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THE FRAT

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IN THE MAKE-GOOD DEGREE.

Thomas S. Marr, President of Nashville Division, qualifies for the Degree this month. Brother Marr is serving his second term in that office and to him is due quite a little of his Divisions progressiveness. He has been a Frat for but three years and in that time has become one of our dependable leaders. He is a graduate of the Tennessee school, of

most recent is the Majestic Theater, a \$100,000 playhouse in Nashville. His work is not local, by any means. It can be found in many a city and country home and business blocks in different localities. He assuredly has title to our Degree—and to that which the world confers on its make-goods generally. Personally, Brother Marr is a man it is a pleasure and honor to number among one's friends.



Thomas S. Marr.

Gallaudet College and of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He is a bachelor, making his home with his brothers and sisters. Outside of his connection with the affairs of our people, we are inclined to think Brother Marr is about the best known deaf man in the South.

In 1897 he went into business as an architect, ten years later he took a Mr. Holman as partner and today the firm of Marr & Holman is known as among the best in its line. Some of the finest buildings in Nashville, were designed by the partners, and scarcely a month goes by but what Brother Marr's fraters are pleased to read of some new building bearing his "trademark." One of the

A LITTLE JOURNEY EAST.

Saturday, July 15, the Editor went to Toledo, Ohio, and that evening paid a visit to Toledo Division's quarters and there met most of the resident members. The following morning, after a pleasant night's rest at the hospitable home of Brother and Mrs. Curry, he was aboard the CAT special car, and along about noon, together with 55 other picnickers, found himself at Riggles' Grove, the place where the CATs were to hold their much advertised high jinks. After meeting the CA parts of the CAT, some 225 strong, and Frats and Aux-Frats from nearly all parts of the state, and even from Kentucky, Nebraska, Pennsylvania, Michigan, West Virginia, et al—and being delighted to see several Chicago boys who are now living at Akron—and among them many old friends (not forgetting Commissary Sergeant Goldman of Middletown, and Omaha pleasant memory), then getting his bearings, the enjoyment of the day was taken up. Wrestling, boxing, games of all kinds, bathing—and everything that goes to make up an outing at a pleasant grove with the good, old lake breeze—were all in evidence. Suffice it to say it was an ideal day of its kind and the 300 odd deaf people there certainly had a pleasant time. The CATs made good, all right.

In the evening, we piled aboard the Cleveland car—there were two of them—and spent Monday and Tuesday in that familiar Sixth City, making some business and personal calls, and being the guest of Brother and Mrs. Ayers at their cozy Lakewood home. Tuesday, all were saddened by the news of the tragic death of Brother Rich, who met death on the rail just at the end of his journey home from the outing. Secretary Williams of Cleveland Division was delegated to attend the funeral at Canton the following day, prior arrangements to meet

Akron Frats and business engagements preventing the Editor from going.

Wednesday morning Akron was reached, where, under the guidance of Brothers Frater and Myers, a trip through the big Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. plant was the first thing scheduled, after a dinner at the home of Brother and Mrs. Grimm, old Chicago friends. The party was accompanied through the plant by Mr. Fuller, superintendent of the firm's employment bureau, and by Mr. Bingham, one of the department inspectors—and an interesting and instructive trip it was. Some 150 deaf employees are engaged in the various departments, in different shifts—and all seem satisfied and pleased with their working conditions. As far as the visitor could see, the work is ideal for the man who is willing to work. It is hard work, to be sure, but it is well paid for, done in sanitary surroundings, in shifts that are not too long, among congenial shopmates, and for a firm that takes a real interest in its employees. As in other manufacturing plants, there are departments where the work is of necessity unpleasant and uncomfortably hard, but the deaf employees are in none of those. There are openings for more, and any deaf man in good physical condition, needing work and willing to do it, will be able to get it there. Our stay in Akron being limited to Wednesday, we were unable to accept Secretary Ware's plans for a visit to the Firestone plant, and had to be content with a jitney ride out to and around the "Rubber City's" chief attractions late in the afternoon. In the evening, when supper was mentioned, we were told we would go to a hotel for a wash-up. We did, and after those necessary duties—it was something of a warm day and dust stuck—we were led to the dining room, and there found some thirty of the Akron Frats—all who were off duty—asssembled in the Editor's honor and an excellent dinner was enjoyed, with impromptu post-prandial speaking whiling away the hour and a half left before train time. A box of cigars for headquarters, with No. 55's compliments, was tucked into the traveler's grip—and the Baltimore & Ohio ten-thirty caught for home.

Back on the job Thursday morning, the Editor took up the grind once more, but with rejuvenated vigor and pleasant memories of one more journey, and of Ohio's hospitality and fraternity.

NEW MEMBERS.

