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The Legend of the Mount of the Holy Cross Near Denver

Many years ago, when the Franciscan Friars were earnestly engaged in the grand work of converting the inhabitants of Mexico to the worship of God, a monk in Spain yielded to the tempter and committed an unpardonable crime. Day and night, with contrite heart he sought in prayer expiation for his sin. It was revealed to him in a vision that when he saw a cross suspended in the air it would be a token of his forgiveness. Then he became filled with a feeling of unrest, and longed to travel. He joined an expedition to Mexico, and wandered over the country in search of the sacred symbol until his hair was frosted and his limbs were infirm with age. Finding no rest for his soul he joined an exploring party coming North.

By winding ways they traveled; from mountain summits, where the sunshine lingers, to valleys barred with light and shadows, through deep defiles robed in verdure, girdled with flowers and crowned with snow, onward they went. Arriving one day on the summit of a lofty mountain, they pitched their tents. It was not the hour to camp, but their further progress was prevented by a dense fog that with the morning sun rose from the ground and gradually grew, until it mingled with clouds and enveloped the whole earth.

The pious man wandered away from the sound of human voices to pray for the removal of his burden of sin. Kneeling in deep humility, he raised his hands and voice to God, when lo! the cloud was lifted, and suspended before him, resplendent with the rays of the glorious sun, was the CROSS. The Great Spirit of the Mountains breathed forgiveness, and his soul went out in joy.

Wondering at his long delay, his companions went to search for him, and found him dead in the attitude of prayer, with his face toward the Mount of the Holy Cross.

The OHIO HOME *for* AGED *and* INFIRM DEAF



THIS Home is located about ten miles north of Columbus and a mile and a half south of Westerville, Ohio. The town's name is Central College. The buildings as pictured are: 1—Wornstaff Hall, the men's cottage, viewed from the north side; 2—the same hall from the west side; 3—the Main Building, the women's home and offices; 4—the old building, erected in 1840, now used for storage purposes; 5—poultry house; 6—new barn; 7—old barn and silo. This property is owned and managed by the Ohio State Association of the Deaf.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Division Collections for June

Grand Division	\$ 32.49
Chicago	455.05
Detroit	313.60
Saginaw	27.86
Louisville	162.22
Little Rock	152.34
Dayton	72.13
Bay City	24.22
Cincinnati	163.21
Evansville	25.61
Nashville	41.33
Springfield, Ohio	19.50
Olathe	121.18
Flint	193.41
Toledo	203.42
Milwaukee	166.41
Columbus	213.81
Knoxville	88.74
Cleveland	130.63
Indianapolis	273.29
Brooklyn	316.22
St. Louis	337.45
New Haven	53.41
Holyoke	60.70
Los Angeles	215.47
Atlanta	53.20
Philadelphia	286.76
Kansas City	169.46
Omaha	126.58
New Orleans	135.28
Kalamazoo	47.84
Boston
Pittsburgh	285.19
Hartford	68.34
Memphis	64.36
Portland, Maine	47.64
Buffalo	109.45
Portland, Ore.	141.28
Newark	122.02
Providence	60.48
Seattle	79.49
Utica	99.11
Washington	124.14
Baltimore	110.63
Syracuse	78.43
Cedar Rapids	75.42
Huntington	96.06
Albany	36.32
Rochester	117.31
San Francisco	131.95
Reading	127.04
Akron	244.13
Salt Lake City	34.54
Rockford	66.08
Springfield, Ill.
Davenport	46.09
Worcester	84.57
St. Paul-Minneapolis	147.20
Ft. Worth	99.69
Dallas	243.17
Denver	99.96
Waterbury	19.79
Springfield, Mass.	31.67
Waco	77.80
Pittsfield	11.01
Bangor	56.31
Kenosha	92.47
Birmingham	93.59
Sioux Falls	61.50
Wichita	66.23
Spokane	35.57
Des Moines	43.47
Lowell	49.80
Berkeley	48.24

Delavan	216.56
Houston	82.14
Scranton	40.17
Richmond	54.10
Johnstown	39.08
Manhattan	129.99
Jacksonville	48.56
Lewiston	65.55
Peoria	43.13
Jersey City	64.07
Bronx	87.60
Columbia	66.87
Charlotte	68.74
Durham	79.40
Dubuque	36.88
Grand Rapids	42.08
Toronto	240.89
Duluth	31.96
Canton	44.32
Faribault	39.00
South Bend	72.43
Council Bluffs	78.09
Ft. Wayne	47.46
Schenectady	20.40
Chicago	131.61
Total collections	\$10,281.44

OBITUARY

William Van Lewis

Brother William Van Lewis, 41, died at his home in Springfield, Ill., June 22. He joined the society through Chicago Division in December, 1912, and transferred as a charter member to Springfield Division No. 58 when it was organized, in December, 1916.

PUTTING IT OFF

"Some day I'll have my life insured,"
The cheerful husband said;
"When I have got the bacon cured
And built a barn and shed.
You do not need to worry, Jane,
For worry makes you gray;
You have insurance on the brain—
I'll tend to it some day—
Just now I'm needing every cent
That I can rustle up;
Some vacant lots I want to rent,
I want to buy a pup;
I'd like to buy a billygoat—
I know of one for sale—
I need a new clawhammer coat,
And that will take some kale,
I cannot buy insurance now,
I need each picayune,
But I'll attend to it, my frau,
Some sunny afternoon."
Death always seems to lie in wait,
For people of this stripe;
He follows them with eager gait,
And picks them ere they're ripe.
The story of the Daily Flute
Brings teardrops to our lids;
He left his family destitute—
A wife and fifteen kids.

—[Walt Mason.

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TREASURER'S STATEMENT
FOR JUNE, 1926

Balance and Income

Balance, May 31	\$778,892.28
Division collections	10,281.44
Interest, mortgage loans	1,385.00
Interest, bonds	108.38
Interest, banks	24.60
Sale of emblem jewelry	48.05
Recording fees	11.50
Subscriptions to "Frat"	2.50
Sundry supplies	5.50
Exchange on checks	1.30
Total balance and income	\$790,760.55

Disbursements

Death benefits	\$ 3,250.00
Sick benefits	765.00
Accident benefits	155.00
Accrued int. on mortgage	155.00
Organizing expenses	10.00
Refund of dues	7.76
Salaries	570.82
Services	400.00
Official publication	208.42
Rent	175.00
Postage	144.25
Insurance Department fees	141.19
Office expenses	60.86
Printing and stationery	16.96
Surety bond premium	7.50

Total disbursements \$ 6,067.76

Recapitulation

Balance and income	\$790,760.55
Disbursements	6,067.76
Balance, June 30	\$784,692.79

TRUSTEE'S REPORT

Ledger Assets, June 30, 1926

First mortgage loans	\$678,843.92
First mortgage bonds	49,925.73
U. S. Liberty bonds	43,084.72
Canadian bonds	995.55
Cash in banks:	
Central Trust Company	7,180.38
Bank of Montreal	3,430.65
Secy's contingent fund	300.00
Treasurer's cash	931.84
Total ledger assets	\$784,692.79

Balance in Funds

Reserve Fund	\$645,561.79
Mortuary Fund	43,661.47
Sick and Accident Fund	54,187.57
Unallocated interest	21,455.72
Convention Fund	8,716.14
Organizing Fund	2,500.59
General Expense Fund	8,609.51
Total in all funds	\$784,692.79

Concerning Investments

In the month of June, there were no maturities on outstanding loans.

One first mortgage for \$15,000 at 6% on improved real estate in Chicago was purchased.

Commitment has been made for the purchase of first mortgage bonds to the amount of \$20,000, bearing 6% interest, the take-over to be effected in July and August.

JUNE DEATH CLAIMS

Paid to Jeannot Cohlberg, Philadelphia, Pa., for death benefit of Nicholas Cahn, Certificate No. 1668, deceased May 13, 1926, \$250.

Paid to George Ireland, Toronto, Canada, for death benefit of Lewis Elmer Ireland, Certificate No. 7083, deceased April 30, 1926, \$2,000.

Paid to Laura H. Clagett and John H. Clagett, Little Lot, Tenn., for death benefit of Oliver G. Clagett, Certificate No. 275, deceased May 13, 1926, \$500.

Paid to Mrs. Sarah Zaresky, Philadelphia, Pa., for death benefit of Herman Isaac Zaresky, Certificate No. 3599, deceased May 19, 1926, \$500.

JUNE DISABILITY CLAIMS

*J. W. Nash, Strong, Pa.....	\$ 40.00
Arno Dietzsch, Chicago.....	15.00
Simon Mundheim, Brooklyn....	20.00
J. A. Sandberg, Worcester.....	10.00
G. W. Williams, Brazil, Ind.....	10.00
*R. D. Diehl, Greensburg, Pa....	10.00
H. F. Becker, Milwaukee.....	10.00
F. W. Bloom, Harwick, Pa.....	10.00
L. E. Dazey, Indianapolis.....	25.00
Chas. Fritzges, Pittsburgh.....	10.00
J. L. Boren, Tupelo, Miss.....	10.00
Dennis Hannan, Toledo.....	25.00
B. F. Jackson, Rockford.....	45.00
F. I. McMullen, Windber, Pa....	10.00
John W. Pope, Durham.....	10.00
E. R. Ruth, Athens, Ohio.....	50.00
Harry Shapiro, Philadelphia....	50.00
Frank Strong, Houston, Pa.....	15.00
Nicholas Cahn, Philadelphia....	50.00
L. E. Ireland, Toronto.....	20.00
*Sigmond Horn, San Francisco...	10.00
H. E. Bell, Booneville, Ark.....	20.00
F. J. Bonvouloir, Hartford.....	25.00
R. P. Handley, Los Angeles.....	25.00
J. Brandt, N. Bergen, N. J.....	15.00
E. Davis, Clark Mills, N. Y.....	50.00
F. Gagnier, Springfield, Mass....	10.00
C. H. Doane, Los Angeles.....	10.00
Peter Heinz, Richmond, Ind.....	10.00
L. Hennigan, Baton Rouge, La....	25.00
Isidore Lewis, New York.....	15.00
Chas. Miller, Bay City.....	15.00
W. M. McHale, Hartford.....	30.00
John Polk, River Rouge, Mich....	15.00
Jacob Seltzer, Brooklyn.....	20.00
*R. J. Bertrand, Milwaukee.....	30.00
*A. Van W. Ross, Hoboken, N. J.	40.00
*Joseph Rothman, Cleveland....	10.00
*L. C. Williams, Potter Valley, Cal.	15.00
Adolph Brizius, Evansville.....	15.00
J. J. Davison, Butler, N. J.....	10.00
G. H. Drake, Romney, W. Va....	35.00
L. E. Fowler, Portland, Ore.....	15.00
T. J. Lacey, Hamilton, Ohio.....	10.00
Total for the month.....	\$920.00

*Denotes accident claims.

OF COURSE

"Bully soup, waiter."

"Yes, sir, it's oxtail."—[Detroit News.

