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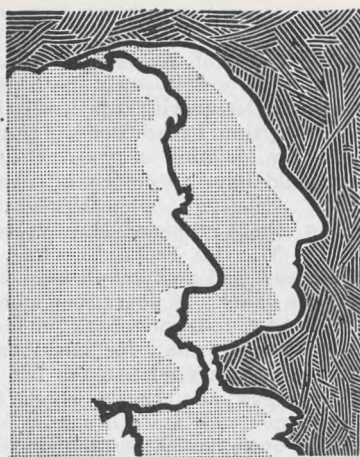
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Number Seven



## Washington and Lincoln

ON the twenty-second of this month we commemorate the anniversary of the birth of the Father of His Country, and on the twelfth, the birthday anniversary of the Saviour of His Country—Washington and Lincoln, the two greatest men in the history of our nation.

When the news spread abroad in England, along about the close of the eighteenth century, that a wild Irishman by the name of Patrick Henry was trying to talk into existence a new nation, he was commonly viewed as a traitor to England. Meanwhile the Colonists were according to Patrick Henry the full honors of a true patriot. The same view of Washington was held in these two countries.

Washington could not have been right in America and wrong in England. He could not have been a patriot and a traitor. Were you a judge to decide whether he were a good or bad man, by what standard would you judge of his conduct?

When the news spread abroad in the sunny Southland that President Lincoln was determined to crush forever Negro slavery and secession, he was commonly regarded in the South as a vicious man, disrespectful of the rights of others. In the North he was viewed as a patriot. Lincoln could not have been right and wrong at the same time. By what standard would you condemn or commend his actions?

With the passing of time, passions have subsided and these two men are considered calmly and reasonably. England now regards Washington as a great and good man, and the nation he founded, as a friend. The South is beginning to respect the name of Abraham Lincoln.

Had these men been wrong, would time have made their actions right? No, indeed.

So, the standard by which we judge of right and wrong is not the standard of hate and passion, nor yet that of personal profit; it is the standard of eternal truth, for right is right—forever.

—Keystone Arcani.



## The Spotlight

By J. FREDERICK MEAGHER

### OUTSTANDING SURPRISES of 1935:

Our Sons—Demaree, Cubs; Walls, T.C.U.

Track—Davis, American record-breaker; "Chud," Otten and Coach Burns, Olympic team.

Writers—Murphy, before KC; Ferguson, after KC.

Death—Tilden, sculptor.

Basketball—First official National Deaf tourney; Ind. beats N.J.

Gala Jamboree—Kansas City convention.

Heroes—KC Local Committee.

Neros—Those \*\*\*\* Gland Sergeants.

Frank Demaree of the champion Cubs ranks 8th in official National League batting averages—.325. Frank outplayed that \$125,000 beauty, "Chuck" Klein, to cinch his job—despite a spring sickness which sent him to the hospital for weeks, and probably chopped his batting average fifteen points. Right after losing the world series to Detroit, he and his lovely wife, Nadine (not named after the NAD) flew out to California where Frank had recently bought his deaf parents a nice home. He addressed our Chi-first frats in September.

His Gallaudet College football teams having won but one game each of the past three seasons, Coach Ted Hughes resigned as gridiron mentor after 18 years of varying fortunes. Our tiny, 2x4 Gallaudet simply does not get the right material—but everybody expects his favorite coach to be a combination of Socrates, Napoleon, and Mandrake the Magician. "Fire the coach," "Kill the umpire," and "I'll win something for nothing" seem the three best battle-yells of all True Americans not yet old enough to be agog over the Townsend Plan. Poor Ted got fed-up, I guess. My personal canvass of other sports authorities surmises it is utterly impossible, with our meager material, to lick colleges having ten times our enrollment—and "influential alumni" to steer star athletes their way.

Catholic Deaf-Mute, starting its 37th year, mails out 8000 sample copies. Feature-article comes out strongly for a National Deaf Athletic Ass'n—with objective the International Games for Deaf (in which European meet last August our two entries won four medals—many frats at KC and elsewhere doing their bit to pay expenses of \$400 per boy).

American record broken by deaf! Morris Davis, Hebrew Association of Deaf, N.Y., won Metropolitan AAU 25-mile-walk in heavy rain, Dec. 8—cutting old record of 4-hrs., 3-min. flat, to 3-43:34. Born in England, Davis has won over 200 prizes in his 16 years of heel-and-toe competition for YMHA—including Metropolitan 50,000-meter and three-mile senior championships in 1930.

Lexington Av. will play no more in our Eastern basketball tourneys; it is now a school for girls. All the Lex

boys transferred to historic Fanwood, which—with 350 male studies—is now knocking heck out of hearing opponents. Lex's place will be taken by Buffalo's LeCouteulx St. Mary's—first time Buffalo ever played outside the state (tourney at Mt. Airy, Feb. 21-22.) Little St. Joseph (Catholic) school of NYC is coached by Vinny Cavanaugh, coach of Fordham. These two, with Mt. Airy, may prove the class of the Eastern tournament. Winner is expected to come West for the second annual National Deaf championship tournament, in March or April.

Normal class at Gallaudet College are making occasional week-end visits to nearby schools—something never done before. One Normal is Everett Davies, former U of Pitt star, who coached our 1932 Edgewood basketball team to a National Deaf championship. . . . "Will-lie" Myles says manager of the gas-filling station a block from his shop in Youngstown, Ohio, is son of our late Rev. Jacob Koehler. I would give "Will-lie" credit—only he closes his Christmas letter with this deadly insult: "Everytime I read 'Popeye' in the funny-papers, I think of you. Otherwise I would have forgotten all about you."

Kansas school reopened Nov. 2; will close July 31. Ed Foltz, "Rockne of deaf coaches," had no football team for first time in exactly 20 years; one month season, only two lettermen back for football and one letterman for basketball. We envious rivals used to poke fun at the "Grandpas" on those wonderful Kansas teams; new state law now forbids pupils over age 20—so that ancient wheeze is out. Kansas, always listed

in the Junior College class, and licking many of the colleges there, will likely be demoted to the high schools division. "Lo, how the mighty art fallen!"