23. Poco Dragonetti.....New York, N. Y.
 23. Patrick Murphy.....New York, N. Y.
 31. Carl W. Spencer.....Bolivar, Mo.
 1. Julius A. Bente.....Kenosha, Wis.
 1. Henry F. Hein.....Milwaukee, Wis.
 1. Fay J. Radloff.....Hutisford, Wis.
 1. Herbert A. Suhr.....Hutisford, Wis.
 1. Otto J. Kader.....Taylorville, Ill.
 1. Carl Schurmann.....Athens, Ill.
 1. Mordell Sample.....Rosebud, Texas
 1. Iva Robinson.....Sioux Falls, S. D.
 16. William Morehouse.....Toledo, O.
 53. Arthur Gronlund.....Fresno, Cal.
 53. Thomas Finnigan, San Francisco, Cal.
 53. Carl D. Weber.....Chico, Cal.
 53. Harry Joseph.....Oakland, Cal.
 42. Julius M. Aaron.....Newark, N. J.
 31. Eddie Baker.....Leeton, Mo.
 33. Eugene Dupre.....New Orleans, La.
 33. Charles Tobelman.....New Orleans, La.
 34. Antony P. Ruh.....Kalamazoo, Mich.
 18. William W. Ward.....Columbus, O.
 35. Irving Simon.....Dorchester, Mass.
 35. Edwin G. Chute.....Worcester, Mass.
 35. William McIntyre.....Boston, Mass.
 26. Ernest R. Cowley.....Brockton, Mass.
 30. Norman W. Frey.....Manheim, Pa.
 36. Frank Strong.....Houston, Pa.
 24. Herbert Buchanan.....St. Louis, Mo.
 24. Joseph Zielinski.....St. Louis, Mo.
 24. Charles Hagen.....St. Louis, Mo.
 21. Joseph M. Valley.....Cleveland, O.
 32. Charles Dunker.....Ft. Calhoun, Neb.
 32. Gustav A. Belgum.....Albion, Neb.
 32. Samuel Smith.....Council Bluffs, Ia.
 45. Fred F. Fellows.....Ilion, N. Y.
 45. Irving Blumenthal.....Ilion, N. Y.
 51. John Campbell.....Schenectady, N. Y.



THE BUILDER—THE OLD "F. S. D."—AND HIS MESSAGE.

COMING CONVENTIONS.

The Virginia Association meets at Hampton, Va., August 3-5. Simon B. Alley of Roanoke, Va., will represent the N. F. S. D.

The North Carolina Association meets at Wrightsville Beach, near Wilmington, N. C., August 10-12. R. E. L. Cook of Wilmington will represent the N. F. S. D.

The Iowa Association meets at Des Moines, Ia., August 21-23. Lawrence James will represent the N. F. S. D.

The Tennessee Association meets at Nashville, Tenn., August 26 to September 2. Jesse T. Warren will represent the N. F. S. D.

The Ohio Association meets at Columbus, Ohio, September 1-3. Louis J. Bacheberle will represent the N. F. S. D.

The Kentucky Association meets at Danville, Ky., September 2-4. William C. Fugate will represent the N. F. S. D.

The West Virginia Association meets at Wheeling, W. Va., September 1-5. James A. Pring will represent the N. F. S. D.

Did you get that new application, which was to be your small contribution to the continued life and security of the Order, which throws its protecting arms about your home? Why not make up your mind right now that the close of another month will not find you open to the same charge of neglect?—Anchor and Shield.

TRUSTEES' REPORT.

Exhibit of Balances, June 30.

First mortgage loans	\$ 74,600.00
First mortgage bonds	22,500.00
In bank, subject to check	3,023.71
Certificates of Deposit	371.75
Grand Secretary's fund	300.00
Treasurer's cash balance	100.00

Total balances\$100,895.46

Note—In June a purchase of \$2,000.00 worth of first mortgage bonds was arranged for and closed July 1st. This will appear on the July report.

Exhibit of Funds.

Reserve Fund	\$ 82,114.36
Mortuary Fund	16,173.76
Sick and Accident Fund	1,389.24
Expense (General) Fund	1,218.10

Total in all funds\$100,895.46

Wives sometimes object to life insurance, but the widow, to whom the certificate represents the difference between comfortable subsistence and absolute dependence upon her own resources, has an entirely different point of view. If your wife were to become your widow today, do you think that she could find use for that \$1,000 or \$2,000 which the fraternal beneficiary society has enabled you to provide, with so little effort and self-sacrifice? Think it over.—Anchor and Shield.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

For June, 1916.

Balance from May\$ 98,559.29

Receipts.

Division collections	2,818.74
Interest from bonds	210.00
Interest from mortgages	87.50
Button sales	46.65
Fob sales	6.90
Grand Secretary's fees	4.50
Division bond premiums	1.90
Exchange credit	.10

Total balances and receipts \$101,735.58

Expenditures.

Sick benefits	\$ 375.00
Accident benefits	70.00
Rent and light	27.00
Salary, Dr. Furlong	15.00
Salary, E. M. Rowse	83.33
Salary, E. P. Gibson	116.66
Insurance department fees	44.50
Official publication	54.40
2,000 stamped envelopes	43.36
Postage account	3.75
Expressage	1.82
Sundry office expenses	2.30
Organizing expenses	3.00

Total expenditures\$ 840.12

Recapitulation.