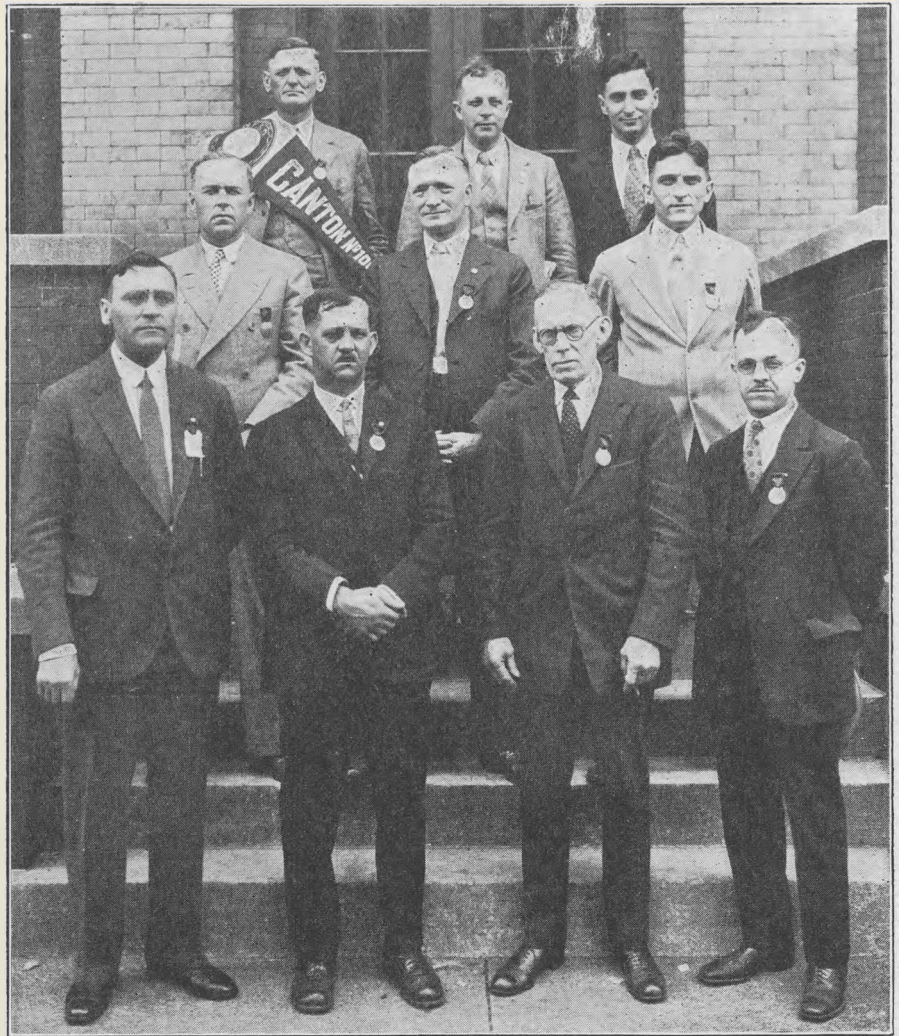


Photo by H. Witte

DIVISION PRESIDENTS AT THE CHICAGO JUBILEE

Taken at the south entrance to the Silent Athletic Clubhouse, May 30, 1926. Those in the group are:

Front row, left to right—Charles B. Kemp, Chicago No. 1; Thomas J. Kenney, Detroit No. 2; Patrick Dolan, Louisville No. 4; Edwin M. Hazel, Omaha No. 32.

Center row—Harry C. Ware, Akron No. 55; Fred Shatwell, Rockford No. 57; Alfred C. Bertsch, Peoria No. 90.

Back row—Robert E. Davis, Canton No. 100; R. Otis Yoder, Ft. Wayne No. 104; Peter Livshis, Chicago No. 106.

DEATHS

May 20—Chassie Smith Mankin, sister of Walter H. Burns, Birmingham, Ala.

May 29—Mella T. Sizemore, wife of James E. Sizemore, Miami, Fla.

June 11—Katherine Ferg, mother of J. William Ferg, Louisville, Ky.

June 12—Mother of Louis L. Edwards, New York, N. Y.

June 19—Bessie Schwartz Boyer, wife of James J. Boyer, Freeport, Ill.

July 1—Reuben Blum, brother of Louis Blum, Toledo, O.

July 3—Mother of Richard Geith, Albany, N. Y.

July 4—Temperance Jane Speir, mother of Henry Speir, Greendale, Miss.

ENGAGEMENTS

Harry M. Dundas, Saginaw, Mich., and Miss Anna Rechlin, Bay City, Mich.

John S. Wondrack, Akron, O., and Miss Lydia McNeill, Chicago, Ill.

Orley J. Schooley, Jr., and Miss Ann Louisa Stauffer, both of Peckville, Pa.

Clyde W. Drolsbaugh, Scranton, Pa., and Miss Marjorie H. Schooley, Peckville, Pa.

INCOMPREHENSIBLE

George: "Here is the old gag about the deaf mute who fell down the well and wore out three fingers yelling for help."

Georgiana: "Oh, don't be a silly! How could anyone hear him."—[California Pelican.

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BIRTHS

March 16—Mr. and Mrs. Philip A. Heupel, Akron, O., a girl.
 April 22—Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Barrett, Scranton, Pa., a boy.
 April 25—Mr. and Mrs. John M. Jackson, Haverhill, Mass., a girl.
 May 3—Mr. and Mrs. John F. Zoeller, Cleveland, O., boy.
 May 7—Mr. and Mrs. Walter B. Whetstone, Detroit, Mich., girl.
 June 9—Mr. and Mrs. William H. Hill, Roslindale, Mass., a girl.
 June 12—Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Haley, Chicago, Ill., a boy.
 June 13—Mr. and Mrs. John Clerico, Brooklyn, N. Y., boy.
 June 24—Mr. and Mrs. Herbert A. Archer, Akron, O., a girl.
 June 26—Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Andrewjeski, Akron, O., a girl.
 June 26—Mr. and Mrs. Harry Benowitz, Rochester, N. Y., a boy.
 June 28—Mr. and Mrs. James A. Wall, Boston, Mass., a boy.
 July 4—Mr. and Mrs. Ernest H. March, Chicago, Ill., a boy.
 July 4—Mr. and Mrs. Hyman B. Frankel, Chicago, Ill., a girl.
 July 4—Mr. and Mrs. Clarence E. Hill, Toledo, O., a boy.
 July 9—Mr. and Mrs. George Homrighausen, Akron, O., a girl.

MARRIAGES

June 6—Wesley A. Sherman, Wichita, Kan., and Miss Margaret Ream, Kansas City, Mo.
 June 12—Alfred Lamponi and Miss Rose Massita, both of New York, N. Y.
 June 12—Clarence J. Pinder, Toronto, Ont., and Miss Lily Brown, Akron, O.
 June 16—Ellis H. Taylor, Knoxville, Tenn., and Miss Ottie Williams, Newport, Tenn.
 June 16—Joseph Balasa and Miss Adline Pitre, both of New Orleans, La.
 June 16—Bruce Land and Letta A. Carpenter, both of Napa, Cal.
 June 20—Jeremiah D'Antonio and Miss Mary Dioria, both of New York, N. Y.
 June 23—Benjamin F. Flynn and Miss Berenice Pollock, both of Louisville, Ky.
 June 23—George Goll, Jr., Stryker, O., and Miss Irene Roeder, Lima, O.
 June 24—Frank E. Harris, Toronto, Ont., and Miss Margaret Golds, Kitchener, Ont.
 June 26—Carl R. Johnson and Miss Evelyn Hinrichs, both of Chicago, Ill.
 June 29—Edward A. Hopkins, Ak-

ron, O., and Miss Cora Reeser, Monroe, Tenn.

June 30—Howard L. Arnold, Harrisburg, Pa., and Miss Viola Reeser, Bangor, Pa.

July 3—Rudolph Kaplan, Kenosha, Wis., and Miss Stella Bailey, Cedar Rapids, Ia.

July 3—Marion Whitacre and Miss Gladys Morrison, both of Toledo, O.

July 3—Charles F. Pope, Fremont, O., and Miss Vida Morrison, Toledo, O.

July 7—Myron Burt and Miss Delia Ray, both of Toledo, O.

July 17—Donald W. Gledhill, Lewiston, Me., and Miss Emily T. Barrett, Auburn, Me.

Chemistry Professor—"Name three articles containing starch."

Student—"Two cuffs and a collar."

DELICATE WORK

Husband (reading from paper): "It says here that three thousand four hundred and twenty-six elephants were needed last year to make billiard balls."

Wife: "Isn't it wonderful that such great beasts can be taught to do such delicate work?"—[Ancient Craft Log.

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*Ohio State School for the Deaf*

Founded in 1829. Located at Columbus. The picture is of the main building. Buildings and grounds valued at \$1,175,000. Approximately 4,800 Ohio boys and girls have received their education at this school.

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Bulletin No. 8

Remembering that there is an eternal sameness about all cities, and knowing that the delegates and visitors who will attend the 1927 convention in the Queen City of the Rockies, most of them at any rate, live in cities that probably have the same topographical lines as Denver, the Convention Committee decrees that the *piece de resistance* of the coming event shall be the mountains that tower above Denver on the west. What better way to spend a vacation than in the mountains, motoring, hiking or fishing, and also playing golf? Even the chess enthusiast will be able to get in a game while perched a couple of miles above sea level. Having this in mind it behooves us to let the world know what we have in store for all who come, also what those who do not come will miss.

Denver alone of all the cities in America can present a program that will be utterly different. In fact all of the time can be spent in the mountains if the Grand officers permit. There is a new place to visit every minute. There are scores of peaks to climb, and from their tops wonderful views to be seen.

Beginning with the next issue of The Frat we propose to tell each month something about the varied trips and outings planned for convention week. But do not expect us to give you enough dope to enable you to say you have been in Colorado without really being there. We will fall far short of our objective, which is to attempt to give some idea of what Colorado has for the vacationist, for who among mortals can paint a word picture that will do real justice to the wonders of the Rockies? Who is able to describe the vast number of scenic routes that lead through the Eternal Hills? Who can paint the fun of engaging in a snow battle in July? I suppose that those who live way south of the equator along the Antarctic Sea could do so, but not one of us northerners can imagine it. Yet it is a fact that snow fights are as frequent as the days of July in Colorado. Also who would imagine that he could enter a ski tournament on the Fourth of July? That is actually what happens every year in Colorado where the glaciers hold sway. All this within easy motoring distance from Denver. Anyone who thinks he is a fisherman is welcome to try his luck for the wily trout found in mountain streams; it looks easy, but—

Well, we started out to say something and got sidetracked. This is what we wanted to say: When the program committee presented their schedule the Convention Committee cast a dubious eye over it and in one chorus asked, "When do the delegates and visitors get to eat and sleep?" To this the P. C. replied: "Whenever they get a chance!"

To be perfectly frank those who



will be here better get all the sleep they can at home; we promise to give them a great vacation and sights that will never be forgotten, and sleep and eats on the jump.

Then for those who are not tied down by convention business there will be arranged trips that can be extended from half-a-day to a week or a month or as long as possible to stay. During these trips, camping out will be the rule, or else cabins can be secured by the more fastidious. If you who are coming want any more, call for it.

When the regions near Denver have been explored, there remains the Pike's Peak Region and the region west of there along the Denver and Rio Grande R. R. This route is through the Royal Gorge, gives you a chance to see the Mesa Verde Park that is full of the cliff dwellings of long-vanished 100% Americans.

In the last issue of The Frat it was stated that next year there would be no certificates to worry the traveler; he just had to buy his ticket and then forget it. Before buying the traveler would do well to find out how much farther he can go than Denver for a few dollars more. There is Yellowstone Park to the northwest, besides the many scenic lines that radiate from Denver. All well worth seeing.

Those who come in autos will indeed be fortunate, as much more can be seen with the aid of a car than can be seen from a railway carriage. The mountain roads are all well cared for and except in a few cases they are wide and give plenty of room to all who essay the task of steering a car up and down them.

It will be entirely unnecessary for those who come by rail to have a map as all railway tracks lead to Denver anyhow, but for those who come via auto, whether they have to push the car or ride, it is very easy to obtain the proper maps. In fact, we propose to publish a map in The Frat next spring. Later on we will tell the great secret of how to obtain a good map of all roads in Colorado for the price of a postage stamp.

For those who do not care to stay at hotels, Denver has one of the finest municipal camps in America. Just set up your tent there and you have be-

come a resident of Colorado for the time being.

To those who have no cars, or are unable to come in one, we want to say that arrangements can be made to use autos already in Denver. There is one car to every four persons here, if we got figures right, so it seems that a few can be spared for sightseers.

We do not know whether it is difficult for other divisions to get a full attendance at monthly meetings, and if not we do not know the reason why, but here in Denver it is next to impossible to do it, and the reason for absences is always "gone to the mountains." We now wonder how the attendance at the convention will hold up under such circumstances. It may be necessary to hold the convention sessions on the top of Mt. Evans, 14,260 feet high, or Longs Peak, 14,256 feet high. Wouldn't it be a great thing to elect the officers from that height and then tell them that after being elected from such lofty heights they ought to get out and get enough Frats so that there is one for every foot of the distance from sea level up to the top of the place where elected.