Last Division Notes list three frats and two femmes hit by autos. . . . Three Iowa June grads reported attending Iowa State U—including Irvan Woodruff, first-string All-America Deaf. . . . California Broadcaster printed on different colored paper every two weeks.

## This 'n' That

By MURIEL BISHOP

FREAK accidents of 1935 would doubtless fill pages, beginning with Ice Antics Around Akron, where President Bobs' car forgot it was a lady Ford, named Elizabeth, and tried to be a bobsled. . . . Here's our contrib. A young member of Division No. 28 (Frank Bartlett) was at home asleep in his bed, safe and sound. (Oh, yeah! Wait-a-minute. Statistics have proved that "home" is about the unsafest place you can be.) Frank dreamed he was swimming, and decided to try a dive. Suiting the action to the thought—or the dream, he went through the window taking the screen with him, and woke up in the flower bed—instead of his bed. A badly fractured shoulder kept him from work several weeks. Lucky for Frank, his room was on the first floor. A second story dive would have made this story longer, sadder, and No. 28 might be minus a member.

Week-ending will go strong in 1936. . . . Program preparers for division doin's will please paste this up. Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day and 4th o' July all come on Saturdays. Labor Day is always on a Monday, so is Columbus Day this year.

### NEW MEMBERS

Chicago No. 1—Charles Hicks.  
Los Angeles—John Dobbs.  
Philadelphia—Adolph Green.  
Providence—Frederick Jarvis.  
Rochester—William Martin.  
Reading—George Kopec.  
Salt Lake City—Joe Brandenburg.  
Springfield, Ill.—James Todd.  
Manhattan—Kaple Greenberg.  
Durham—Thomas Russell.

### THE GET-ONE DEGREE

Chicago No. 1—Charles Falk.  
Los Angeles—Joe Greenberg.  
Philadelphia—Warren Holmes, Jr.  
Providence—Earl Gardiner.  
Rochester—Claude Samuelson.  
Reading—Salvatore Joseph.  
Salt Lake City—Alfred Keeley.  
Springfield, Ill.—John Otto.  
Manhattan—Arne Olsen.  
Durham—Samuel Clarkson.

### OBITUARY

JOHN F. CARROLL, 79, of Kansas City Div. No. 31, died Dec. 14, 1935. He joined the Society March 1, 1904, and held certificate No. 107-C.

JOHN M. BURMEISTER, 66, of Buffalo Div. No. 40, died Dec. 14, 1935. He joined the Society Nov. 1, 1913, and held certificate No. 1809-D.

FRED W. SIBITZKY, 73, of Chicago Div. No. 1, died Dec. 21, 1935. He joined the Society April 12, 1902, and held certificate No. 22-C.

SIMON MUNDHEIM, 57, of Brooklyn Div. No. 23, died Dec. 31, 1935. He joined the Society May 1, 1918, and held certificate No. 3979-C.

HARRY R. WILLETS, 38, of Brooklyn Div. No. 23, died Jan. 3, 1936. He joined the Society Feb. 2, 1931, and held certificate No. 9627-D.



### IN FEBRUARY

DIMLY earth remembers the tender greenness of spring. Wet snow clings in patches to the roots of ragged weeds. The earth is water-logged and the sparse brown grass is sodden and very weary.

And tomorrow comes again the cold. The warm furrowed mud of yesterday is frozen, cloudy films of ice tinkle brittlely under foot. The lean fingers of the trees weave blackly against the ashy sky.

But under all, the miracle still lives.

—Hermit.

## DECEMBER COLLECTIONS

Grand Division	\$ 35.31
Chicago No. 1	287.08
Detroit	198.13
Saginaw	46.14
Louisville	60.68
Little Rock	142.25
Dayton	79.91
Cincinnati	186.29
Nashville	35.78
Olathe	75.23
Flint	102.58
Toledo	141.72
Milwaukee	141.26
Columbus	210.01
Knoxville	30.94
Cleveland	148.93
Indianapolis	129.89
Brooklyn	467.89
St. Louis	305.23
New Haven	41.81
Holyoke	40.66
Los Angeles	243.49
Atlanta	129.98
Philadelphia	305.13
Kansas City	102.48
Omaha	106.67
New Orleans	119.55
Kalamazoo	40.74
Boston	250.73
Pittsburgh	116.76
Hartford	69.80
Memphis	88.88
Portland, Me.	82.96
Buffalo	74.28
Portland, Ore.	80.79
Newark	97.85
Providence	62.21
Seattle	162.64
Utica	115.29
Washington	146.75
Baltimore	131.36
Syracuse	101.66
Cedar Rapids	51.68
Albany	51.82
Rochester	117.48
San Francisco	145.53
Reading	
Akron	286.37
Salt Lake City	51.59
Rockford	51.75
Springfield, Ill.	45.54
Davenport	19.32
Worcester	46.51
St. Paul-Minneapolis	224.49
Fort Worth	59.41
Dallas	143.24
Denver	89.56
Waterbury	40.14
Springfield, Mass.	74.12
Waco	33.48
Bangor	47.55
Kenosha	32.71
Birmingham	69.62
Sioux Falls	48.58
Wichita	43.09
Spokane	85.93
Des Moines	75.98
Lowell	62.04
Berkeley	80.43
Delavan	99.05
Houston	70.84
Scranton	27.60
Richmond	69.67
Johnstown	37.16
Manhattan	281.86
Jacksonville	88.88
Lewiston	34.49
Peoria	25.99
Jersey City	90.67
Bronx	73.68
Columbia	105.37
Charlotte	63.97
Durham	105.55
Dubuque	25.64
Grand Rapids	33.53
Toronto	273.47
Duluth	31.48
Canton	30.59
Faribault	53.90
South Bend	55.19
Council Bluffs	56.20
Fort Wayne	
Schenectady	83.14
Chicago No. 106	114.12
Miami	33.67
Binghamton	72.70
Wilkesburg	97.27
San Diego	23.23
Eau Claire	60.11
Sulphur	48.92
Vancouver	19.48
Westchester	46.72
Queens	75.36
St. Augustine	28.13
Montreal No. 117	
Montreal No. 118	35.33
Total collections	\$10,033.24