Total balances and receipts\$101,735.58
 Total expenditures 840.12

Balance, June 30\$100,895.46

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Division Collections for June.

Chicago	\$ 357.88
Detroit	135.22
Saginaw	18.85
Louisville	56.70
Little Rock	74.96
Nashua	17.98
Dayton	42.13
Bay City	8.19
Cincinnati	93.61
Evansville	24.04
Nashville	32.56
Springfield	24.29
Olathe	29.79
Flint	54.52
Toledo	50.06
Milwaukee	74.70
Columbus	46.66
Knoxville	36.47
Cleveland	61.74
Indianapolis	106.38
Brooklyn	136.25
St. Louis	97.97
New Haven	52.43
Holyoke	53.99
Los Angeles	58.73
Atlanta	29.48
Philadelphia	98.91
Kansas City	70.70
Omaha	54.41
New Orleans	40.82
Kalamazoo	18.62
Boston	56.22
Pittsburgh	77.37
Hartford	13.63
Memphis	24.54
Portland, Me.	76.47
Buffalo	41.38
Portland, Ore.	26.55
Newark	51.83
Providence	16.92
Seattle	26.15
Utica	37.73
Washington	32.11
Baltimore	30.75
Syracuse	19.52
Cedar Rapids	48.22
Huntington	19.96
Albany	18.54
Rochester	27.52
San Francisco	55.27
Reading	19.69
Akron	39.83

Total collections\$2,818.74

MARRIAGES.

Indianapolis, June 17, Harry T. Leonard and Hattie Echols.

Omaha, June 19, John M. Thompson and Ovinia Johnson.

At Chicago, June 25, Isadore Newman and Ida Wellencheck.

June 29, Roscoe W. Lichty, of Akron, O., and Miss Vehmann, of Cincinnati.

Pittsburg, June 30, Joseph Johovics and Nellie Nancy.

At St. Louis, July 1, Edward H. Keniston and Laura A. Holzhauer.

July 19, George Layden, of Indianapolis and Ella Neiderberger, of Muncie, Ind.

August payments are due.

JUNE DISABILITY BENEFITS.

H. J. Unruh, St. Joe, Mich.	\$ 20.00
B. F. Grissom, Elida, N. M.	30.00
W. V. Hovious, Knifley, Ky.	20.00
H. Walker, Huntington, W. Va.	5.00
*Chas. Partington, Ridley Pk., Pa.	10.00
*H. G. Augustus, Dayton, O.	40.00
C. F. Wolf, Edwardsville, Ill.	25.00
John White, Chicago, Ill.	5.00
A. J. Heath, Reading, Pa.	10.00
Chester West, Greenfield, Mass.	5.00
J. McKenna, New York, N. Y.	25.00
R. Kirkpatrick, O'Neill, Neb.	50.00
H. G. Long, Council Bluffs, Ia.	5.00
I. P. Haworth, Los Angeles, Cal.	50.00
E. S. Blumer, Delavan, Wis.	50.00
A. H. Robbins, Rochester, Ind.	10.00
W. Oldfather, Cedar Rapids, Ia.	5.00
Wood Payne, Pikeville, Team.	10.00
*R. P. Handley, Whittier, Cal.	20.00
Louis Kerner, New York, N. Y.	50.00
Total for the month	\$445.00

*Denotes accident benefits.

COMING DIVISION EVENTS.

August.

3. Excursion, Washington and Baltimore.
6. Picnic, Milwaukee.
19. Lawn fete, Rochester.
19. Lawn fete, Akron.
20. Picnic, Kalamazoo.
26. Picnic, Cleveland.
26. Picnic, Buffalo.
27. Picnic, Chicago.
29. Frat Night, Nashville.

September.

2. Picnic, Brooklyn.
4. Home Fund picnic, Chicago.
4. Picnic, Detroit.
4. Picnic, St. Louis.
4. Picnic, New Haven.
4. Picnic, Providence.
4. Picnic, Albany.
4. Excursion, Washington.
9. Picnic, San Francisco.

THOMAS INCH.

Brother Thomas Inch of Philadelphia, Pa., a member of Philadelphia Division, was accidentally drowned while bathing in the Delaware river, near that city, July 2nd. Funeral services were conducted at his late home, July 7th, the Rev. C. O. Dantzer officiating. Brothers Davis, Marchman, Chestnut and Mayer acted as pallbearers; burial was at Greenmount cemetery. The Division had charge of the arrangements for the funeral and its members were well represented at the services. The evening before many gathered at the home for a last good-by. Brother Inch joined the Society in July, 1912, through Philadelphia Division.

DEATHS.

At Bedias, Texas, on July 1, Margaret Stampley, wife of Harvey L. Ford.