In front of the Capitol of Colorado is a spot that measures exactly 5,280 feet above sea level, and it happens that this very spot is located in a position where the convention delegates and visitors can stand to be photographed.

In the City Park Museum of Natural History there is an exhibit of gold valued at over one million dollars. This virgin gold is kept under heavy guard and when the safe doors are open it is still covered with heavy plate glass. Upstairs in this same museum are groups of stuffed animals from the Rockies as well as the plains, and the visitor is at once struck with the life-like poses. While on the subject of gold might we add that not all the gold is found in the mountains, as in the city whenever excavations are made for new buildings traces of gold are found, but not in quantities to pay to be mined. So Denver is really located on golden soil.

This year July Fourth fell on Sunday so there was a holiday on Monday, this made three days' holiday for many. Well, Saturday afternoon it was next to impossible to find any of

the deaf in Denver; all, or nearly all, had started for the mountains, and that evening could have been found scattered everywhere. Sunday and Monday more went. We are unable to give an accurate estimate of the number of trout caught, but the largest one caught weighed about three pounds and was over sixteen inches in length. One party of four reported a catch of over fifty trout. Fried trout—yum, yum! How many know the joys of it? It may be possible to have trout at the banquet in 1927. Too early to promise it now.

A very large number of those who went up in the mountains for the Fourth made no attempt to fish, but preferred to spend their time hiking and climbing the high peaks that abound there, and in hunting for fields of the magnificent wild flowers that are so numerous at this time of the year. One young lady counted fourteen different species of flowers in a space less than twelve feet square. Among the flowers seen at any time in July or August are the columbines, the Colorado state flower. Some of these are truly tremendous in size and their coloring is such that no artist has ever been able to paint them.

One auto party reported that when it went over Milner Pass, the road wound between banks of snow over ten feet high. Something to remember, to be sure. The roads at this point and at several other passes that are over 10,000 feet above sea level have to be cleared of snow every June to enable autos to get through. They are impassable after October, sometimes earlier. If we miss not our guess there will be a picture of one snow-covered pass in this issue of The Frat or the next. But that is not seeing the real thing. Come up to Colorado in 1927 and enjoy a vacation that will be a treasured memory for years to come.

One thing more, the last issue of The Frat failed to state that for those who use the railroads, round trips will be available from the last of May and return limit will be October 31. Can you beat that?

Five whole months for vacation! Come early and stay late.—[H. E. Grace.

*Be
More Than a
Good Fellow
Be a
Good Frat*

NEW MEMBERS

2. H. H. Christensen.....Detroit
5. H. V. Engle.....Mountain View, Ark.
10. *Frank Knollman.....Cincinnati
15. R. L. Carson.....Owosso, Mich.
18. K. A. Campbell.....Big Prairie, O.
23. Nathan Sharr.....Brooklyn
24. N. M. Yates.....Monroe City, Mo.
28. J. S. Webb.....La Grange, Ga.
30. J. M. Leach.....Philadelphia
30. E. G. Merkle.....Philadelphia
32. F. A. Clayton.....Omaha
32. Charles J. Falk.....Omaha
33. E. M. Cafiero, Jr.....Algiers, La.
33. A. P. Luke.....Meraux, La.
40. W. E. Murphy.....Buffalo
41. W. H. Seward.....Aurora, Ore.
41. C. F. La Fave.....Salem, Ore.
41. L. C. Peterson.....Salem, Ore.
41. H. C. Taylor.....Salem, Ore.
42. T. A. Lynam.....New York
46. *Harrison Reed.....Washington
57. S. J. Bondick.....Rockford
58. T. De Gutis.....Springfield
80. D. A. Worman.....De Soto, Wis.
80. A. U. Saxer.....Oshkosh, Wis.
81. J. O. Chance.....Houston
98. J. R. Shilson.....Silver Centre, Ont.
98. C. W. McKee.....Tiverton, Ont.
98. H. L. Goodman.....Montreal, Que.
101. A. R. Swee.....Faribault
101. *F. E. Schori.....Faribault
102. K. O. Bowman.....Peru, Ind.

*Denotes social member.

WHAT'S YOURS?

Brother Schwarzlose of San Francisco Division sends the following list of excuses handed out by members of his division who fail to attend meetings:

Had another engagement.
Out of town on business.
Went to see a sick friend.
Went to a wedding.
Had to see a relative off on the train.
Corns hurt and had to soak feet.
Couldn't find due card.
Had to work.
Don't like the way things are run.
What's the use? Same old bunch.
Don't want to as long as — is president.
Wife don't like to stay alone.
Had a bad cold.
Had to lay a carpet at home.
Oh, just because!
Had a pass for a show.
Bothered with rheumatism.
Fire near my house.
Forgot.
Wife sick.
Pain in my side.
What do I want to mix with that gang for?
Too much rag-chewing for me.
They can get along without me.
Meeting too long—live too far out.
Train (or car) broke down.
I send my dues, isn't that enough?
Not my night off.
One of the kids sick.
I'll be there next time.

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THE GET-ONE DEGREE

Does your vacation this summer take you out into the country? If so, don't forget that out there are lots of men of good character, steady habits and sound health—the very best membership material there is. Most of these know little or nothing about our great society, or of the advantages of belonging to it. It is up to you to enlighten them, interest them, and finally get them to join. How better can you spend a part of your idle time? Get busy. We don't like these summer slumps in the "new members" column.

Detroit Division—Ivan Heymansson.
Little Rock—James W. Knight.
Cincinnati—James M. Shepherd.
Flint—Leo Gorzenski.
Columbus—August J. Beckert.
Brooklyn—Benjamin Friedwald.
St. Louis—Homer Harrellson.
Atlanta—Leonard B. Dickerson.
Philadelphia—Harry Dooner, James J. Meenan.
Omaha—T. Cuscaden, O. Treuke.
New Orleans—Henry J. Soland, Leon Marx.
Buffalo—Leo J. Coughlin.
Portland, Ore.—Charles A. Lynch (3), Bird L. Craven.
Newark—Anthony L. Zachman.
Washington—Fred Harrison.
Rockford—John M. Skarzynski.
Springfield, Ill.—Norman Bowen.
Delavan—Duncan A. Cameron, Herman Riege.
Houston—Richard C. Morriss.
Toronto—John T. Shilton, John A. Buchan, Julius Stern.
Faribault—Victor R. Spence, Robert Oelschlager.
South Bend—William S. Yoder.



The Call to Arms

By

ETHEL
RICHARDSON

*FROM her boudoir's battle-ground,
Ready for the fray,
Pins and powder strewn around,
Mollie marched away.*

*Like a radiant butterfly
Fresh from chrysalis,
She's a target for the eye
Very few will miss.*

*Mollie says when Summer's on
Call to arms is strong,
So her armour she must don—
Tell me, is she wrong?*



Indiana State School for the Deaf

Founded in 1844. Located at Indianapolis. The picture is of the main building. Buildings and grounds valued at \$1,500,000. Approximately 3,400 Indiana boys and girls have received their education at this school.

NAD-FRAT SPECIAL TRAIN

A bunch of special Pullmans will leave Chicago Union Station over the Pennsylvania railroad at 8:15, standard time (9:15 by Chicago daylight saving time), Saturday night, August 7, for the 15th triennial convention of the National Association of the Deaf, in Washington, D. C.

Fare one way, \$27.78; round trip, \$55.56. When buying ticket, be sure to demand a certificate. This certificate will entitle you to half fare returning—provided we get 250 certificates—which makes the round trip \$41.67.

However, to be safe, I recommend everybody should instead buy the special round trip tickets to Philadelphia, via Washington, fare \$44.20. No certificates are given with these. The round trip tickets to New York, with stop-overs at Washington and Philadelphia, cost \$50.68. Truly a bargain.

Philadelphia is celebrating the 150th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence with a great exposition, which will be well worth seeing. It is a bargain chance to travel which has not been offered since before the war. A convention of 2,000 silents in the Capital; a great exposition; and a sight of the world's largest city.

Nad President Arthur L. Roberts—who is Grand Treasurer of the N. F. S. D.—will travel on this special. Washington headquarters will be the New Willard Hotel. From Monday, August 9, to Saturday, the 14th, a good program is arranged for the Nads. Friday night, the 13th, Washington Division No. 46 will hold a monster Frat smoker (admission by due-card and pass-word only) which will cost the division \$500! This alone will be worth the trip.

William Schaub, 5917 Highland Ave., St. Louis, will run a special Pullman filled with the deaf, leaving St. Louis over the Pennsylvania at 4:00 p. m., Saturday, August 7. Both the St. Louis and the Chicago cars reach Pittsburgh at 9 o'clock Sunday morning, where they will be coupled together, a few coaches and diners added, and they will proceed from thence on, probably as a special section, immediately behind the regular section of train 154-54, and on the same schedule. Pick-ups of deaf passengers at all Pennsylvania stops will be made. No Pullman tickets are necessary from Pittsburgh on. We expect a crowd of 400 silents aboard when we reach Washington at 7 o'clock Sunday evening. Look for printed signs in the

windows of our cars, "N. A. D. Special."

An estimate of the cost of the trip follows:

Round trip (Philadelphia).....	\$44.20
Pullman, lower (upper, \$6.60) ..	8.25
Hotel in Washington.....	18.00
Meals, etc. (about).....	20.00

Total Washington expenses....\$90.45

Certainly not much more than the average frat spends on his average vacation. But to this add Pullman fare returning, and expenses at Philadelphia.

Better write or wire Frederick Hughes, Gallaudet College, Kendall Green, Washington, D. C., for hotel reservations, telling him how much you are willing to pay per night, and how long you will stay. Rooms in private houses may be secured for \$6 to \$10 per week; while hotels range from \$1.50 to \$7 per night.

The Pennsylvania scenery through the Allegheny mountains is world-famed, our train passing Horseshoe Curve, Jack's Narrows, the Packsaddle, and the beautiful valleys of the Juniata and Susquehanna rivers in broad daylight.

Write out and keep the following itinerary:

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ROBERTS' RATTLER

Leave Chicago (Aug. 7), 8:15 p. m.; Ft. Wayne, 11:38 p. m.; Alliance (Aug. 8), 6:31 a. m.; arrive Pittsburgh, 9:00 a. m.

SCHAUB'S SLEEPER

Leave St. Louis (Aug. 7), 4:00 p. m.; Terre Haute, 8:11 p. m.; Indianapolis, 10:02 p. m.; Columbus (Aug. 8), 4:00 a. m.; arrive Pittsburgh, 9:00 a. m.

NAD SPECIAL

Leave Pittsburgh, 9:25 a. m.; Altoona, 12:17 p. m.; Harrisburg, 3:50 p. m.; York, 4:28 p. m.; Baltimore, 6:08 p. m.; arrive Washington, 7:05 p. m.

All Pullmans, no coaches, Chicago and St. Louis to Pittsburgh. As a special concession to us, coaches are added at Pittsburgh. This is the famous "Gotham Limited," No. 54-154.

Passengers from points west of Chicago should ask local ticket agents for reduced round-trip fares to Philadelphia, booked over the Pennsylvania. Those not on the direct line should make arrangements to board the Nad special at the nearest junction points. And, above all, if you can't get a reduced round-trip ticket, get a one-way ticket and demand a certificate. Without this certificate you can not get half-fare returning.

Don't forget your due-card; also your division hat, if you have one.

Write for Pullman reservations to W. E. Blachley, Div. Pass. Agt., 524 Union Station, Chicago; or get them in person either at the Union Station or at the Chicago ticket office, 161 W. Jackson Blvd. Upper berth, \$6.60; lower berth (holds 2), \$8.25; compartment (holds 4), \$23.25 (or \$5.81 each); drawing room (holds 5), \$30 (or \$6 each). Get up a little party and engage compartments or drawing rooms on the rear observation car, and thus save money and show your "class."

Are YOU coming? If not, why not?

J. FREDERICK MEAGHER,
Transportation Committeeman.

ON TO WASHINGTON!