TREASURER'S STATEMENT FOR  
DECEMBER, 1935

Balance and Income	
Balance, Nov. 30, 1935	\$1,878,211.06
Division collections	10,033.24
Interest, mortgage loans	2,304.09
Interest, bonds	1,760.00
Increase in book value of bonds	40.35
Increase in book value of real estate	24,755.81
Mortgage fees	200.00
Property insurance premiums	74.95
Refund to expense fund	108.15
Refund of investment expenses	2.66
Rents	1,796.75
Satisfaction of judgment	20.00
Lodge supplies	1.10
Exchange on checks	2.00
Advertising in "The Frat"	3.00
Subscriptions to "The Frat"	.60
Recording and registry fees	10.75
Total balance and income	\$1,919,314.51

Disbursements	
Death benefits	\$ 6,566.00
Sick benefits	1,825.00
Accident benefits	680.00
Old-age income payments	80.87
Disability after age 70 benefit	50.00
Indemnity payment	69.37
Convention expenses	108.15
Decrease in book value of bonds	790.64
Clerical services	190.00
Furniture and equipment	190.38
Insurance Department fees	2.54
Investment expenses	4,788.25
Legal services	625.00
Office expenses	107.09
Officers' and Trustees' salaries	787.69
Official publication	192.91
Postage	21.10
Property insurance premiums	189.99
Rents	162.50
Total disbursements	\$ 17,427.48

Recapitulation	
Balance and income	\$1,919,314.51
Disbursements	17,427.48
Balance, Dec. 31, 1935	\$1,901,887.03

## TRUSTEES' REPORT

Ledger Assets, Dec. 31, 1935	
Real estate	\$ 340,907.72
First mortgage loans	817,248.68
First mortgage bonds	222,945.73
U. S. Government bonds	80,622.68
State bonds	209,258.06
Municipal bonds	118,675.53
Canadian bonds	21,062.06
Cash in banks:	
City National Bank & Trust Co.	32,352.38
Continental Illinois National Bank & Trust Co.	46,350.18
Bank of Montreal	11,815.74
Cash in Society's office	648.27
Total ledger assets	\$1,901,887.03
Balances in Funds	
Reserve fund	\$1,691,810.68
Mortuary fund	83,332.66
Sick and accident fund	87,870.08
Convention fund	10,388.35
Indemnity fund	1,563.57
General expense fund	26,921.69
Total in all funds	\$1,901,887.03

## BIRTHS

October 10—Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schneider, New Orleans, La., a boy.
October 29—Mr. and Mrs. James R. Hale, Castine, Me., a girl.
November 4—Mr. and Mrs. Halstead DeMoyné, Newark, N.J., a girl.
November 7—Mr. and Mrs. Linwood Grant, Waterville, Me., a boy.
December 1—Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith, Flint, Mich., a girl.
December 5—Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Gledhill, Charlotte, N.C., a boy.
December 10—Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Henck, Atlanta, Ga., a girl.
December 13—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kelly, Dorchester, Mass., a girl.
December 16—Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wicks, Toronto, Can., a boy.
December 18—Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Goulding, Toronto, Can., a boy.
December 23—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sampso, Everett, Mass., a girl.
December 28—Mr. and Mrs. John Parker, Quitman, Ga., a girl.
December 28—Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Scott, Philadelphia, Pa., a boy.
January 3—Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Williams, Flint, Mich., a girl.
January 7—Mr. and Mrs. John Breen, Cincinnati, Ohio, a boy.

## DECEMBER DISABILITY CLAIMS

Donat Caron, Montreal No. 117	\$ 60.00
J. M. Moreland, Toronto	50.00
M. M. Mossell, Kansas City	50.00
J. E. Keeton, Memphis	30.00
*V. J. Knauss, Cleveland	15.00
C. F. Schneider, Brooklyn	20.00
W. A. Hemphill, Dallas	50.00
C. H. Jenkins, Omaha	50.00
John Johannas, Schenectady	10.00
Anton Wagner, Cleveland	10.00
W. L. Smith, Columbia	150.00
L. B. Brushwood, Baltimore	100.00
E. W. Craig, Chicago No. 1	60.00
Ernest Huber, Louisville	30.00
F. E. Corrigan, Albany	50.00
F. J. Klotz, Toledo	15.00
C. A. Reed, Cleveland	105.00
N. J. Barney, Spokane	10.00
*H. C. Dunham, Louisville	50.00
*John Monahan, Boston	30.00
*E. J. Homan, Detroit	60.00
*R. M. Lawton, Brooklyn	10.00
W. P. Souder, Washington	50.00
Walter Branum, Wichita	150.00
P. A. Senkbeil, St. Paul	35.00
Jacob Friedman, Manhattan	45.00
G. W. Beam, Akron	60.00
Clarence Messner, Cincinnati	20.00
H. G. Augustus, Toledo	15.00
*E. W. Lohmeyer, San Francisco	35.00
*L. L. Lewis, Dallas	105.00
*Emile Veilleux, Montreal No. 117	60.00
B. S. Whitehead, Atlanta	30.00
J. A. Hank, Chicago No. 1	90.00
Lorenzo Cosentino, Chicago No. 106	10.00
Moise LeBlanc, Lowell	50.00
J. F. Donahue, Westchester	40.00
R. B. McGinnis, Westchester	40.00
J. F. Roof, Cincinnati	50.00
Gordon Midget, Knoxville	50.00
C. K. McConnell, Seattle	50.00
J. A. Nicolls, Delavan	20.00
*A. J. Lander, Westchester	150.00
*J. E. Brown, Akron	90.00
*J. M. Judge, Cincinnati	10.00
*R. C. Friend, Wilkinsburg	15.00
*J. C. Mowbray, Philadelphia	50.00
B. A. Grigsby, Columbus	50.00
Percy Bernstein, Brooklyn	30.00
A. S. Enekel, Columbus	50.00
Noah Teitelbaum, Montreal No. 118	40.00
Total for the month	\$2,505.00

\*Denotes accident claims.