WILLIAM RICH.

Brother William Rich of Alliance, Ohio, a member of Cleveland Division, met his death through being run down by a freight train on the Cleveland & Pittsburgh tracks near his home, early in the morning of July 17. Brother Rich was on his way home from the "C. A. T." picnic of the day before. There were no eyewitnesses to the accident, but it is thought he was struck while crossing the tracks at Summit St., near his home. He was found on the pilot of the locomotive, about one-half mile farther on and was still alive when found. The train went back to town and he was removed to the city hospital, where he died about 8 o'clock the same morning. He was 31 years old and had been a member of the Society since May, 1912. The funeral services were held at a sister's home at Canton, Ohio, the 19th, the Rev. Mr. Grether officiating. Brother W. F. Durian of Alliance, lay reader for the Rev. Mr. Allabough, read the service in signs. The burial was at Richeville cemetery. Brothers Durian and Drake for Cleveland Division and Messrs Monnin, Brown and Hester for the Canton Society of the Deaf acted as pallbearers. Brother Rich was a valued employe of the French pottery and well known in Alliance and surrounding towns, a man of clean habits and pleasing personality. He is survived by his mother and five sisters and the sincere sympathy of all the Ohio deaf goes out to them in their bereavement.

TO MEMBERS EVERYWHERE.

We believe you like to get The Frat regularly. We know that when you miss a copy you have a kick coming. However, if you would appreciate more the fact that without your correct address on our mail-list we cannot guarantee its reaching you, we believe you would do what you can to help us keep our list up-to-date. When you move, the first thing to do is to advise your post office of your new address; then if you will get a postal card and send your new address to this office you will have insured The Frat's reaching you.

This is not all. You should also advise your Division Secretary of your new address, and if a non-resident member be sure that your Division Treasurer gets it also.

We revise our mail-list once a month, about the 15th, and all changes in our hands by then go on the current month's corrections. If changes come in between the revision dates, they of course have to go over to the next correction time, and it is such times where the value of having advised your post office comes in. That does not cover The Frat alone, but makes provision for all your mail reaching you. Just remember this little "lecture" and things will be pleasanter all around. Headquarters does its share to make your membership worth while—you should do what you can to help.



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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 Division Secretaries and individual members should always give the old address as well as the new one.

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Philadelphia—1918.

Got yours yet? If not, do it now.

The N. F. S. D. may now be classed as a hundred thousand dollar corporation. What do you think of that? Aren't you proud of your share in its accomplishment? We are.

Preparedness means other things besides war talk. It has to do with our own everyday lives. The man who prepares for the day when he will no longer be able to provide for his loved ones is doing a lot towards perpetuating his memory as it should be.

A hundred thousand dollars is some money and it has taken some time, some faith, some sacrifice, some work, some money, some practice, some perseverance, some pluck, some ability—and a lot of other "somes"—to accumulate it. All of us Frats share in the accomplishment, all of us will be benefited in the end. We can afford to be proud of our work—and the builder (the old F. S. D.) really has built better than he foresaw. All honor to those pioneers who laid the foundation and are still with us today—and for those who have gone before, regrets that they could not be with us to see. Again we say the deaf of this country have cause to be proud of the N. F. S. D., Frats or no Frats. And their achievements in other lines are speaking for them in many ways.

Our nonresident members should not fail to remember that "promptness is the price of safety and peace." Prompt paying of their monthly assessments means

safety as to benefits and brings with it peace of mind in knowing those things are safe. It also makes for peace of mind with your good friend and brother, your Division Treasurer. Being prompt with your payments—and as early in the month as you can—lessens the Treasurer's work. Our laws are plain as to the dates payments must be made to insure good standing, but the member who does better than that and sends in or makes them earlier is doing his share towards good service and efficiency among the financial officers. It takes but little extra effort to make it a rule to pay regularly on the first of the month—and we would ask that all try to.

Elsewhere note is made of several state conventions to be held in August and September. We feel sure there will be Frats in attendance at each, and wish to ask each one to extend his help to the Society's representative in a united effort to get members. Each of the conventions will be attended by many good "prospects" and some earnest work should swing many of them into our ranks. That "Get one" slogan should be borne in mind by every mother's son of you—and there's no better time to get yours than now. If you cannot do it at a convention, do it anywhere you can—only get one. Figure out what our membership would amount to if every member got one new member—the "endless chain" would soon bring us into the ten thousand we often dream about.

Our Southern members who are within convenient distance would experience a nice convention week if they would take in the North Carolina meeting at Wrightsville Beach, near Wilmington, August 10, 11, 12. All kinds of beach attractions are promised.