Fifteenth Triennial Convention

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
OF THE DEAF

WASHINGTON, D. C.

August 9-14, 1926

THE DEAF AS DRIVERS

Some Expert Testimony

[The subjoined is taken from the Kalamazoo Gazette, of Sunday, July 4th, and is very complimentary to the deaf.]

Who are the most careful automobile drivers in Kalamazoo?

When asked this question Chief of Police Roy W. Carney did not hesitate a second, but answered: "The deaf and dumb people."

To substantiate his claim he challenged the inquirer to find a case of accident or traffic law violation involving a deaf and dumb driver.

"Our records are clear of any such cases," declared the chief, "and our motorcycle officers tell me that people without voice or hearing are without doubt the safest drivers who use our streets."

Motorcycle Officers R. Cleveland, Leiland Marks, Otto Remington and John Dyer agreed with the police chief in his conclusions, and, as a result of actual contact with deaf and dumb drivers, declared that they have always found them very careful in the operation of cars and have yet to find one exceeding the speed limit.

"The deaf and dumb driver avoids accidents and keeps clear of traffic law violations because he is careful," declared the police chief. "It just goes to show that a careful driver can avoid accidents. It is quite a handicap to a man to be without voice and hearing, and it is almost a miracle that a person thus handicapped can drive a car in the present-day grist of traffic without having mishaps. Nevertheless, records show that such is the case."

"If the drivers who have all their faculties would take a lesson from the deaf and dumb driver, there would be very few automobile accidents," continued the chief. "The deaf and dumb driver has learned to depend entirely upon his sight for his protection while driving and he is always on the alert. His car is usually equipped with a rear-view mirror and most of the cars driven by mutes are open models, so that they can always have a clear view in all directions."

"In driving over the city streets they maintain a speed of from 15 to 20 miles an hour and they always stop at every street intersection, whether it is a through-traffic street or not," explained the chief. "They never start their car across an intersection until they have looked in all four directions. They usually give the right-of-way to other cars along the streets, whether the other cars legally have the right-of-way or not. They take no chances. At railroad crossings they never depend upon the electric light signals or the wig-wags or gates. They stop

their cars and look down the track in both directions. To take this precaution requires a little of their time, but they don't seem to care about that—they are looking out for their lives and unlike most normal drivers seem to know the value of taking time at crossings."

The police department has given out a number of traffic regulations booklets to the deaf and dumb residents of the city and the drivers know the laws relative to driving and parking. They are alert to the hand and arm signals necessary in coming to a stop or making a turn and seldom fail to give the proper signal. Their cars, the chief says, are usually equipped with the latest safety devices and their lights, both front and rear, are always kept in good working order.

That the deaf and dumb drivers practice courtesy on the road was the statement made by the police chief. "I do not know of a single mishap in which a deaf and dumb driver could be held responsible," he declared. "They keep strictly to the right side of the street and they do not cut the corners. They give other cars and pedestrians the right-of-way. Despite the fact they cannot hear, they always seem to know that their horns are working properly. They have a way also of telling when their engines are not in good working order. They have always been ready to assist the police in any investigation in which they may have been sought as witnesses. They always wave a friendly greeting to our officers and they soon learn the names of the policemen along their beats."

The officers in the sheriff's department corroborated the chief's statements relative to deaf and dumb drivers and declared that their records are clear of violations in which drivers thus handicapped could be blamed.



IN short, friends, let us realize that in very truth we are knit together in ties of brotherhood, and that while it is proper and necessary that we should insist upon our rights we should yet be patient and considerate in bearing with one another and in trying, so far as in us lies, each to look at the problems that face us from his brother's standpoint as well as from his own.

—Theodore Roosevelt.

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Get more members.

Denver, July 11-16, 1927.

August payments are due.

Come on with your "questions," we have the "answers" ready. Make use of the department or it will have to discontinue again.

A syndicate pun is going the rounds to the effect that it must be hard on our fingers to crack jokes. Not at all, but it would if we got a crack at the nut who originated that.

You are what you think, not what you think you are.—John J. Lentz.

Our many baseball fans will enjoy "Tomorrow," printed in another column. It is the work of President Battersby of Boston Division and won first prize at the opening of the season in his home town, Lynn, Mass.

The National Association of the Deaf meets in triennial convention at Washington August 9 to 14. Our Washington Division is preparing a

special night of entertainment for the Frats in attendance. However, this is not all our members should see in the convention week to interest them. We know the NAD and its work are very near to us and to our own objects. Many of our members are "Nads", and we do not hesitate to say that all should be—just as we feel that all Nads who can qualify should be Frats. No two organizations have more in common. We trust that all our members who are able to attend this convention will do so—and affiliate with the Association. Almost without exception our grand officers have been or are identified with it. Grand President Anderson will represent the N. F. S. D. at the coming meeting and he will be a real fraternal delegate in more than one sense of the word. We are content to leave the society's greetings to his delivery. However, those of The Frat and of a 33d year Nad—its editor—are extended right now.

The vacation season is with us and we are having the annual mid-summer slump in recruiting. The prospects are hard to get interested in anything but recreation these days, and the deputies want a change, too. Just the same the work of the old reliables can be seen in the current listing of new members.

The Greater New York Divisions and their near neighbors in New Jersey are to have their jubilee celebration on August 28—a banquet that bids fair to make a new record in that direction there. A lot of us are wishing New York was not so far away. Then comes Chicago's own silver anniversary in November, and Detroit's in January. This special big three—well, try and take them in and see for yourselves how it is done in those strongholds of ours.

On another page we reproduce an article from the Kalamazoo (Mich.) Gazette which we believe to be as expert and fair an opinion on the right and ability of the deaf to drive their own cars as we have ever seen. It is backed by both authority and experience. Our members who are trying to convince skeptics, or antagonistic authorities, will do well to show it to such. When the school papers resume publication in September we trust all will run it in their columns—the Journal gave it prominent space in its issue of July 15. In addition, we hope every Frat who drives a car will mem-

orize all it says—and continue to merit the good things it says for them.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

How are changes to the society's laws submitted? See notice in this issue given by the chairman of the Law Committee.

Who are eligible as delegates to the Convention? Any active member—that is, any beneficial member, either resident or non-resident. The divisions at next February's meeting decide on their other qualifications.

How many alternates may a division elect? That rests with the division. It may decide that for itself.

When must delegates and alternates be elected? At the February (1927) meetings of the divisions. See Article X, Constitution for additional information along these lines.

How many of the divisions have a local disability benefit, in addition to that of the Grand Division, and what are the benefits? Thirty-two of the divisions have such benefits in amounts of from \$2 up to \$10 per week, based on an extra local due of approximately five cents per dollar of benefit. Philadelphia Division has the largest such benefit—\$10. It is taken care of by a special fund created for the purpose and governed by a special set of rules.

How many death claims has the society paid? It has paid 321 death claims up to July 16, 1926.

What is the total amount of all benefits paid? Up to December 31, 1925, it was \$303,091.29.

LAW COMMITTEE NOTICE

The attention of those who intend to present changes to the Constitution and Laws of the society for action at the Denver Convention, is called to Section 118, Article 26 of the Constitution, which specifies that such amendments must be approved by the division to which the member submitting same belongs.

If you desire to submit changes to our laws get your division to approve them and send the proposed alterations (or additions) not later than April 1, 1927, to F. J. Neesam, Delavan, Wis., who is chairman of the Law Committee.

The Committee wishes to state it does not believe in promiscuous changes or the addition of many new laws but that those we have should be simplified or altered as experience warrants.

TODAY life insurance is universally appreciated; it is urged by every business and profession; it is preached from the pulpit and taught in the schools; it is patronized by those of every creed and class and is recognized by all as the one greatest semi-philanthropic institution of the world.—[Spectator.



Division Notes

Edited by Charles B. Kemp



Coming Division Events

August

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| 7. Picnic | Cincinnati |
| 8. Picnic | Kenosha |
| 8. Picnic | Akron |
| 8. Picnic | Faribault |
| 8. Annual outing | Baltimore |
| 13. Smoker | Washington |
| 14. Social | Reading |
| 14. Surprise party | Wichita |
| 15. Picnic | Chicago |
| 21. Picnic | Brooklyn |
| 21. Festival and sale | Baltimore |
| 22. Truck excursion | Lowell |
| 22. Picnic | Dubuque |
| 28. Pie social | Rockford |
| 28. Smoker and initiation | South Bend |

September

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| 4. Fraternal | Los Angeles |
| 4. Banquet | Rochester |
| 5. Picnic | Rochester |
| 5. Picnic | Peoria |
| 5. Outing | Albany |
| 5. Picnic | Denver |
| 5. Picnic Des Moines at Atlantic, Ia. | |
| 6. Picnic | Delavan |
| 6. Frat night | Olathe |
| 6. Picnic | Toledo |
| 6. Banquet | Birmingham |
| 6. Picnic | Waco |
| 6. Picnic | Sioux Falls |
| 6. Picnic | Kalamazoo |
| 21. Anniversary celebration | Huntington |
| 25. Whist social | Holyoke |
| 25. Pageant | Kenosha |
| 26. Outing | Waterbury |

October

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| 9. Smoker | Columbus |
| 9. Social and ball | Springfield, Mass. |
| 30. Hallowe'en party | Holyoke |
| 30. Annual party | Hartford |
| 30. Social | Lowell |
| 30. Hallowe'en party | Grand Rapids |
| 30. Mask ball | Akron |

Chicago

Last month we did not give a list of visitors at headquarters. With over a thousand in attendance at the Jubilee, such a list would have read like a roster of the Grand Division, and taken up half of The Frat. So we will begin this month's list with those who have called since June 1st. The list includes John F. Williams, Rockford, Ill., James N. Orman, Olathe, Kan., Anna Koch, Birney Wright, Chester E. Mlynarek and Floyd Brower, Washington, D. C., Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rapp, Kenosha, Wis., E. Henriksen, Omaha, Nebr., James M. Lynch, Frankfort,

Ind., Leonce A. Odebrecht, Columbus, O., Arthur H. Norris, Indianapolis, Ind., John G. Otto, Springfield, Ill., Gerald Brant, Dubuque, Ia., Virginia McNeelis, Kansas City, Mo., Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin E. Yaffey, Norfolk, Va., Mr. and Mrs. John D. Ulrich, Detroit, Mich., Mrs. George Ulrich and Mary Ulrich, Transcona, Manitoba, Mrs. George McDonald, Windsor, Ontario, Frank B. Shanahan, Fremont, O., Wilbert P. Souder, Washington, D. C., and Grover C. Farquhar, Fulton, Mo.

A crowd of Chicago Frats took in Kalamazoo's picnic at St. Joe, Mich., July 4, most of them going by boat, though some went by auto around the lake. They all report having had a fine time and a nice trip.

Plans for our own picnic on August 15 are about completed. It will be the 25th annual picnic of the division, and we are determined to make it as much of a success as was the Jubilee celebration last May. The Niles Center picnic grove, where it will be held, is said to be an attractive place, and easy of access. Take the elevated anywhere, transferring in the Loop to an Evanston or Howard Express, changing at Howard St. to the Niles Center line, from the same platform. Get off at Oakton station, and walk three blocks west to the grove. A fine program will be run off for the enjoyment of the expected crowd, and there will be plenty of prizes for the lucky ones. Refreshments of all kinds will be sold on the grounds. A committee of hustling old timers is in charge of the picnic, which insures its success. Everybody welcome. Come and bring your family and friends.

Coming right after a three-day holiday, our July meeting was not as well attended as usual, only about 100 being present. An enjoyable part of the program was the addresses given by several visitors. Arthur H. Norris, secretary of Indianapolis Division and a member of the Grand Division ritual committee, was an interesting speaker. We expected some caustic comments on our way of interpreting the ritual, but Brother Norris disappointed (?) us, and said many nice things instead. Frank B. Shanahan of Fremont, Ohio, sergeant of Toledo Division, and Grover C. Farquhar of Fulton, Mo., a member of Kansas City Division, also had some pleasant observations to make. Brother Farquhar is in Chicago for some weeks, taking a course in linotype operating.