## DECEMBER DEATH CLAIMS

Paid to Addie Huntington, Decatur, Ill., for death benefit of Josephus Huntington, certificate No. 3659-C, deceased Nov. 23, 1935, \$119.

Paid to Emma M. Schneider, Brooklyn, N.Y., for death benefit of Charles F. Schneider, certificate No. 3493-C, deceased Nov. 14, 1935, \$1000.

Paid to Collettea Cowhick, Galt, Mo., for death benefit of Clyde T. Cowhick, certificate No. 7004-D, deceased Aug. 6, 1935, \$219.

Paid to Blanche D. Craig, Park Ridge, Ill., for death benefit of Ernest W. Craig, certificate No. 5580-D, deceased Nov. 23, 1935, \$2000.

Paid to Anna M. Grigsby, Columbus, Ohio, for death benefit of Basil A. Grigsby, certificate No. 667-D, deceased Dec. 9, 1935, \$500.

Paid to Ethel E. Holliday, Kansas City, Mo., for death benefit of John F. Carroll, certificate No. 107-C, deceased Dec. 14, 1935, \$500.

Paid to Marguerite I. Clancey, Cincinnati, Ohio, for death benefit of Arthur H. Clancey, certificate No. 6347-E, deceased Dec. 14, 1935, \$250.

Paid to Nellie Murphy, New York, N.Y., for death benefit of Patrick J. Murphy, certificate No. 2702-C, deceased Oct. 29, 1935, \$500.

Paid to Elizabeth Beck, Ogden Utah, for death benefit of Jacob Beck, certificate No. 2862-C, deceased Nov. 9, 1935, \$146.

Paid to Dee and Minnie Allen, Wichita, Kans., for death benefit of Alva D. Allen, certificate No. 2297-D, deceased Dec. 2, 1935, \$1000.

Paid to Katherine Garbarino, St. Paul, Minn., for death benefit of Anthony Garbarino, certificate No. 4116-D, deceased Dec. 4, 1935, \$332.

## MARRIAGES

June 24—William Grinnell, Philadelphia, Pa., and Leota Elam, Cold Spring, N.Y.

January 1—Walter DeArmond and Mary Caponigro, both of Des Moines, Ia.

January 1—Frank Mulvaney and Florence Champion, both of Council Bluffs, Ia.

January 9—Edward Garrett and Katie Lutz, both of Chicago, Ill.

## DEATHS

December 16—Louise Kolodny, wife of Meyer Kolodny, St. Louis, Mo.

December 23—Lillian Oelschlager, wife of Harry Oelschlager, Bothell, Wash.





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FRANCIS P. GIBSON'S LAST MESSAGE:  
"CARRY ON"



FEBRUARY, 1936

WASHINGTON AND LINCOLN.  
We honor their birthdays in this month  
of February.

Two great patriots, two great souls  
who led their country through the two  
major crises that have confronted our  
Republic.

We wonder what these men would  
think and say of the present crisis con-  
fronting our land and the rest of the  
world, were they here to view the Boon-  
doggling scene.

We suspect that the Father of his  
Country would forever set at rest the  
age old myth of our history books that  
he never indulged in profanity.

And that Honest Abe would make  
diligent inquiries for the best brand of  
liquor wherewith to instil leadership in  
the Generals of Reconstruction leading  
the march on Depression.

We must question the historical ac-  
curacy of the fulsome blurb on page  
one of this issue, that Lincoln was "de-  
termined to crush slavery forever" be-  
cause it was slavery.

Rather, he seized upon Emancipation  
as a war weapon sooner to bring the  
enemy to their knees.

Slavery has not been crushed by a  
long shot, as witness that we are slav-  
ing on this so-called editorial for you.

So much for history as it is written  
and absorbed when we are young. A  
true account of the world's great and  
the world's doings would probably be a  
sorry commentary on the Advance of  
Civilization.

## Barleycorn Blues

**A**COUPLE of gentlemen of severe,  
uncompromising countenance and  
wearing black hats called upon us the  
other day.

The usual amenities being concluded,  
they informed us that we had been sell-  
ing liquor. This was news to us—a  
veritable scoop. We had never sold  
liquor in our life, we averred, and that  
was gospel truth. Whereupon the gents  
in the black hats flashed credentials of  
U. S. Treasury agents, and shoved un-  
der our nose divers handbills advertis-  
ing social affairs, all stating that  
DRINKS would be dispensed. An ex-  
amination disclosed that these were  
dodgers advertising lodge affairs, held  
in the past.

We referred them to the proper lodge  
officials, telling them the Home Office did  
not manage lodge affairs, that we had  
no knowledge of liquor sales, duration  
thereof, or quantities. The upshot of  
the interview was that we consulted the  
society's legal advisor, and deduced the  
following facts:

The U. S. Treasury levies a dealer's  
tax of \$25.00 per year on the seller of  
liquor. The tax is on the dispenser,  
not on the premises, which is to say that  
even if the owner of the premises has a  
license and pays the tax, any dispenser  
of liquor on the premises, other than the  
owner and his employes, must pay this  
dealer's tax of \$25.00 per year.

In addition, in many localities, there  
are city and state licenses and taxes.

It is clear, therefore, that if any of  
our lodges have been dispensing liquor  
at social affairs, picnics, balls, and the  
like, selling it themselves, they are li-  
able for these taxes, and may be as-  
sessed back taxes for two years since  
the repeal of prohibition, together with  
penalties for non-payment of tax in that  
time.

Our advice to all our Divisions is to  
make an immediate decision: Whether  
they will pay the U. S. tax and arrange  
for state and city licenses, where the  
latter are required; or cease selling  
liquor at social affairs, etc., if such has  
actually been done in the past. If there  
is disregard of United States regula-  
tions in this matter, lodge officials will  
be held responsible. You cannot mon-  
key successfully with your Uncle Sam-  
uel. The agents will catch you sooner or  
later if you don't watch out.