Grand President Anderson had a splendid vacation trip East. Some of the events which were a part of it are noted in other columns, but we hope to give it more extended mention in the August issue. In honoring him the Divisions honored not only the Society's head but the Society itself, and it has pleased the home office to note how its chief was made to know and feel their appreciation. The Editor wishes to voice his personal gratification too. He knows our President deserves it all—and more; he has experienced like testimonials himself. These are the things that go a long ways towards refuting the statement that organizations of the deaf, like republics, are ungrateful, and they give to us in unmistakable form the words of praise we all like to have while we can best enjoy them, and with their givers. If we are to have bouquets, we prefer to have them when we can see their beauty and enjoy their fragrance, and note completely the spirit that comes with them. Our Divisions do well to thus honor those that do them honor.

We have often had occasion to say in these columns that the benefit part of the

Society's work is not all that there is to it. There's also the social side—a side that some of our critics seem to think outweighs even the benefits, sometimes. However, that is not what we now have in mind. Few of our members who are not regular attendants at their Division meetings know of the many appeals for aid which the Divisions receive and meet. The fraternal side of the Society is never shown to better advantage than when the Divisions extend financial help to members who have met with misfortune. Many a time has such help gone out to friends in need, and outside of the Division's room few learn of it, thus guarding the self respect of the member who was obliged to ask the assistance. All this goes to make up the fraternal side of the work in which the Society is engaged—it has been a friend indeed to many a Frat, and to those dependent on him. We wish all this would be borne in mind when someone endeavors to tell you there is no sentiment in the N. F. S. D. No other like organization has as much reason for mixing sentiment with business as has ours. "The fellow feeling which makes one wondrous kind" pervades the entire Society, just as it ought. We know; we have seen it working. It means a lot to be a Frat.

BIRTHS.

To Mr. and Mrs. Arthur H. Brockman of St. Louis, Mo., on May 23, a girl.

To Mr. and Mrs. Arthur C. Johnson of Galesburg, Ill., on June 14, a boy.

To Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Kuhn, of Philadelphia, Pa., on July 1, a girl.

To Mr. and Mrs. George Burford, of Toledo, O., on July 2, a boy.

To Mr. and Mrs. Sol. E. Pachter of Brooklyn, N. Y., on July 2, a girl.

To Mr. and Mrs. Max Blachschleger, of Cincinnati, O., on July 3, a girl.

To Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Ellerhorst, of Foster, O., on July 6, a girl.

To Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Chambers of Atlanta, Ga., on July 6, a boy.

To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas M. Cryan, of Lynn, Mass., on July 12, a girl.

MacCauley once said that, if America ever perished, it would be at the hands of the Goths and Vandals from within. The same is true of every fraternal organization. Its worst foes are the men who are still on the roll of membership, but are too selfish or too indifferent to give even the smallest portion of their time to getting in the new blood upon which the life of the Order depends.—Anchor and Shield.

"Promptness is the price of safety and peace."

Preparedness—a N. F. S. D. certificate.

Philadelphia—1918.

DIVISION NOTES

Chicago.

The month's callers at the home office were: Leon J. Bonham, of South Bend, Ind.; Barnet J. Keesing, of San Francisco, Cal.; Burd McVay of Cascade, Iowa; Joseph Wondra of Rockford, Ill.; Ernest Swangren, for the time being of Rockford, Ill.; M. J. Matheis and Hyman Bernstein, of Salt Lake City, Utah; Iva M. Robinson, of Sioux Falls, S. D.; William Gibney, of Flint, Mich.; Wallace D. Edington, of Cleveland, O.; Ed Miller, Ernest Miller and Henry Stumpe, of St. Louis, Mo.; Peter T. Hughes of Fulton, Mo.; Emil E. Rosenfield, of Milwaukee. Wm. W. Sayles, of Sulphur, Okla.

No. One's sixteenth annual picnic will be held, rain or shine, at Bergman's Grove, Riverside, Ill., on Sunday, August 27. To reach the grove: take 22nd St. (Kenton) car to end of the line, then board a LaGrange car for the grove—ask conductor; or, take Douglas Park Metropolitan Elevated to 48th Ave., then walk a quarter of a block south to 22nd St. and take LaGrange car for the grove.

Sidney H. Howard was admitted as a social member at Chicago's July meeting.

Willie N. Carothers of Georgetown, Texas, is recovering from an operation for appendicitis performed a few weeks ago, at the Austin Sanitarium. An item in the Lone Star says that he underwent the operation without ether or any other anaesthetic, and witnessed the work of the doctors and nurses from beginning to end.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter T. Hughes of Fulton, Mo., have taken a flat here for the summer, and are a welcome addition to the Washington Park colony.

John D. Sullivan is spending his fortnight's vacation at Delavan, Wis. Harrison M. Leiter is spending part of it with him, and Dave Padrowsky may run up there later for a week. Sully claims he is going up there to rest, but we don't believe he will spend much time in a hammock meditating on the beauties of nature.

Some forty of Isadore Newman's friends sprung a surprise on him June 23 in the shape of a stag supper at the Hotel Bismarck. It was a sort of bachelor send-off, coming as it did just on the eve of his wedding. The surprise was complete and Izzy was flabbergasted. Much hilarity, Dutch eats, and a good time for all concerned.