Several members of No. 1 attended

the July meeting of No. 106, and were greatly interested in watching their brethren conduct their meeting in their own particular way—orally. President Kemp of No. 1, in behalf of his division, presented No. 106 with a check for \$106, a gift from the older division. He also, in a short address, stressed the desire of both divisions to work in complete harmony and to cooperate in all things touching the welfare of the two divisions and the Chicago deaf in general. President Livshis of No. 106 responded with a few words of appreciation, and was ordered by his division to attend the next meeting of No. 1 and personally thank the members of the latter division for their gift and words of good will. Joseph Wondra, speaking for the Jubilee committee, extended the committee's thanks for the helpful cooperation of the members of No. 106 in putting over the celebration.

This same bunch put over a bunco and "500" party at All Angels' Parish Hall on June 20 that was a big success, and far exceeded the expectations of its promoters. Had it been advertised a little more, they would have probably been up a tree for room. As it was, the hall was comfortably full. The boys say that a great factor in the success of the party was the help given them by their wives, who donated the refreshments and helped in other ways, which greatly heartened the boys as to the future outlook.

It is said, tentatively, that their first ball, announced in last month's Frat, may be improved upon so as to make it a sort of carnival. Trust them to put over a good time. Watch for further notices in these columns.

And President Livshis, in a note to the editor, wishes to be quoted as saying that the gift of \$106 from Division No. 1 made a profound impression on the members of his division. It was not so much the amount, which was relatively unimportant; it was the deeper significance, the brotherhood that lay behind it, that went straight to their hearts, and which will do much to cement the ties between the two Chicago divisions, and assure close cooperation between them in everything concerning the welfare of Chicago Frats.

Detroit-Toronto

From June 30 to July 5 the Ontario Association of the Deaf was in convention at Windsor, across the river from Detroit, and Detroit Division was enabled to combine with Toronto Division in giving a smoker and vaudeville entertainment on the evening of July 3, at the fine club house of the Knights of Columbus in Windsor.

The Association had several other events scheduled, including a fine program of games on July 1 and an excursion and outing down the river to Bob Lo, all of which were well attended by the Detroit Frats.

The smoker was in charge of a joint committee from No. 2 and No. 98, with Brothers Kenney and Peter Hellers

managing the details. A class of 18 Toronto and Detroit members were put through and by special arrangement with the Canadian custom authorities Detroit's goat was much in evidence. Grand Secretary Gibson was with us and was prevailed upon to act as "messenger", with No. 98's officers at the stations and those of No. 2 on the floor. It was a very warm night and the boat excursion the same afternoon obliged the curtailing of the program somewhat. Besides the vaudeville entertainment was being delayed (in the upper hall) for the conclusion of the smoker.

The vaudeville was a fine show. The company was made up of both Canadian and Detroit talent—All-American—and under the direction of Mrs. Alex Lobsinger. Those having acts were Misses Kerr and Hadley; Mesdames Lobsinger, Petrimoulx, Kenney, Crough, Beckett; Messrs. Priester, Halm, R. Hellers, Beckett. Addresses were made during intermissions by Brothers Shilton and Gibson. A crowd of some 500 people enjoyed the show. Among the songs rendered in costume were "The Union Jack," "Yankee Doodle" and "Auld Lang Syne," with "God Save the King" the closing number. All were finely put over. The Detroit interpretation of "Yankee Doodle," by Mrs. Petrimoulx and Mr. Priester, is calculated to make the Washington, Flint and Chicago versions look to their laurels—in the opinion of the writer, who has seen them all.

July 4 and 5, the Detroit Association of the Deaf kept open house and its hall was crowded most of the time. There were visitors from all parts of Canada and Ohio, Illinois, Michigan, New York, Wisconsin and Indiana. Among the New Yorkers were Archibald McLaren and Frank Ecka of Brooklyn Division, who had been touring Canada.

Some other pleasant incidents of the convention were the presence and active co-operation of Superintendent Coughlin and Mr. Stewart of the Belleville school; the election of Mrs. A. S. Waggoner of Hamilton as president of the Association—the first woman to be honored with that office; and the presentation of useful souvenirs to the retiring officers. The next convention is to be held at Toronto in 1928. The Association has decided to sponsor a home for the aged and infirm deaf of Ontario.

Schenectady

The picnic held on July 5 was an enjoyable one in all respects, including the financial end of it. It was held in a shady, sequestered spot in Central Park. It was not much heralded in advance, save for notices in The Frat and a few post cards sent to nearby divisions, as it was mainly intended to be a local affair. But news of it leaked out in other ways, and we were surprised—and pleased—to have a dozen or so come by auto from New Haven, New York City and East

Orange, N. J. The chief attraction was a ball game in the afternoon between picked teams of Schenectady and Albany Frats, with four outsiders on each team. Harry Barnes was captain of the local team, while Charlie Morris led the invaders, who won by the score of 8 to 6. Schenectady Division won the tug-of-war. Edward Minor won a handsome Seth Thomas clock as a prize in one of the other events. Next year we will try out the slogan "Advertising Pays," and see what happens. Meanwhile we are busy getting ready for Denver!

Springfield, Ill.

The local division held a most successful picnic at Bergen Park on July 4. It was estimated that the crowd numbered around 200. About 40 were from St. Louis, and many others from Decatur, Rock Island, Rockford, Illiopolis and Chicago. We counted 30 autos, showing that many chose that means of getting here. Races and an indoor baseball game were the features of the program. Plenty of prizes were awarded the winners. The St. Louis boys defeated the Illinois boys to the score of 11 to 1 in the ball game. Returning to town in the evening, the fun was resumed with dancing and refreshments.

The Decatur boys are working like Trojans for that new division they have in mind. One Sunday in June a "Country Cafeteria" was given by Mr. and Mrs. George Roberts at their farm in Illiopolis, between Decatur and Springfield, and the profits went into the Decatur fund, which now has over \$100. Watch Decatur! It will have a division soon, or bust a suspender trying. The boys haven't forgotten the words of encouragement and advice given them by Grand Secretary Gibson and by President Kemp of No. 1 at the Springfield banquet last March.

Lowell

On Monday, July 5, a large number of Lowell people went to the Home at Danvers to attend the field day and outing under the auspices of Boston Division. One of the pleasing features of the day was the dedication of the new flag-pole and flag on the grounds of the Home. The pole was purchased with funds donated by the various New England divisions, and the 4 x 6 flag was the gift of Mr. Harry Pollard, of the A. G. Pollard Co. of Lowell. The boys marched to the green and stood at salute while the flag was slowly raised to the top of the pole. J. Bennett McMahon made a short speech of acknowledgement of the kindness of the donors of the pole and flag, and our venerable social member, Gorham D. Abbott, who is now living at the Home, recited a beautiful hymn, "Old Glory," greatly taxing his strength in the effort. A beautiful, richly colored

framed tablet, giving the names of the donors, and with a large N. F. S. D. seal at the top, was presented to the Home through Brother Nichols, who made a speech in acknowledgment of the gift. Michael Lapides of New Haven Division closed the ceremonies with a speech on patriotism. Chairman McCord of the flag committee was warmly commended by everyone on the success of the affair, and Lowell Division extends its sincere thanks to all who helped with donations or otherwise. It was a great day for everyone.

On June 20 Brother and Mrs. Eddie Weymouth engineered a surprise party for Albert L. Carlisle at the latter's home in Nashua, N. H. A purse of gold was presented Brother Carlisle, who was much affected by this token of remembrance. Various games helped round out the evening.

Almost every Sunday during the summer months deaf people from Lowell and suburban towns go in swimming in Nabnasset pond, West Chelmsford. This town is famous as being the site of the first oral school for the deaf, which was opened there by the late Miss Harriet B. Rogers in 1866. It was later transferred to Northampton, where it is now known as the Clarke School.

Evansville

July 14 was the 20th anniversary of the establishment of our division, and we did what we could on July 4 to celebrate the fact. And all hands agree that the celebration was a success. The epidemic of summer complaint did not bother us, and we thoroughly enjoyed the chicken fry, pies and watermelon. Visitors were present from three states, and we were glad to have them with us. The picnic committee was headed by Foster D. Gilbert, and they provided a number of games that furnished lots of amusement.

Rochester

Rochester Division is getting set for a Labor Day program that bids fair to provide a jolly good time for all who come from far or near to attend. In general, there will be a banquet and an all-day picnic. The banquet will be held in the elegant ball room at Seneca Hall on Saturday evening, September fourth, and promises to be a classy affair. Brother Shilton of the Toronto Division and a prominent leader in the affairs of the Canadian deaf, has been engaged as a speaker. It is greatly hoped that Grand Secretary Gibson will also be present as speaker and honor guest for this holiday week end.

The all-day picnic will be held at Corbett's Glen on Sunday, September fifth. The Glen is a gem of nature, delightfully set among the hills, and is an ideal spot with all accommodations for an outing. A visit to this secluded nook alone will amply repay the time and effort. Those inclined to sports will have all they desire in this line, and those who would commune with nature will find it a pleasant stroll

along the picturesque stream. There is also a playground for children. And think of it! This pretty glen will be reserved solely for the use and enjoyment of the deaf on that day. Do not miss this feature!

Visitors will find much to interest them on Labor Day. The city of Rochester will then open the annual Exposition and Horse Show for the week. Far from the country fair variety, the Exposition is an eye opener for the fine exhibits, as well as the splendid program of doings, and the Horse Show, which is the mecca of horse lovers and fashion followers, provides a most interesting afternoon.

The Rochester boys, primed by the fine showing of their Syracuse brothers on Decoration Day, and the enjoyable visit of Brother Kemp, president of Chicago Division No. 1, are eager to do well in their part as hosts on Labor Day. They extend a cordial invitation to all who can come to Rochester for the week end, and assure a bang-up time to visitors.

After considerable discussion of the pros and cons, the division has decided to establish a local sick benefit for its members. We will pay \$3 a week for ten weeks under the same general restrictions as Grand Division benefits, with the difference, however, that we allow benefits after one week's disability, instead of two weeks as under the Grand Division rules.

Rockford

The sympathy of our entire division goes out to James J. Boyer, of Freeport, in the passing of his wife, Bessie Schwartz Boyer, on June 19. Interment was made at Lena, her former home, on the 22nd, Rockford Frats acting as pall bearers. The division and Rockford friends sent a beautiful floral tribute. Besides the husband, there are left a daughter of eleven and a son of nine to mourn her loss. Mrs. Boyer was a most estimable lady, a devoted wife and mother, socially prominent, and she will be sadly missed.

On the evening of June 26 the Frats were entertained by the Rockford Ladies' club at a lawn social. It was one of the most enjoyable and largely attended held in many years.

There were 16 Rockford Frats who attended the smoker at Delavan on June 12, but none of them attempted to ride the goat. It was too wild and woolly, they say.

Among the Frats attending the reunion at Jacksonville were Charles Schmidt and Charles Johnson. The former went by auto, the latter by train. Others of our boys going out of town lately were Herbert Stearns, on his annual trip west, this time taking in Utah and the Great Divide, and Tom Dool, who with Mrs. Dool is spending a part of the summer at St. Louis.

June 19 being the birthday of President Shatwell, the Frats and their ladies invaded his home and gave him

the surprise of his life. The invaders brought along refreshments, and the hostess provided more and more, until those present had to yell enough. The committee in charge, after consulting Mrs. Shatwell and taking an inventory of Fred's possessions, were unable to decide upon a suitable present as they found that their president was possessed of almost everything under the sun, so they presented him with a purse of money, with the request that he buy something with which to remember the occasion, which he promised to do, but at last accounts had not.

Louisville

The members of Number Four were sure tickled pink to see one and one-half columns of Louisville news in last month's Frat. We have frequently contributed to the Kentucky Standard and the Deaf Mutes' Journal, and now, also, at "Uncle Pat's" insistence, contribute to The Frat, which we find to be a pleasure; in fact, a labor of love. We are of the opinion that our division, progressive as it is, without a press agent is like a ship in a storm without a rudder. So the injunction of the division is to keep up this column regularly, so here goes.