The best arrangement, where liquor  
is sold at all, appears to be to leave its  
sale to the owner of the hall or picnic  
ground, who has a license and pays the  
U. S. tax. In many cases, under such  
an arrangement, the rental of the prem-  
ises will be somewhat less.

A word to the wise is sufficient.

## Deaf Colonies

**L**IKE Lo the poor Indian, the deaf  
of this country are being focused  
upon by well-meaning but misinformed  
individuals as fit subjects for segre-  
gation into subsistence colonies, all by  
themselves.

Months ago, in these columns, we op-  
posed this idea of colonies. We are still  
steadfastly opposed, and will continue  
opposed to any plan whereby the deaf  
are segregated in subsistence schemes.

Every school head in the country en-  
gaged in educating the deaf and fitting  
them for useful work, that they may  
take their places in industry, in the arts,  
in the professions, as they have been  
doing in this country for more than a  
century, with high credit to themselves,  
should revolt at any such plan of segre-  
gating the products of our schools for  
the deaf. Concurrence in an idea of  
this sort would be a confession on the  
part of any responsible school head that  
education of the deaf in this country is  
a failure, that the products of our  
schools for the deaf are mental and in-  
dustrial cripples, who must be rescued  
from the bog into which they have sunk  
while attending school, and rehabilitat-  
ed by regimentation in colonies. We are  
confident no school head of any standing,  
integrity, and pride in his profession  
will ever subscribe to a plan of this  
kind.

While on this subject, we might as  
well go to what we consider the root of  
the evil: The lack of up-to-date trades  
teaching in many schools, the failure to  
adequately provide for state surveys  
and revamping of the trades taught to  
fit conditions in particular states, and  
the neglect to provide for state place-  
ment officers or, if preferred, state la-  
bor bureaus for the deaf.

The deaf of this country will not sink  
to the level of the deaf in European  
countries. The history and background  
of the American deaf shout defiance of  
any attempt to class them as incompe-  
tents, to segregate them in subsistence  
colonies, to tell them that they have no  
hope of any useful future. The mis-  
guided individuals who are backing the  
segregation scheme will learn that they  
are very much mistaken as to the intel-  
ligence and quality of the American  
deaf.

## Politics

**W**ITH the approach of political  
campaigns, both National and  
State, we wish to remind our various  
Divisions that the laws of this society  
prohibit our Divisions or Lodges from  
taking part, as organized units, in po-  
litical activity, in political discussion, in  
active support of any political candidate  
on any political ticket or otherwise.

The reason for this rule has sound  
basis, and its value has been demon-  
strated in more than thirty years of the  
society's existence. Our members sub-  
scribe to various political beliefs, adhere  
to various political parties. Engaging

in political discussions, joining in political movements, as a unit, lead directly to dissension, strong feelings, animosities, and interfere with the orderly progress of our work as a fraternal society, dedicated to the good of all our members, of whatever political faith.

As individuals, our members are of course free to follow their own political beliefs and engage in such political activity as they may desire. But as organized units, or lodges, politics and political campaigns must be avoided. The rule is plain. It must be observed.

## DIVISION NOTES

### February

1. Masquerade party.....Little Rock
1. Valentine social.....Dayton
1. Card social.....Buffalo
1. Dutch whist.....San Francisco
1. Annual ball.....Philadelphia
1. Social.....Des Moines
2. After meeting social.....Columbus
2. Social.....Schenectady
7. Home social.....Kenosha
7. Liars' Club nite.....Chicago No. 1
8. Masquerade ball.....Flint
8. Movies.....Cedar Rapids
8. Valentine party.....Charlotte
8. Social.....Detroit
8. Annual ball.....Brooklyn
8. Masquerade party.....Milwaukee
8. Beano.....Lowell
14. Valentine party.....Toronto
14. Valentine party.....Chicago No. 106
15. Movies.....Wilkesburg
15. Mask ball.....St. Louis
15. Box social.....Cleveland
15. Mask ball.....Utica
15. Banquet.....Little Rock
15. Post Office.....Toledo
15. Social.....Pittsburgh
15. Valentine party.....Washington
15. Leap year party.....Albany
15. Valentine party.....Rochester
15. Social.....St. Augustine
20. Box supper.....Houston
22. Party.....Peoria
22. Masquerade party.....Portland, Ore.
22. Social and lecture.....Kalamazoo
22. Masquerade party.....New Orleans
22. Masquerade ball.....Chicago No. 1
22. Washington social.....Syracuse
22. Ball.....Westchester
22. Ball.....Baltimore
22. New Deal social.....Fort Wayne
22. Military whist.....Holyoke
22. Leap year party.....Kansas City
22. Masquerade party.....Omaha
22. Dance.....St. Paul-Minneapolis
22. Washington social.....Denver
22. Social.....Scranton
29. Basketball game.....Philadelphia
29. Leap year dance.....Los Angeles
29. Vaudeville and dance.....Jersey City
29. Card and bunco party.....Queens
29. Mask party.....Dallas
29. Leap year social.....Wichita

### March

2. Stage show.....Columbus
6. Lecture.....Chicago No. 1
7. Social.....Dayton
7. St. Patrick social.....Kalamazoo
7. Social.....Providence
7. Card social.....Albany
14. St. Patrick party.....Dubuque
14. Social.....Detroit
14. St. Patrick day.....Salt Lake City
14. Social.....Fort Worth
14. St. Patrick social.....Schenectady
21. St. Patrick ball.....Newark
21. St. Patrick party.....Toledo
- 21-22. Anniversary.....Dayton
28. Card and bunco party.....Queens

### April

4. Social.....Seattle
11. 23rd anniversary banquet.....Memphis
25. Card and bunco party.....Queens

**CINCINNATI (F. J. O'Brien)**—At almost the exact time that his name was called during roll call at our December meeting, our Creator was calling to the Great Beyond the gentle soul of Dr. Arthur H. Clancey. His death occurred Saturday evening, Dec. 14. Educated at the Clarke school, Northampton, Mass., Dr. Clancey took up dentistry as a profession, which he practiced for nearly 40 years. On Monday evening, Dec. 16, services were held, with Bros. Bacheberle, Allen, and Staubitz, Mrs. Wm. E. Hoy and Miss Edwina Woolley taking part. Bros. Hoy and O'Brien were active pallbearers at the funeral which was held Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 17 from the cemetery chapel at Spring Grove. Rev. Canon Reade officiating. Numerous floral tributes and over 600 letters and telegrams to his bereaved family showed the high esteem with which Dr. Clancey was regarded. His widow, Mrs. Marguerite Innes Clancey, a son, Innes Clancey, and a daughter, Viola Clancey, survive him.