Isaac Weisbaum is off on a vacation jaunt which will take him to Peoria, Springfield and St. Louis visiting friends and relatives.

Detroit.

Robert H. McLachlan and wife got up a picnic for the deaf who stayed in town over the Fourth. It was held at Belle Isle, a beautiful park on an island in the Detroit river.

George H. Wise has announced that he is going to move with his family to Philadelphia about the middle of July. He has secured a position there as a

hardwood finisher. A farewell party was given in their honor by James Wise and Mrs. H. B. Waters on June 28th, and they received a present of some cut-glass dishes. Our well wishes go with them.

Several of the ladies here, some of them Aux-Frats, had a lawn fete at the home of Preston S. Perry on June 24. The object of the fete was to raise money to purchase a wheel chair, with chain attachment for the use of Brother Perry. The affair was well attended and appears to have been a success.

Our Social Committee is planning to have a picnic on Labor Day, September 4, and it will probably be held at Schaffer's park. Definite announcement of the picnic and its location will be given later.

Saginaw.

Carl D. Riley of Lansing, Mich., had a real "experience" not long ago. He had gone down to the bank and drawn some money. About midnight he started for home. It was very dark and he had a "hunch" that he'd better put his money in a safe place. So he stopped, took out his roll of bills, amounting to \$40.00, and tucked it under his hat-band. A few blocks farther on a couple of stick-up men held him up and went through his pockets. But, thanks to his "hunch," they got only eleven cents. That was a lucky premonition!

Cincinnati.

Cincinnati Division's annual picnic on the Fourth was called off on account of doubtful conditions. But a number of the members spent the day at Fernbank Dam, as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bliss. Some thirty frats reported a good time out there. Some of the boys took advantage of the opportunity to watch the "preparedness" stunts of the troopers at Fort Thomas, just across the river.

Martin B. Reed is with us for the summer. He was present at our meeting, much in evidence with his Old Kaintuck smile and some extra pounds of beef.

Charles H. Fry returned just before the Fourth from St. Louis, where he had been spending an idle week with relatives.

Max Blachschleger spent his two weeks' annual vacation in St. Louis with his wife's parents. He returned home the proud father of a fine, healthy girl. Mrs. Max is doing nicely and will return home as soon as she is able.

Nashville.

Tuesday night, August 29th, will be given over to our fraternity during the convention of the Tennessee Association of the Deaf. Come one, come all.

Thomas S. Marr and Jesse T. Warren are spending a short vacation this month at Brother Marr's summer cottage at Beersheba Springs in the Cumberland mountains.

Toledo.

District Organizer Kreigh B. Ayers was present at our regular July meeting in the interest of the CAT picnic.

Norbert Pilliod surprised his friends here by making his appearance at our

recent meeting. He has not changed much during his year at Gallaudet, and is as sporty as ever.

No. 16 extends congratulations to Morgan D. Mills, who slipped away just before the Fourth and was married to a West Virginia girl.

At Willys Park on Independence Day a nice picnic gathering was held under the management of John Opicka. Although it was his first endeavor the affair was a pleasant and successful one. Contests for prizes were the feature of the afternoon's program. Refreshments were in great demand and sold well.

Milwaukee.

A committee on arrangements, of which Ladmir Kolman is chairman, is putting forth its best efforts to make Milwaukee Division's coming picnic at Fernwood Grove on August 6, a success that will surpass any picnic we have ever had. Several changes for the better are in their minds. Don't fail to come—and bring your family, relatives, and friends. Also, try to sell all your tickets. How many have you sold already? If you have any left, try and sell them all out. A good time is assured for everyone.

We want all members of No. 17, resident and non-resident alike, to be present for the taking of a group picture of the Division in the morning on August 6, before the picnic in the afternoon.

The big building of the American Show Print Co. was destroyed by fire on July 8. Ladmir Kolman, who is in their employ, was thrown into idleness for a few days. But the company has secured temporary quarters and Ladmir has returned to work.

John Holub, George Karges, Ladmir Kolman, and John Kurry report having had some fine fishing at Neeona Lake recently.

James F. Cullen went up to Eagle River July 1 to look over his property and to visit his motherless daughter in Janesville.

James Kearns spent the holiday week with his folks and friends at Rhinelander, Wis.

On June 24, the Kolmans celebrated their first wedding anniversary, with the aid of Mr. and Mrs. Pleskatchek, Mr. and Mrs. Kurry, Mr. and Mrs. Karges, and Henry B. Plunkett. The guests partook of a wedding cake which was baked a year ago. The reporter admits having felt great curiosity as to how that year-old cake could have tasted; when permitted to sample a piece of it, he found it as tender and sweet as when fresh. He was shown another cake, baked at the same time; it was soldered up in tin, airtight, and will not be opened until the twenty-fifth anniversary rolls around. Anybody who is going to get married, and wants the recipe can write to Ladmir Kolman.

Brooklyn.