The "big four" event which Gordon Kannapell tried to put over on July 2 to 5 did not pan out as expected. Only a small crowd was on hand at the Deaf Mute Welfare Association's open house on Friday evening, July 2. At No. 4's business meeting Saturday night, barely a quorum was present, and the initiation and smoker was postponed, as only one novice showed up, the rest taking flight. Sunday, the Fourth, only about 35 youngsters took the boat to Rose Island, and on Monday our annual picnic was just a repetition of many former ones. The members and visitors cared nothing for games and prizes, preferring the old-fashioned gab-fests, swapping yarns and jokes. The only consolation for the failure of the events was the large crowd at Fontaine Ferry on the night of the 5th.

Quite a lot of our members, with their wives and sweethearts, intend to migrate down to Cincinnati next month, the occasion being Cincinnati division's picnic on August 7. "Big Jawn," as usual, will head the delegation.

Speaking of "Big Jawn," he has butted into the game of golf, and with his foreman recently went over the Cherokee golf course. We are informed that he turned in a low score, too. In due time Bobby Jones will have to look out for his laurels.

Irby Marchman has deposited his "traveller" with No. 4, and evidently intends to stay. His wife has joined him here, also, so it looks as if the wandering Irby might have struck the right place at last.

Dubuque

The picnic advertised in The Frat for July 4 was postponed until August 22. It will be held in Union Park, one of the most beautiful parks in Iowa, and the committee in charge will endeavor to make it a big success, and are looking for a large crowd. We hope they won't be disappointed.

Those of our members who attended the Silver Jubilee at Chicago have not yet got through talking of it, and say they will not forget the splendid time they had. And so when Harry E. Keesal of the Jubilee committee hit town with his bride of a few days, we were glad to welcome them at the club rooms and extend congratulations and best wishes.

Springfield, Mass.

Deputy Milton Silverman and Roen Dubosar, of Hartford, Edward Klier, Schenectady, and President Chester Brown of Albany were recent visitors in town, the latter motoring over. Brother Silverman is a frequent visitor in Springfield, and is always welcome, as are all Frats.

July 3 was a red letter day for Frank Forsythe, when some forty hearing friends and the local Frats helped him and Mrs. Forsythe celebrate the fifteenth anniversary of their marriage. The happy couple received several beautiful gifts. James Stirling and wife came the longest distance, motoring from Barre, Vt., 400 miles away, in order to be present. Brothers Stirling and Forsythe were pals when they attended school together in Edinburgh, Scotland.

The division has secured the hall in Hawkins' Hotel, Main St., for its annual ball on October 9, and the usual good crowd is looked for.

Brooklyn

Howdy, folks! Is everyone well? Yes, it's none other than "dear old Brooklyn Division No. 23," as Brother Pach orates us, speaking after an absence of several months. It has been said that we have been "hayin'" since the last you've heard from us. Well, maybe we have, but we have got a good crop as a result.

A few years back, with a membership of around 230, we fathered two husky babies, Manhattan No. 87 and Bronx No. 92. This crippled us somewhat, and as, in addition, we were proud of our offspring and wanted to help them get a start in life, we kept in the background, letting the youngsters have the freedom of the greater city. But now we have recovered, and more, having about 250 members, and as the two youngsters are well on their feet and able to stand alone, we think it is about time for us to get back in the game. And with Tommy Cosgrove at the helm, guiding us along, we feel that we can go over the top in anything we undertake.

So now Brooklyn Division takes pleasure in announcing to its members and friends that they have completed

plans for a great celebration of the silver anniversary of our great National Fraternal Society of the Deaf. With the cooperation of Manhattan, Bronx, Newark and Jersey City Divisions we are going to put over an entertainment and banquet that will be worthy of the occasion. It will be held on Saturday evening, August 28, at the Nuova Margellina restaurant, 2737 West 15th St., Coney Island, at 8:00 o'clock. The price will be \$2 per plate, and reservations can be obtained from either Jacob Seltzer, 65 Hinsdale St., Brooklyn, or Allen Hitchcock, 2 Spencer Court, Brooklyn.

Pittsburgh

The plans of the division to move to a bigger and better hall fell through at the last minute because of the high rental asked. As we would have to pay our own gas and electric bills and all remodeling, we thought it was too much. However, though disappointed, we are not in the least discouraged, as we have other plans calling for something "just as good" or better, in the future. Watch for the news.

The next big event carded for Pittsburgh is the reunion of the Alumni Association of the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf, which will be held at the school at Edgewood Park September 3 to 6—four days of fun and the renewing of friendships. The division has always taken an active interest in the association, as it helps our membership grow, as well as giving us a lot of good advertising. From plans submitted to the writer, a fine program will be put up, with plenty of surprises for the visitors. The sports committee has \$50 to be awarded to the various winners in the games and races. And don't forget that there will be a ball game between the married men and the single men—a sure thriller that will eclipse any Pirate-Giant game ever held. Come and bring your friends—not forgetting the kids—and see some of our stars of the past hit home runs. Don't forget the date, September 3, 4, 5 and 6.

George Blackhall is planning a motor trip to Philadelphia this summer, and Frank Leitner and Fred Conner are planning one to Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington. We hope the three will enjoy their trips and have no mishaps.

Why not "Pittsburgh, 1930?"

Denver

On June 23 the Aux-Frats has a picnic at Berkeley Park. However, as such a picnic would be a failure without the men, these latter were invited to be present, and a most enjoyable time was had by all. When darkness descended over the scene, quite a number hied themselves to Lakeside, nearby, there to continue their enjoyment. Lakeside is one of the biggest amusement parks in the west and convention visitors will have a chance to see it.

Because the first Saturday in July was the eve of the Fourth, the July

Out Where the West Begins

Out where the handclasp's a little stronger,
Out where the smile dwells a little longer,
That's where the West begins;
Out where the sun is a little brighter,
Where the snows that fall are a trifle whiter,
Where the bonds of home are a wee bit tighter,
That's where the West begins.

Out where the skies are a trifle bluer,
Out where friendship's a little truer,
That's where the West begins;
Out where a fresher breeze is blowing,
Where there's laughter in every streamlet flowing,
Where there's more of reaping and less of sowing,
That's where the West begins.

Out where the world is in the making,
Where fewer hearts with despair are aching,
That's where the West begins;
Where there's more of singing and less of sighing,
Where there's more of giving and less of buying
And a man makes friends without half trying,
That's where the West begins.

—Arthur Chapman

meeting was postponed until the 10th so that the members could take full advantage of the three-day holiday. Saturday night there were only a few Frats left in Denver, the rest having gone to the mountains. Some went to Bailey, a few to Manitou, others to Estes Park, Deckers Point, Echo Lake and Grand Lake. All reported good catches of trout but the writer admits he did not try to do any fishing, preferring to hike, or to enjoy the sublime view he had from the porch of the cabin where he was domiciled with his family.

Ray Cummings and George Huff, who believe in making hay while the sun shines, have gone and bought lots near Bailey, and will shortly begin the erection of cabins thereon. We have a hunch that this has a lot to do with the preparations for the 1927 convention. Others have started to follow this lead, and will have cabins, too.

Thomas Roland Tansey, one of the most ardent fishermen in Colorado, has started the ball rolling. He has gone and bought a new Overland touring car in preparation for the convention. It happens that Thomas Roland is also a member of the convention committee, and by the time the convention rolls around he will be an expert driver, and can be one of those to drive a pilot car ahead of the sight-

seers. William C. Swink, the genial treasurer of the convention fund, has allowed that he is interested in a new car, with preference for the Chrysler sedan. As Brother Swink has all his life been a bachelor, we are a bit suspicious about this sudden preference for a closed car, but maybe it's all right. And there are others, I hear, who are looking with longing eyes at the new cars on display in Automobile Row.

The Denver boys are preparing to hold a picnic on Labor Day. The place has not yet been selected, but all who cast their eyes on this can rest assured that it will be a place where a good time can be had by all. Last year the picnic was in Indian Hills; this year the talk is for Boulder, Colo. This will give the local boys a chance to clamber over the glacier there, and familiarize themselves with it, so that by next year they will be capable mountain goats, able to steer the less sure-footed visitors over the slippery surface.

Edward G. Whitaker, after having his nose to the grindstone for 10, these many years, and at the same time limping around with a sore foot (we have our private suspicions that it is really the gout for he has a very sweet tooth, and a rather prominent bay window), has decided that he needs a vacation, and on August 1 will start from Denver for Missouri points for a month's visit among relatives and old

friends. Might we ask the Frats of Missouri to keep a friendly eye on Brother Whitaker? He might inadvertently walk too close to one of those critters known as the Missouri Mule, as he has lived in the city so long he has probably forgotten what they look like. Anyhow, we should hate to lose the services of our esteemed brother, as he is on the convention committee.

Sam Biller was boss of the social event for the month of May, and it develops that all the prizes given out at this social were the work of his own hands. Sam is an expert leather designer, and the prizes given were all of leather, and all useful, too. Whenever Sam is in charge the Frats know he has something new up his sleeve, always.

Fort Wayne

The division's first attempt to do social things on a large scale was its two-day picnic and outing at Lawton Park on July 4 and 5. The report of the committee of arrangements shows that it was a very successful affair, and the members of the committee are to be congratulated on their good work. The attendance on both days was good, and both days were thoroughly enjoyed. Clean shaven Frats, well dressed Fratines, and all out for the time of their lives, made a combination unbeatable. Being the national holiday, the affair of course was a noisy one, firecrackers, torpedoes and thunderers being set off in quantities sufficient to have been heard 'round the world, had they been concentrated into one giant bomb. The shades of the founders of our country surely were informed that we deaf knew how to celebrate the sesquicentennial of national independence as well as anyone. And to make it more interesting for us, when the shooters were caught, they were fined from one to five cents, which added not a little to our growing treasury. And oddly enough, the fines seemed to be an encouragement rather than a deterrent to the shooters. There were games, of course. No picnic would be complete without them. Fat ladies raced, breaking no records, but considered themselves lucky in breaking no bones. Two rival teams of Frats in their shirtsleeves strove mightily for supremacy in a game of indoor baseball, their scrambling creating much fun and laughter among the onlookers. The score was 10 to 10, a result that engendered no hurt feelings. The shoe race was one of the most exciting events. It sure was rip roaring fun to watch the contestants dashing madly around trying to find their shoes in the tied-up pile, and, finding them, trying to beat the other fellow in putting them on. Fred Rines was the winner of this race, and received as his reward a handsome pair of silk hose. He also won the 100-yard dash for men, and received a gold plated Gillette. The 50-yard race for women was won by Mrs. Everett Huston, and Mrs.

TOMORROW

By W. Henry Battersby

O, the bands will be playing,
And the fans will be swaying,
Up in the crowded stands;
And the Umps will be bawling,
The strikes and balls calling,
By gracefully waving his hands.

O, the fans will be shouting
When the home team starts clouting,
The Old Apple all over the lot;
And the kids will be yelling,
The whole World a-telling,
Of the wonderful team that we've got.

O, the plays will be snappy,
And the fans will be happy,
As they sit watching the game
Play by play;
I'll be there. Won't you, Buddy?
Be the field dry or muddy,
ON TOMORROW, THE OPENING DAY.

Bertha Irlan won the bean sucking contest. There were other races and prizes, but the writer regrets that he did not get a complete list, so cannot enumerate them all. It was a grand and glorious celebration, and though there were some scorched fingers and stiff limbs, everyone went home at the end happy and full of remembrances of the occasion.

On June 9 we were called upon to mourn the first death in our division, when Earl J. Shoptaugh, charter member and vice president, passed to the great beyond. His death occurred at the home of his father in Terre Haute, after an illness of only five days. Brother Shoptaugh was one of our most loyal supporters and active workers, and his loss is genuinely felt. His widow, Mrs. Katherine Shoptaugh, survives him, and has the sincere sympathy of the division. Brother Shoptaugh has been succeeded in the vice presidency by John Butler, himself a charter member and staunch supporter of the division.