Our last meeting was speeded up, most of the voting being by acclamation. Visitors were Bros. Goldman, Forsythe and Judge. Paul Browning was initiated during the meeting. Dawson Watkins became a new member per Jas. Shepherd. Bro. Allie L. Hutcherson was transferred from Columbus No. 18. A silent tribute was paid to the memory of Francis P. Gibson and the brother of Joseph Goldman.

Our Christmas entertainment at the Adult Deaf Welfare Center, Dec. 20, fell on an appropriate day with plenty of snow and almost zero weather. Brother Watters impersonated Jolly St. Nick.

**CHICAGO 106 (F. W. Hinrichs)**—1936 looks like a prosperous year for us while the Home Office is offering cash prizes for new members. Let's get busy. Brothers, go after your friends to join the Frat instead of going after girls. It's leap year, so let the girls go after you. Let us hope that we can get ten new members by May 2 or 9, when we will celebrate our 10th anniversary. It will be a night club affair—maybe at Hotel Sherman College Inn, or at a Night Club Tavern. The whole floor show to be enjoyed with dances, eats and drinks. Gee, don't miss it! Chairman Nelson is doing his best for us.

Brother Adducci is our new chairman of the Entertainment Committee. He's working hard on his first experiment for a Valentine Party on February 14, after the Frat meeting at Hotel Atlantic. The admission is only 5 cents. During the evening Bingo games will be played. Ice cream and cakes served. It will be swell if we see girls propose to our single brothers at the party.

Our Basketball Team is having games with various hearing teams at Lake Shore Playground, Chicago Ave. and Lake Shore Drive every Tuesday and Thursday. Probably they will play the Milwaukee Owls on February 29, the same day they are giving a card party to raise funds.

**SPRINGFIELD, MASS. (By F. L. Ascher)**—Adieu, 1935! Cheerio, 1936! We started the year off with a public joint installation of the new officers of Holyoke and Springfield Divisions on January fourth. The installing officer, our Retiring Vice President Haggerty, did his work so splendidly that each officer felt honored at his respective office. The system impressed the audience so much that the non-members gave us assurance that they would be a part of us before long. It is with a great feeling that both Holyoke and Springfield Divisions agreed to renew more cordial and fraternal relationship, as a result of a good-will meeting on that day. Brother Haggerty is chosen to be "Parliamentarian" of our division. Needless to say what his duties are, we feel that his services will be of a great value to the division. A committee of three, Brothers Whitehouse, Haggerty, and Thompson was chosen to head the entertainment activities of 1936. Plans are getting under way for our monster Ball, which will be held some time in May. Yes, this affair will be a "RED DATE" for everybody. More particulars will follow. . . . Our new members are Max Thompson and Warren Rogers formerly of Tennessee, now living in our beautiful city, the former being transferred from Memphis, Tenn., Division. Both young men are very popular and will prove to be good assets to our division. The third and last one of the Giuffre Brothers, Salvatore Giuffre, has joined our ranks. This young chap, watch him, is bound to be a leader of the future era. Is there any other division which has three or more brothers of one family? If not, tell

it to Ripley! Yes, we expect to have five more new members before long. . . . We are having socials after our regular meetings. If proved to be worth while, we expect to make this a permanent feature. . . . Penny Sale party under the leadership of Brother Thompson will be held on Feb. 1 after the regular meeting. . . .

**NEWARK (By Tom J. Blake)**—The Card Tournament started with a bang Jan. 4. There was a good and pleasant crowd on hand. One and all seemed to enjoy the games, and above all the eats and punch. The punch made a hit! Why, we are unable to say. I guess because it was warm and was the only thing on hand to drink. The next card party will be on Feb. 1, so don't miss it!

The arrangements for the 23rd Annual St. Patrick Dance and Floor Show are almost completed. A good dance program, a fine floor show, and everything that goes with such a modern affair will be on tap. The date is March 21, 1936, at Eagles Hall, 28-30 East Park St., Newark, N.J. The waiters will all be deaf, also the cloak and hat attendants. Bartender Simon, pure deaf man, also a deaf orchestra from New York City. The cashier and door attendants will also be deaf, so no matter which way you turn, you will meet deaf friends who can use the G.O.L.—grand old language. The Hudson Tubes stop two blocks away at Park Place, Newark. Only 10c fare from Jersey City. So we expect a great crowd. The floor show will be by professionals from New York City. Acts announced in next issue. Remember what we gave you last year? It's better this year. Sorry, the actor ladies will not be deaf!

**ATLANTA (By L. B. Dickerson)**—On January 3 a large and enthusiastic crowd was present, after a 45-minute business meeting, to see new officers installed, with Bro. John Davis in charge. The division was delighted to learn of the announcement by headquarters as to cash prizes awarded for new members. We pledge to do our part. A new suit of clothes from head to foot was presented to John Stockard, one of the ten charter members, by the kind-hearted employees of the Orr Shoe Company recently, to his great surprise. He was very grateful. He has been a faithful employee for over thirty years.

On December 23, there was a big Christmas tree party for the benefit of cheerful children, as well as those who were in need of food baskets, with W. A. Willingham in charge. Bro. Surratt played Santa Claus. A crowd of 200 was present.

**SYRACUSE (By H. C. Merrill)**—At the January meeting Tom Hinchey requested to be relieved as Frat correspondent, and the job was wished on us. So there!

After the meeting, the members and their friends, including their wives, enjoyed an informal reception, with refreshments, under the management of Bro. Ackerman.