At a meeting of Brooklyn Division, the following resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, It has pleased the Almighty God in His infinite wisdom, to remove from our midst forever our brother, Moses Heyman;

Whereas, Brother Heyman was a faithful and loyal social member, always upholding the true fraternal spirit, and was ever painstaking in his efforts to better the interests of the society and his associates;

Resolved, That in the death of Brother Heyman, the Division has sustained the loss of a brother and a true gentleman, alike to home and friends, whose fellowship was a pleasure to enjoy; that we offer to those of his immediate family our heartfelt condolences, and

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to those of the immediate family of the deceased brother, and a like copy be spread upon the minutes of the Division for permanent keeping, and that copies be sent to *The Frat, The Silent Worker and The Deaf-Mutes' Journal*.—Max M. Lubin, John D. Shea and Louis A. Cohen, Committee.

Louis Kerner has gone back to Monticello, N. Y., after a short stay at home. He expects to remain until next fall, which will make it almost one year that he has been up that way.

James Constantin and his committee of the recent ball broke all previous records as to profits.

The stork has been quite busy of late among the members, having visited Brothers Zwicker, Scherer, Kutner, Lykes and Schnurman. All report conditions "good."

James McKenna, one of Brooklyn's oldest members, has just recovered from an operation, and is about again looking the same as ever.

Brooklyn Division's picnic, scheduled for Saturday, September 2, will afford many out-of-town fraters a chance to attend, as Labor Day falls on the 4th.

Joseph Lykes met recently with an unfortunate accident, and is now at home. He was first taken to a hospital, but later sent home. Latest reports state he is doing nicely.

Brooklyn Division is working hard to build up its membership again. However, the other cities have attractions which seem to appeal to some, and of course that means making out a "tr" card.

Besides being Sergeant-at-Arms, Jacob Keiber seems to find his amusement in working on the committees for all of Brooklyn's social affairs. He has really been a tireless and earnest worker.

Albert Zwicker has been somewhere in Ohio for some time. Joseph Zeiss is still in Bridgeport, where he is employed at the Remington plant.

Mr. and Mrs. William E. Shaw expect to leave for Maine around July 1, chiefly for the latter's health.

Grand President Anderson was present at the July meeting of Brooklyn Division, on the 11th. On Wednesday evening the 12th, he was the guest of the Division at the performance of "The Fall of a Nation" now playing in New York City. On Thursday evening the 13th, the Division tendered him a "Testimonial Dinner" at the Carlos in New York City, and at the same time presented him with a handsome stick-pin set with six diamonds. Mrs. Anderson

was presented with a handsome sterling silver pencil as a reminder from Brooklyn Division. President Anderson left for Philadelphia on the following day, Friday, stating he was sorry he could not remain longer, as the city was such an interesting place, he was really tempted to do so.

The division captured a beautiful American flag at one of the recent picnics, and it was unfurled at the July meeting. Brother McVea and his tug-of-war team were the lucky ones.

St. Louis.

The Division's annual picnic, held on June 17 was a financial and social success in every way. Brought out by the perfect weather, a large crowd attended, and enjoyed a real, old-fashioned picnic. Among out-of-town Frats present were Chas. A. Hartman of Kansas City, and Earl R. Bueltemann of Cape Girardeau. In the baseball game the Frat team took the box of cigars, and a majority of the other prizes also went to fraters. The Aux-Frats were not behind, either, in winning games; Mrs. Gilmore and Mrs. Steidemann taking handsome souvenirs of the day. The success of the affair has led to some talk of an encore in August.

Among visiting fraters in St. Louis during the past month we ran across the following: Ed. G. Whitaker, who dropped into town for a short stay. He may resume residence in St. Louis in the fall. Peter T. Hughes, who paid this city a brief visit while on his way to Chicago for the summer, accompanied by Mrs. Hughes. Rudolph Stark of Detroit and his sister, Miss Stark, who were here for a few days over the Fourth. They attended a Home Fund social at the residence of Brother and Mrs. Burgherr on the 4th, and met many of the Frats and Aux-Frats. We regret their stay was so short. Come again. Mr. Stark was a schoolmate of our own Brother Hunter, and of course they had a lot of yarns to swap.

William H. Schaub intends spending his two weeks vacation fishing in Wisconsin or Minnesota about the last of July. That is far enough away to let him fabricate anything with an easy conscience anent the fish that got away, so we will be prepared for anything. Bill doesn't have to worry about railroad fare. He has a secret password and conductors always pass him.

Kalamazoo.

Kalamazoo Division will hold a picnic at Gull Lake on Sunday, August 20. It will begin bright and early, at 7:00 a. m. For information, write Frank A. Adams, Chairman. His address is 707 Portage Court, Kalamazoo.

Portland, Ore.

