched out as proud benedicts. We reckon the proposed "bachelor tax" scared them into getting busy. The happy brothers are Clayton Forsythe, Clarence Goswellin, and Thomas C. Young. Hearty congratulations and very best wishes to these newly-wed couples one and all.

A "Welcome home!" reception was tendered our Delegate, George C. Brown, upon his return from Omaha. If any one was ever taken aback, it was Bro. Brown, for he had been summoned for a trustee's meeting, and had already doffed his collar and coat for an evening over figures, unaware of the assembled members who were lying in wait for him in an adjoining room. When at last he had finished work on the report, Bro. Brown breathed a sigh of relief. On entering the other room, he was mobbed by some twenty-six of his fellow-members who crowded around to extend the glad hand. After he had given a brief account of the Convention and told all the news, refreshments were served—to the delight of Bro. Brown and all, for the mercury was hovering near the 100-degree mark.

Thomas J. Blake of Eckhart Mines has shaken the soil of Maryland off his feet, for a time at least, and is now somewhere in Ohio. Latest reports locate him in Akron.

William O. Dilworth recently showed that he has as much hustle and selling ability as he formerly had of science in the prize-ring, for inside of two hours last Thursday he sold thirty-one tickets for the excursion to Chesapeake Beach.

Our annual excursion to Chesapeake Beach was pulled off Thursday, August 5. Because of a recent storm, our plans were not carried out just as we intended, for our original destination could not be reached on account of the washing away of a pier. All were quite disappointed at

not being able to land, but as it is no use to fret over spilt milk we had to be contented with the mere sight of the waving hands of the Washington fraters on the beach half a mile away. A trip to Annapolis was then taken. On reaching there we disembarked for three hours which were spent in sightseeing, visiting places of historic interest, and, last but not least, shaking hands with our Governor Goldsborough. Hats off to Chairman Nicol who arranged all this.

With a running jump we have already started in on our preparation for Philadelphia—1918, by the formation of a savings club. Providence permitting, nothing short of an earthquake will prevent us from all going in a body, a hundred strong, to take the Convention by storm. (You Philadelphians, take notice!—Ed.)

Syracuse.

We all miss J. Fred Keller. He has secured a better job at Ilion, and so is unable to attend our meetings regularly. His absence is felt the more because he is president of the Division.

Fred Foster and James Lynch, who have been out of work for nearly a year, have landed new jobs at excellent wages, and are well contented to be working again.

George D. Connor and Robert E. Conley plan to go fishing near Erieville some Sunday, and then have a little visit with our prospective new brother, Grant Martin, who lives not far from there. He is a prosperous farmer.

We will not have a clam bake on Labor Day as planned, because we find it would be too expensive and would not net us much money for our local fund.

The Ladies Auxiliary is getting along nicely now. They are planning to have a turkey dinner on Thanksgiving from their own funds—just for the Frat brothers and their wives.

Syracuse Division No. 48 has received two new members. We are going to try and beat Utica, and have many more prospective names to add to our roster.

Albany.

Hurrah for Albany Division, for we sent our delegate Bailey to the Omaha Convention. We are sure he was a credit to us. Every member received an Omaha card from him. To be sure, we are proud that we were represented there.

Francis W. Picard was married to Miss Irene Myers on the 20th of June. The young couple received the congratulations and best wishes of many friends.

Another June wedding was that of John F. Lyman and Miss Cornelia Sack of Schenectady, who were married on the 23rd. They spent a honeymoon of nearly two weeks in New York City, and returned with smiling faces to make their home in Albany.

Paul Sack has for some time been interested in the poultry business, and has met with good success in raising the biddies. He recently built himself a chicken house, in size 16x32 feet. Paul was interested to hear that some of the Toledo Frats keep chickens.

Milton A. Robertson spent a vacation

of two weeks at Atlantic, N. J. When he returned, he was tanned to the hue of a nigger.

John F. Koeper, Edward Klier, and Bro. and Mrs. Richard S. Geith spent July 4th and 5th at Sacandaga Park. They met some frats of Holyoke Division, who were camping there, and greatly enjoyed their visit.

San Francisco.

Leo E. White and Miss Ida B. Freel were united in marriage on June 8, at the bride's home in Stockton, Cal. Bro. White is a printer and has a good position in San Francisco, where they are now living. The young couple have a host of friends, who all wish them a long and happy married life.

Division No. 53 has fixed the second Thursday of the month as its regular meeting date.—The place, 1254 Market St.

James W. Howson, Monroe Jacobs, and David S. Luddy are the committee on arrangements for a ball that will be held sometime in November for the benefit of the local fund.

"High Jinks" were held on July 24, with about twenty of the visiting Frats in attendance. Ten were initiated, with L. J. Bacheberle of No. 10 and Isaac J. Wittwer of No. 32 in charge of the ceremonies.

Rev. D. E. Moylan of Baltimore is now in Los Angeles after a northern trip which took him to Portland, Seattle and Vancouver.

Mrs. Thomas L. Marsden returns to Pasadena on August 30. But Bro. Marsden himself will remain in San Francisco, being well satisfied to keep on with his present employment.

(Editor's Note: San Francisco Division No. 53 is a fine, lusty infant in which the Society can well take pride. Now we all know what California can do; it has been shown often enough—not least strikingly this summer. We have grown accustomed to expect big things from the cities and people of this great state on our Western sea-board. And so we think we can look to No. 53 to show results in the way of growth and accomplishment that are quite in line with the tradition of their city.)

LOOKING FOR A JOB?

An Akron frat writes that there is a good chance for a few fellow-frats to obtain employment at the auto tire works in his city. Applicants must be able-bodied, not over 45 years old, and must weigh 145 pounds or over. For particulars, write M. J. Grimm, 924 Camden St., Akron, Ohio.

CONVENTION PHOTOGRAPHS.

James R. Jelinek, 315 Grace St., Council Bluffs, Iowa, is prepared to take orders for or answer enquiries regarding the official Omaha Convention photographs. The cut in the July Frat shows what a fine group it was, and there is also the general group, with the visitors included.