Bro. Herlan, formerly of Oneida, who had been employed in Chester, Pa., since last spring, was laid off, and is with his wife's people in Utica for the present. He is anxious to find employment nearer home.

At the December and January meetings the matter of moving to another hall was discussed. Several locations are being considered, but no choice has yet been made. The February meeting and the Washington's Social are to be in the present hall.

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Bro. Conley, Chairman, and his committee are planning for the Washington's Social, and it is hoped that the weather and road conditions will be favorable for out-of-towners to come and share the good time that is being prepared. Prizes are to be given for the best, most comical, etc., costumes, so come in costume and cop a prize.

Bro. Eaton, who has been in poor health for several years, was able to spend Christmas with his folks. Bro. Margolis, who has been bed-ridden for something like eight years, unable to use his hands or legs—unable to spell on his fingers—continues cheerful in spite of it all. His faithful wife makes the long trip out to the hospital to see him every Sunday without fail, no matter what the weather may be.

Now that the new officers have been installed, and business conditions appear to be improving, it is hoped that our Division, as well as all others, will have a happy, prosperous New Year. It would seem that some of our members who have had to become Paid-Up will be able to resume active membership. There are plenty of woods in and around Syracuse; let us see if we can't find a few new members hiding somewhere!

Regularity and promptness in attending the meetings is desirable. Unlike some other Divisions, Syracuse has no system of penalties for lateness or non-attendance, leaving it to the members' sense of honor and fraternal spirit to attend whenever they can. Let us all be there the next time—and the next, and the next! Happy New Year everybody!

**HOLYOKE (By Arno Klopfer)**—Holyoke Division will give a military whist on Washington Day, Feb. 22 at Turn Hall. Good prizes will be given. The Annual Ball is planned for April. Committees were named by President Enger at the last meeting. Arno Klopfer will direct the military whist. Three outings at Camp Jahn are also planned.

The January meeting voted gifts of money to James Foley and Anthony Turcotte, that they passed ten year membership with this local division. Congratulations.

On January 4, the Holyoke board of officers journeyed to Springfield to take part in a joint installation ceremony. They enjoyed the evening social after the installation ceremony.

**AKRON (By F. X. Zitnik)**—Santa Claus came and Santa Claus went, but not before he had made about 150 big and little children happy at the Christmas party Dec. 14. The way Miss Lorraine Frater, daughter of our Division Treasurer trained the little tots in singing the Christmas carol deserves special mention, for it was a real pleasure watching them do their difficult act without a hitch.

Harold Newman has charge of this year's Social calendar. Everybody who knows this hustling Brother, knows that we have some fine entertainments coming; so make it a rule not to miss any of them.

Our Division has several members who are mighty good when it comes to smashing the pins at the bowling alleys. The Detroit team will be here March 7, and what our Brothers are going to do to them, will be nobody's business; ask Bro. Bentley, if you doubt this.

The Home Office should be congratulated for its offer of prizes for the year's go-getters. Nothing helps the matter so much as a fair competition, and the rivalry for Division champion hustler is already strong here. No doubt Division Deputy Osborne will be busy looking the Embryo Frater over, and okaying their applications.

The Division's new book of local rules is in process of making. After being arranged and re-arranged for a number of years, it promises to be the most complete edition of local rules any Division could be proud of. The work is being done by Bro. Hamersly, the capable local printer.

**DETROIT (By Asa A. Stutsman)**—At the meeting on Jan. 3, the new officers were sworn into office amid best wishes from the retiring officers and the assembly. The treasurer and the two older trustees were the only ones retaining office. George Davies, who has held several minor offices in the past, now holds the highest office for the first time, but the way he acted at the meeting indicated that he was no novice at presiding. Here's hoping that the new

year will prove that the Division has stopped backsliding, and that it is now on the up-grade.

Just before the close of the old year, Hugo Bufo of Wyandotte was admitted as a new member. Now, who will be the first one for the new year? Brothers, take advantage of the offer of cash prizes in the "Member Drive" as announced in the January FRAT. \$5.00 for a block of 5 new members! A careful survey will disclose a fact that there are in and around Detroit some 50 eligible prospects, so let's now get busy and "drive" them. While we are doing it, let's not forget those inactive paid-up members, and try to interest them to come back into active membership, even tho that does not help in the cash prizes, but getting them back into the fold is on the whole as valuable as are new members, and as desirable to the Society and to the Division.

The Box Social given by the Division on Jan. 11 was a success, all things considered. About 75 people attended. Piled on a table were 8 boxes when the auction began. Daniel Whitehead of Denton was the auctioneer, and he did the part creditably, auctioning the boxes off at prices averaging 85c a box. The highest bid for any one of them was \$1.50. The first prize for the prettiest box went to Mrs. Ralph Beaver, and the second prize, to Asa Stutsman, not for the next prettiest but for its novelty as it was done up in a hobo knapsack—a sack tied to a stick with a bottle protruding, and a tin cup dangling from the sack. The only disappointment was that more boxes were not brought. Those 8 boxes were from Mesdames Arthur Smith, Whitehead, Saine, Charles Brown, Halm and Ralph Beaver, Miss Proal and Mr. Stutsman. Leo Goldstick was the chairman of the event. Here, he wishes to announce that there will be a "500" and Bunco social on Feb. 8, at Gerow's Hall, and that a good time is guaranteed for everybody. As we have seen, Leo is a good hustler himself. He does not stop and wait for Feb. 8 to come, but goes ahead with plans for the St. Patrick Dance to come off on March 14.

Because of his residence being far from the center of the city, and of high carfares, to say nothing of oncoming age, Asa Stutsman was relieved of the directorship of a play that was being planned to be given in Akron this year. The responsibility is now Martin Halm's. It was he who successfully managed the play, "Ten Nights In A Bar Room," in the interests of the Division, some years ago.

## GET FIVE MEMBERS

**MANHATTAN (By A. Kruger)**—An unusually sizable crowd was on hand at the last meeting, held on Wednesday, January 8. The main event of the evening was the installation of new officers. Bro. Lubin, our organizer, was Master of Ceremonies, and performed the ceremony in a manner which pleased both optience and members. Each officer's speech was impressive, and all urged us to "Carry On" the work inaugurated fourteen years ago this January. All our new officers are good, and are expected to make things hum in 1936. Cooperation from members and a regular attendance at meetings is requested.