On May 20 a literary entertainment under Division auspices was given. The program included a debate on "Preparedness," in which P. L. Axling, W. F. Schneider and L. A. Divine participated, a lecture by Superintendent Thomas P. Clarke of the Washington School for the Deaf, a skit, entitled "Sherlocko Holme-

sy," which sounds like Jimmie Meagher had something to do with it, and other interesting features. The ladies brought homemade lunch for two, attractively tied up with the name inside of the lady who put it up—no, no, we mean with the lady's name inside who put it up. These lunches were auctioned off to the highest bidders. Quite some entertainment, and a real pleasant time was had.

Fred S. Delanoy and family have moved back to Portland from Salem. While living in Salem Brother Delanoy worked in a sawmill at Silverton, which is not far from Salem. He expects to resume his former occupation here, as soon as a minor accident to his foot will permit.

Joe Jorg is now erecting a nice bungalow on his lot out St. Johns way.

P. L. Axling is now in eastern Oregon, connected with an irrigation enterprise. We haven't the details and exact location.

J. F. Meagher and his good frau have set sail for San Francisco, where they expect to be for the next six weeks while our Jimmie is learning to run a linotype.

Our proposed excursion on July 2 up the Columbia river was abandoned at the last minute. The weather was cold and rainy, while the river was rising to dangerous heights. The sale of tickets, too, was below the expected.

Bud Hastings and F. S. Delanoy both met with slight accidents at their work not long ago. Their disability did not extend over the second week, however, and so they could not present claims for benefit.

Huntington.

Domenic Biagi and Butler Fierbaugh were in Cincinnati to attend No. 10's smoker on June 3, and also attended the Hoosier reunion at Indianapolis. They had an enjoyable trip of a week. James A. Pring and Andrew Drake were planning to attend the smoker, too, but were prevented from going. A rush of extra work kept Jimmie tied to his desk at the C. & O. freight office, and so he had to give it up.

A lawn fete was recently given by the local Division. A good number of the deaf attended, the affair being a success in a financial way. Many thanks to all who helped to make it a success.

Huntington Division now has nineteen members on its roll, and expects to get more this summer. State Organizer Pring expects to make a trip to Wheeling as soon as he can arrange for it, and give a talk before quite a number of the deaf there. Our slogan: "Perseverance is a Sure Comer."

Thomas Liller of this Division recently landed a good job at one of the rubber factories in Akron. We wish him success in his new employment, which pays better wages than one can make on the farm.

Julius Maynard, C. B. Marple, John S. Bloom, Joe Taylor, and Walter Smith of Portsmouth, O., attended our picnic on July 4th. Nearly every Frat in these parts was there. Needless to say, we

were pleased to have a full attendance.

State Organizer James A. Pring has offered a handsome prize to the Frat who leads in getting the most new applications in West Virginia between now and July, 1918. Brother Pring believes that any of the West Virginia fraters can get some applications, as there are a great many of the deaf living in parts of the state where they do not know about the N. F. S. D. He hopes there will be more new members coming in before long.

Syracuse.

A most successful entertainment was given on April 29 under the auspices of Syracuse Division. Over a hundred and twenty persons attended, and the sum of \$54.46 was cleared. R. E. Conley was Chairman of the committee in charge of the affair.

Styles R. Woodworth has secured a job at the Remington Arms Company plant in Iliion, and is working there with J. F. Keller, and now R. E. Conley has

gone to join them. Make a note of Secretary Conley's new address—Box 94, Iliion, N. Y.

A number of Buffalo Division's non-resident members have taken out transfers to No. 48, on account of living nearer to Syracuse.

Man's first and highest duty is to God, then comes his duty to his family. Both of these duties are performed in furthering the cause of fraternalism.

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First Wednesday.	
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Mechanic Hall—First Saturday.	
Daniel Shea.....	Derry, N. H.
DAYTON, No. 8.....	Dayton, Ohio
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West Side Turn Hall—Second Saturday.	
Louis Williams.....	2239 W. 91st St.
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I. O. O. F. Hall—First Wednesday.	
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Imperial Hall, 360 Fulton St., Second Saturday.	
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201 Meadow St.—First Saturday.	
Joseph Leghorn.....	30 Butler St.
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730 S. Grand Ave.—First Tuesday.	
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Second Saturday.	
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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 four different amounts (\$250, 500, \$1,000 and \$1,500), 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	.99
24	.25	.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	1.46
36	.38	.76	1.51
37	.41	.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	.79	1.56	3.12
54	.82	1.64	3.28
55	.86	1.72	3.44

Applications may be made for certificate amounts of \$250, \$500, \$1,000, \$1,500 and \$2,000. For the \$1,500 class the monthly assessments will be based on a combination of the rates for \$1,000 and \$500 as per above table. For the \$2,000 class the rate is double that for \$1,000.

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 per capita tax of thirty-five 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-five 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 (exclusive of the first week of disability) 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 (April 20, 1916) it has paid fifty-five 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 dear" 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 Treasurer and the Division Treasurers 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.

For the Address of
State Organizers,
Grand Officers and a
Directory of Divi-
sions, See Page 7.