Toledo

One of the most enjoyable smokers held by our division in a long time was pulled off on June 19. It sure made a big hit with the boys. Fourteen members became full-fledged Knights of Capricornus, and their antics furnished lots of fun. Sandwiches and soft drinks helped make things still

merrier. Nathan Henick, Irven Burton and Frank Neal were in charge of the "mysteries", while Samuel Henry and several helpers looked after the "feeding." While the Frats were thus occupied, our friends the aux-Frats were entertained in another room at "500" and chatting. The following morning several group photographs were taken. Among the out-of-town visitors we noted Peter N. Hellers of Detroit, holder of certificate No. 1, Louis J. Bacheberle, Cincinnati, William J. O'Neil, Chicago, Louis LaFountain, Henry Hartard and William Eichler, Columbus, Ralph E. Miller, Mansfield, and others.

There have been several farewell parties lately in honor of Brother and Mrs. Frank Walton. They are leaving for Los Angeles, where they will make their home. They will make the trip in their new Buick sedan, following Frank's folks. We wish them the best of luck in the world.

A big party was tendered Brother and Mrs. George Goll, newly-weds, at their home in Stryker on July 10. Over 50 of their friends descended on them to "help them get started," and they did such a thorough job that it took them until the next day to finish. All of which, of course, means that they had a fine time.

Delavan

Our much-advertised smoker was held in Odd Fellows Hall on June 12, and was a marked success. There were 27 candidates taking the oath and the

goat ride, and the event brought together the largest gathering of Frats we have had in a long time. The hall was packed to the limit, some even being unable to find standing room. A close estimate placed the number present at about 200. Because of a vaudeville show at the school for the deaf, as part of the reunion program, the smoker was late in getting started, so it kept us busy well into the wee sma' hours of the morning, and many left without waiting for the refreshments. Chairman Hull wishes to thank everyone for the assistance given him, as so large a crowd had not been expected. Among the visitors we were pleased to note Grand Treasurer Roberts of Chicago. He seems to be in love with Delavan, and recently came back for another visit. Grand Vice President Neesam was also on hand, giving what time he could spare from his strawberry patch—incidentally, he reports a good crop. Brother Pleasant was pretty busy with reunion matters, but managed to get in a little division work, reporting that he had handed out at least 25 application blanks to live prospects. Just watch the "New Members" column in *The Frat*, and see how we grow.

Our annual picnic will be held on Labor Day, under the direction of Edward Svacina, who assures us that everyone is going to have a swell time. We intend to stage an indoor baseball tournament, and wish to hear from other divisions who have teams that would like to enter the contest for the grand prize to be awarded. What it is will be announced later. Wake up, and send in your challenges, brothers.

Several local Frats were in Chicago in attendance at the big Jubilee celebration on May 29-31, and are now busy telling us what a fine time we missed. All right, boys, but we have some pretty good times right here at home.

Wallace Williams is sporting a new Ford Tudor sedan, and Frank Pleasant has just bought his fourth Essex. Seems as if Frank merely broke in his cars, then went back and bought a new one. Can you beat it?

Saginaw

With only 15 members, our division, as a whole, is not doing much, so the only items of interest we can send in are mostly personal. But the members themselves are busy enough, so rather than not appear in *The Frat* at all, we chronicle a few of their doings.

George Janicke, William Cummi-ford, Alex. Gibson, George Stotts and Harold Cooney recently went on a fishing trip to Edenville, Mich., making the trip in Brother Janicke's car. They caught several good-sized fish, and had a fine time during their three days' stay in camp. Brother Gibson showed more interest in chasing dragon flies, bugs and insects than he did in fishing, and now we have dubbed him a professor of bugology.

We were represented at Kalamazoo's

picnic at St. Joseph by Brothers Ramage and Dundas, who, with Mrs. Ramage and Miss Rechlin, made the 400-mile trip by auto. They were much struck by the beauties of the city by the lake.

The boys gave William J. Cummi-ford a birthday surprise party on July 12. Brother Cummi-ford is old in Fraternity—certificate No. 27—but the boys thought he was still young enough in years to be spanked, and proceeded to do it with a stout club. But a nail being discovered in the club, it had to be discarded, and the job finished by hand. This started the fun, and the evening was spent pleasantly in games of various kinds, and in disposing of a good lunch.

Hurrah for Denver 1927! Who's 1930?

Waterbury

Our division's annual entertainment will be held at Garden Hall on November 20, and our outing at Lake Quas-saup on September 26. We intend to do our best on both occasions to give our guests the best we have in the way of pleasure. At the outing we will have a corn roast, frankforts and other toothsome things for their delectation. And we challenge any division in Connecticut to play us a game of baseball. Everybody welcome.

We recently admitted two new active members, Harry Kelly and Anthony Wenslowes, of this city, and one social member, Roger Bryant, of Woodbury.

The social at the home of Brother Rousseau on June 19 was a fine success, the proceeds going to our delegate fund. About 20 were present.

The first member of our division to own a car is Howard Backus, who has just purchased a Buick.

Columbus

For the second time in the history of our division, we failed to have a quorum at our meeting on July 3, so had to have a second meeting on July 9, when there was barely a quorum present. The hot weather was responsible for most of the absentees, though some were out of the city, and others forgot it was meeting night, and some, we fear, were just careless.

Our division is still growing. We admitted another new member this month in the person of Karl A. Campbell of Big Prairie. So much for having a wide awake deputy. Keep your eye on us, there are others who say "Not yet, but soon," and we have them tagged.

The "C. A. P." picnic of Cleveland, Akron and Pittsburgh Divisions at Akron on July 10 and 11 drew several from this town. Among them were Jacob Showalter, Joe Arnold and Brother and Mrs. Cleon L. Miller, who report having had a fine time.

The box social given at the Neuner

home on June 19 was a most delightful affair. Everyone enjoyed getting out in the open, and many said they could be contented to remain there indefinitely. There will be no more socials until the fall frolics open. And do not forget that the Frats' smoker will be held on October 2. The place has not yet been selected, but will be announced in due time, both in *The Frat* and in the *Chronicle*, the school paper.

Albert Ohlemacher doesn't believe in being idle, so during the school vacation he will branch out as a painter and contractor on his own hook. Harry Romoser and Herbert Volp have been in this business for several years, and with great success. We hope Brother Ohlemacher will do as well.

Worcester

President Delbert Trask and Marsh C. Patterson represented the division at the flag raising and dedication of the new pole and flag on the grounds of the Home at Danvers. The flag and pole were purchased with contributions from the New England divisions, and the dedication services called out a large crowd from the various divisions. More of Worcester's members should have been present. They certainly missed a great time.

The strawberry festival at Brother Clark's home on June 26 was a success, about 40 people attending. The way they asked for more proved that Brother Clark's strawberries are as good as the best. We will have to hold it at a hall next time, and prepare for a crowd of 200, hoping Brother Clark's big garden proves equal to the demands put on it.

Greetings to Chicago Division No. 106.

Kalamazoo

On July 4 the members of the division devoted themselves most assiduously to having a good time. The occasion was the division's picnic at St. Joseph, Mich. It was a very successful affair, and the committee headed by John Cordano, who had it in charge, deserves much credit. In addition to the local crowd there were some 50 who came from Chicago by auto and boat, with the irrepressible Jimmy Meagher in the van, as usual. They were very welcome. The lucky winner of the \$50 white gold watch was a Detroiter, and he was the envy of everyone.

Kalamazoo has added another notch in its auto-ownership stick. This time it is Brothers Smallidge and Stevens of Battle Creek, who have gone into partnership in the purchase of a Chevrolet. This gives us 17 auto owners out of a membership of 24. What division can beat that percentage?

Holyoke

Looking over the roll of members of our division since it was organized 16 years ago, Secretary Kusiak made some interesting discoveries. Since that time 100 names have been on our

rolls. But as Holyoke was the "daddy" of the Massachusetts divisions, 61 have transferred to the other and more recently established divisions. Ten have lapsed and one died, so now we have only 28 members, including one social member. Boston, Worcester, Springfield and Pittsfield have taken their toll of our members, but we are still doing business at the old stand, adding our bit when we can. We may be small in numbers, but we are big in spirit, and proud of our past record as the pioneer Frats in Massachusetts.

Our whist social held at Joseph O'Connell's home in West Springfield on May 20 brought out a nice crowd, who thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Dancing added to the pleasures of the evening, as did refreshments of ice cream. Another social was held at Brother O'Connell's home on May 26, but thanks to a heavy rain, the attendance was small.

On July 4 John Tolpa and Frank Kusiak got up at 4 o'clock in the morning and started for Danvers on their motorcycles, to attend the picnic and flag-raising at the Home. But they did not get there. A reckless motorist with a New Hampshire license took the wrong side of a curve, in a heavy fog, and the result was a mix-up of auto and motorcycles. Fortunately no one was hurt, though Brother Kusiak's machine had a badly wrenched front wheel. This made it necessary to abandon the trip. The boys had figured on going to Chicago to attend the Jubilee last May, but finally decided that the distance was too great, so gave it up.

Our division contributed toward the flag fund for the Home. It was a most worthy object, and one which we were very glad to help.

Here and There

Albany Division announces that on Sunday, September 5 it will hold its 12th annual picnic in McKown Grove, at the Country Club. There will be plenty of fun and games galore, with nice prizes to the winners in the various contests. And the admission will be only 35 cents. Everyone is welcome, and will be assured of a good time. Remember the time and place.

Among the unusual occupations for the deaf is that of Ashland D. Martin, of Lexington, Ky., one-time boss of the deaf section of the Goodyear employment office at Akron, O., in the "days that were." Brother Martin is connected with the Lexington agency of a large automobile concern as "drive away" man. It frequently happens that the purchaser of a car is in a hurry for it, and freight delivery being slow, he is willing to pay a little more and have a man sent after it. So Brother Martin steps in, goes to the factory or wherever the car may be, and drives it to whatever point the owner wants it delivered. This work takes him all over several states, driving all makes of cars. He is an expert driver, makes his trips

alone, and seldom has any trouble. He recently came up to Chicago by train to get a stored car, which he drove back home. As he had to wait over Sunday, he took advantage of the delay and visited old friends, Frat headquarters and the S. A. C. Why wouldn't a write-up of his experiences be good ammunition for our auto legislation committees in combating adverse decisions as to our driving our own cars—such as that in Maryland?

Baltimore Division's annual outing last year was such a big success that the division is encouraged to try and stage a "repeat" this year. The date this year will be August 8, and the place the same as last year—Fairview Beach, Md. A cordial invitation is extended to everyone, and especially to those enroute to the N. A. D. convention at Washington, who can arrange to stop off and join in the delightful trip down the majestic and picturesque Chesapeake Bay. Round trip tickets only 35 cents. Boat leaves foot of

Broadway at 8:30 a. m. and 2:30 p. m. Returning, leaves Fairview Beach at 6:00 p. m. A fine program of sports has been arranged for both land and water, with suitable prizes. A group photograph will be taken at 4:30. Michael Weinstein heads the Committee of Arrangements assisted by Brothers Duvall, Stone, Dilworth and Stultz. Tickets may be had of the committee or obtained at the pier.

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THE OPTIMIST

By EARL H. EMMONS

*WHAT'S that? Why sure, I'm happy.
Don't you see this two-bit smile?
Why, things to me look brighter
Than they have for quite awhile.
Of course that cussed mortgage
Has me worried more or less,
But still, if nothin' happens,
I can pay it off, I guess.*



*That dry spell sort o' walloped me,
But why should I repine?
It's over now I calculate,
And everything looks fine.
That twister smashin' up my house,
That gave me quite a jar,
But I am glad that things ain't
Any worse than what they are.*

*The rustlers nicked me pretty hard,
And coyotes got my calves;
By gosh, when trouble comes along
She don't do things by halves.
But I opine that when she's got
You hammered low as low,
You're bound to rise, because they ain't
No other way to go.*



*These folks who always bellyache,
They ought to have a nurse;
I've hit some rocky spots myself,
But then they could be worse.
And so I still retain my nerve
And wear my two-bit smile,
And things to me look brighter
Than they have for quite awhile.*

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Will G. Goodwin, Room 531, Y. M. C. A.
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614 Congress St.—Second Saturday
Will O. Kimball, 684-A Congress St.
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Charles N. Snyder, 58 Harrison Ave., Lockport, N. Y.
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Bird L. Craven, 1675 Clarendon St.
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J. Russell King, 37 Steuben St.
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59 Franklin Square—First Saturday
John H. Thomas, 315 First Ave., Frankfort, N. Y.
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N. E. Masonic Temple—First Wednesday
Henry O. Nicol, 1716 Newton St., N. E.
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1104 W. Baltimore St.—First Saturday
William G. Stone, 4315 Ready Ave.
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Jr. O. U. A. M. Hall—Second Saturday
J. Fred Keller, 440 Seymour St.
CEDAR RAPIDS, No. 49, Cedar Rapids, Ia.
Federation of Labor Hall—First Wednesday
Louis T. Herbold, 501 Seventh Ave., W., Marion, Ia.
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Jr. O. U. A. M. Hall—First Saturday
Clarence Henderson, 1710 18th St.
ALBANY, No. 51, Albany, N. Y.
734 Broadway—First Saturday
Henry A. Mineker, 187 Madison St.
ROCHESTER, No. 52, Rochester, N. Y.
Patriarchal Hall—Second Saturday
Harry V. Barnett, Apt. 17, 105 Edinburgh St.
SAN FRANCISCO, No. 53, San Francisco, Calif.
Native Son's Hall—First Saturday
Luther E. Conaway, 3214 13th Ave., Oakland, Calif.
READING, No. 54, Reading, Pa.
612 Court St.—Second Saturday
Edwin C. Ritchie, 26 E. Lancaster Ave., Shillington, Pa.
AKRON, No. 55, Akron, Ohio
Wilnot Hall, 982 E. Market St.—First Saturday
Thomas W. Osborne, Box 203, Firestone Park Station
SALT LAKE CITY, No. 56, Salt Lake City, Utah
First Wednesday
Alfred G. Keeley, 817 E. 7th South St.
ROCKFORD, No. 57, Rockford, Ill.
1028 S. Main St.—Second Saturday
Benjamin F. Jackson, 106 Lincoln Park Blvd.
SPRINGFIELD, No. 58, Springfield, Ill.
N. E. Cor. 5th & Monroe Sts.—First Saturday
Eldon R. Gedney, 309 E. Monroe St.
DAYTON, No. 59, Dayton, Ohio
I. O. O. F. Hall, 510 Brady St.—First Saturday
Arthur C. Johnson, 3123 18th Ave., Rock Island, Ill.
WORCESTER, No. 60, Worcester, Mass.
306 Main St.—First Saturday
A. G. Clark, 2 Crescent St., Whitinsville, Mass.
ST. PAUL-MINNEAPOLIS, No. 61, St. Paul, Minn.
Fairview and Marshall Aves. St. Paul—First Friday
Anton Schroeder, 2172 Carroll Ave., St. Paul
FT. WORTH, No. 62, Fort Worth, Texas
Third and Calhoun Sts.—Second Saturday
Charles M. Wilson, Route 7, Box 773
DALLAS, No. 63, Dallas, Texas
Y. M. C. A. Building—First Saturday
Edward B. Kolp, 2803 W. Brooklyn Ave.
DENVER, No. 64, Denver, Colo.
Heidbrak Hall, 74 Broadway—First Saturday
Homer E. Grace, 329 S. Gilpin St.
WATERBURY, No. 65, Waterbury, Conn.
Garden Hall—First Saturday
Edward H. Hine, 74 Star View Ave.
SPRINGFIELD, No. 67, Springfield, Mass.
48 Pynchon St.—First Saturday
Philip Beausoleil, 147 Wilbraham Ave.

WACO, No. 68, Waco, Texas
Chamber of Commerce—First Saturday
Tilden Smith, 612 N. 18th St.
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Odd Fellows' Hall, 107 South St.—Second Saturday
Edward J. Gilmartin, 18 Lincoln Terrace
BANGOR, No. 71, Bangor, Maine
57 Main St., Royal Arcanum Hall—First Saturday
J. Fred Flynn, 145 Pine St.
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Regner Building, Main and South Sts.—Second Saturday
Ambrose Castana, 954 Salem St.
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Y. M. C. A.—First Saturday
Ross Davison, 1232 S. Santa Fe Ave.
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E. 2028 Marietta Ave.—First Friday
James H. O'Leary, E. 2028 Marietta Ave.
DES MOINES, No. 77, Des Moines, Ia.
Moose Hall, 920 Locust St.—First Saturday
Charles R. Koons, 1217 Pine St.
LOWELL, No. 78, Lowell, Mass.
Y. M. C. A.—Second Saturday
Myles S. McGeever, 39 Elliott St.
BERKELEY, No. 79, Berkeley, Cal.
263 12th St., Oakland—First Friday
Doney H. Goodrich, 1803 Dwight Way
DELAVAN, No. 80, Delavan, Wis.
I. O. O. F. Hall—First Saturday
Duncan A. Cameron, 112 S. 7th St.
HOUSTON, No. 81, Houston, Texas
Eagles' Hall, 910 Preston Ave.—Second Tuesday
Richard C. Morris, 400 Quinman St.
SCRANTON, No. 82, Scranton, Pa.
232 Wyoming Ave.—First Friday
Charles L. Clark, 719 Madison Ave.
RICHMOND, No. 83, Richmond, Va.
2047 W. Broad St.—Second Saturday
Edward F. Freeman, 1 N. Colonial Ave.
JOHNSTOWN, No. 85, Johnstown, Pa.
Moose Temple—First Saturday
Roland M. Barker, 61 Church St.
MANHATTAN, No. 87, New York, N. Y.
143 W. 125th St.—First Monday
Max M. Lubin, 22 Post Ave., New York
JACKSONVILLE, No. 88, Jacksonville, Ill.
Gallaudet Club Hall—First Thursday
Ernest Tilton, 414 Kosciusko St.
LEWISTON, No. 89, Lewiston, Maine
G. A. R. Hall, Pine St.—First Saturday
Armand J. Leriche, 85 Second St., Auburn, Me.
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Proctor Recreation Center—Second Saturday
Charles J. Cunningham, 1713 N. Madison St.
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Odd Fellows' Hall, Bergen Square—First Saturday
Charles T. Hummer, 301 Highwood St., Teaneck, N. J.
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Castle Hall, Walton and 149th St.—First Monday
Louis C. Saracene, 684 E. 136th St.
COLUMBIA, No. 93, Columbia, S. C.
Y. M. C. A.—First Saturday
Henry R. Glover, 2415 Park St.
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K. of P. Hall, 408 Piedmont Bldg.—Second Saturday
William R. Hackney, 6 W. Fifth St.
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I. O. O. F. Hall—First Saturday
J. M. Vestal, P. O. Box 397, Burlington, N. C.
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Dubuque Silent Club—First Friday
Frank Hemmelder, 2520 Stafford Ave.
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Y. M. C. A.—First Saturday
Loren Mars, Route 1, Marne, Mich.
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Foresters' Hall, 22 College St.—First Saturday
Asa Forrester, 20 McGregor Ave.
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216 W. Superior St.—First Saturday
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Army & Navy Hall, N. Court St.—First Saturday
Albert M. Price, Route 4
FARIBAULT, No. 101, Faribault, Minn.
Eagles Hall—First Saturday
Wesley Lauritsen, Care School for the Deaf
SOUTH BEND, No. 102, South Bend, Ind.
Second Saturday
Leo M. Douglas, 809 E. Miner St.
COUNCIL BLUFFS, No. 103, Council Bluffs, Iowa
School for the Deaf—Second Saturday
John J. Marty, 300 North Ave.
FORT WAYNE, No. 104, Fort Wayne, Ind.
Y. M. C. A.—First Saturday
John J. Smead, 514 Fairmount Place
SCHENECTADY, No. 105, Schenectady, N. Y.
I. O. O. F. Hall—Second Saturday
Harry A. Barnes, 547 Summit Ave.
CHICAGO, No. 106, Chicago, Ill.
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NATIONAL FRATERNAL SOCIETY OF THE DEAF



THE NATIONAL FRATERNAL SOCIETY OF THE DEAF is a fraternal life insurance association of deaf men. It is organized on the lodge system and has branch lodges, called Divisions, in nearly a hundred principal cities of the United States and Canada.

When and How Organized.

The society was founded in 1901, at Flint, Michigan, its organizers being some young deaf men just out of school. One of the principal reasons for the undertaking was the discrimination against the deaf by insurance companies and fraternal societies.

In 1907 the society was reorganized under its present name and received its charter from the state of Illinois.

Objects.

The society's objects are: To pay death benefits to the families of members who die; to pay benefits to members who fall sick or meet accidental injury; to unite all deaf men of good health, habits and character in a brotherhood of friendliness and good fellowship for the purpose of helping one another and making life better and happier for all of its members and the deaf as a class.

Benefit Certificates—Amounts; Age Limits.

Certificates are issued for the following-named amounts of death benefit: \$250, \$500, \$1,000, \$1,500, \$2,000 and \$3,000.

A certificate for more than \$2,000 cannot be issued to an applicant who is over 45 years of age, or for more than \$1,000 if past 50.

Applications for full membership with benefit privileges cannot be accepted from persons under 18 or over 55 years of age.

Social Membership.

Social or associate membership, without benefit privileges, is open to deaf men who by reason of age or physical condition are not eligible to full membership with benefit privileges.

Death, Sick and Accident Benefits.

The society guarantees to pay to the beneficiary of a deceased member the amount for which his certificate is written, subject to the requirements and restrictions set forth in the society's laws.

To a member disabled by sickness or injury for two full weeks or longer the society will pay a sick and accident benefit of \$5.00 per week. No benefit, however, is paid for disability of less than 14 days' duration; nor can any member draw more than \$50.00 within twelve months; and no member can draw sick or accident benefit for any part of the first three months after joining.

Payments Required of Members.

Rate tables and other information concerning payments required of members are given on the last inside page.

Social Features.

Most of the Divisions engage in social and literary entertainments for the pleasure and profit of their members—parties, balls, picnics, lectures, readings and the like. These social pleasures are part of the benefits of membership.

The spirit of good fellowship among the members is strong; and wherever one goes about this country of ours he will find cordiality and friendliness among his fellow-wearers of the Frat button.

Safeguards.

The society is chartered under laws of the state of Illinois and is licensed by the insurance departments of more than thirty-six other states in which it operates. An annual report of the society's business for the year and financial condition is made to each of these state insurance departments. From time to time the insurance department of the society's home state of Illinois makes an examination and verifies the returns made in the annual report.

A voucher system is in use at the home office and every expenditure must have the approval of the Grand President. The general treasurer and the treasurers of all the Divisions are bonded by a surety company. The Board of Trustees makes a monthly audit of the treasurer's books and supervises all investments of the society's funds. Books and vouchers are at all times open for inspection by members or their legal representatives.

Why You Should Join.

Everyone knows the value of life insurance. It is the duty of every man to provide such protection for those dependent on him.

Again, life insurance is the best and most certain way to make sure that the cost of burying you will not fall on other persons.

This society offers you life insurance and disability benefits at the lowest possible cost consistent with necessary regard for permanence and safety.

It deserves your support, and the support of all the deaf. By joining, you will not only secure valuable benefits for yourself but moreover are helping and taking part in the most democratic, most useful, and already the most successful cooperative enterprise ever undertaken by the deaf anywhere in the world.

Cost of Joining.

The entrance fee is \$5.00 and is always to be paid with the application. In case of rejection the \$5.00 will be refunded. The applicant is also to pay the doctor's fee for the required medical examination—usually \$2.00.

How to Join.

Write to the nearest secretary and ask for an application blank and any further information you desire.

If you live in a city where there is a Division, see any member or officer of that Division.

If you live very far from any city which has a Division, or in a state in which no Division has yet been organized, write to the Grand Secretary for application blank or information.

If you do not live in or near a Division city, you will be attached to some Division as a non-resident member.

In writing for blank or information be sure and give full name, age, occupation and address.

For addresses of Grand Officers, and a Directory of Divisions, see Page 18.