It was decided that we have our 15th anniversary banquet in January, 1937. A committee was formed, and Bro. Lubin was named chairman. Watch for it!

The application for membership of Kaple Greenberg was unanimously accepted. He is a product of the Fanwood School and of Gallaudet College. A supervisor of boys at the New York School by profession. He has a fine sense of humor, and is a most agreeable gentleman.

F. L. Ascher of Springfield, Mass., was a visitor at this meeting.

**OLATHE (By T. C. Simpson)**—Writing division news is something this correspondent has never tried before starting this "squib," so he certainly will not be surprised if the editorial blue pencil is used liberally before this reaches the printer.

This prolonged depression, bringing lessened earnings and higher living costs, has not had as bad an effect on our membership list as conditions seemed to forecast; but it has been extremely hard for many to even make a pretense of paying dues promptly. Some members have succeeded in keeping in good standing in spite

of all difficulties; but a few have definitely given up and asked for "paid-up" policies.

The Convention at Kansas City was a very effective stimulator of interest in our organization. Olathe Division gained one member before the convention, and another a short time after the pent up enthusiasm had spread out and penetrated to the highways and byways of the "Sunflower State."

John T. Blair, deaf barber of McCune, Kansas, holds the "palm" for stout hearted sticking to an idea under discouraging conditions. John's "FRAT" enthusiasm did not leave him when he returned to McCune and found his rented apartment had vanished in smoke. All personal belongings of the Blairs had been lost in the fire. This loss did not keep John from getting out and hustling for new members for the N.F.S.D. One of his prospects is now a member of the order, and several have promised to join as soon as they secure employment that will enable them to pay the necessary dues.

Some of our members, living out in the "DUST BOWL" we have seen featured so much in some newspapers, have been unable to keep their insurance alive by paying dues; but several have somehow managed to make the grade in spite of all difficulties.

One such member, Thomas Jelinek, lost three milch cows and three of his four work horses in one of those famous dust storms, that was followed by chilling weather. Of course, farming with only one horse is an utter impossibility in that section; but Tom has been able to borrow horses of some of his good neighbors, and by hiring a tractor occasionally has managed to put in crops. A severe drought cut the crop to negligible proportions; but Tom still has faith in the land and the crops. He knows there will be rain and favorable conditions some day, and then he will raise bumper crops and sell them at a good price.

As all but four of the fourteen active resident members are connected, in some capacity, with the State School, we find it hard to assemble quorums at meetings through the school vacation months.

**WESTCHESTER (By R. W. Geel)**—By the time this is read our Fifth Anniversary Banquet will be just a memory. As things look at this writing, it has every indication of being a success.

Feb. 22 is the date of our Washington's Birthday Ball. The committee is working overtime to assure each and every one who attends a worth while evening. If you are wise you will set aside this date and come around for a good time. The Ball is to be held at the usual place, Moose Hall, 2 Gram-ton Ave., Mt. Vernon, N. Y.

The proverbial goat had a good workout last month. We held a smoker and initiations after our December meeting. There were a number of visitors from nearby divisions. In all there were about 50 present. The goat had six victims, four from our division and two from Manhattan division. Everybody had a grand time. The goat jockeys were Bros. McArdle, Mendelsohn, McGinnis, Cerniglia, Mozur and Giel.

Bro. Mellis sure had hard luck over the Christmas Holidays. He was laid up with molar trouble. It seems he had a tooth pulled and the dentist left half of it in his jaw.

## GET TEN MEMBERS

**COLUMBUS (By C. C. Neuner)**—Once more we take our pen in hand after a year's retirement while Happy-Go-Lucky Anderson very ably filled our post. We regret to see him relinquish his scribbling, for he made a fine scribe, but we congratulate him upon his promotion, he being elected Treasurer of our Division. A well deserved promotion indeed.

We held our Division meeting last Saturday evening, Jan. 4, with almost a full house. The new officers for this year were sworn in and took their respective offices and the mill started grinding right off the reel, so to speak. Every one of them took hold like good old hands. We are looking for a prosperous year—Thank you.

One of our active members, James W. Bogart by name, has been steadily employed at the Federal Glass factory for 37 years and is still there—some stick-to-itiveness, that.

The State Bindery, where a score or more deaf people of both sexes have been employed for many years, was closed recently. The Legislature passed a bill to appropriate funds for its continuance, but the Governor vetoed the bill, hence its closing. It is the worst case, to our knowledge, where so many deaf people were thrown out of work. If I am not mistaken, the state bindery was originally established at the Ohio School for the Deaf as a means of instructing the pupils to learn a trade, the same as was the printing office. The latter is still there. But, no doubt through politics, greed and grab, the bindery was moved out of the school grounds and has been run by politics ever since, much to the anxiety of the deaf employees, and finally the crash came.

## GET FIFTEEN MEMBERS

**TORONTO (By C. M. McLean)**—Frank Peirce of Toronto has got a position as distiller with a bottle-filling firm at Grimsby, after having been out of work for five years. Is he home-sick? Oh no, he comes home on the week-ends in his beloved car. Hence he was able to attend our last Division meeting. We always welcome our good Frat friends.

Charles A. Ryan has started running a chicken farm at Haysville. He had been with a newspaper firm in Woodstock, Ont., and employees of that firm gave him a farewell gift, in the form of a handsome club-bag, for his many years' service.

We have two heavy dates in connection with the Local Convention committee—Feb. 14 for a St. Valentine's Party and Feb. 28 for a grand movie show. For the latter occasion we will show splendid moving pictures through the kindness of Grand Trustee Flick of Chicago. He is our good friend, and a constant booster for the Toronto convention in 1939.

Although there were five different parties held by the deaf people in the city on the evening of Dec. 31, our Watch-night social went over with huge success, and was attended by 100 deaf folks. The chief event of the evening was the treasure hunt, in which the finders roamed over and outside the building, even climbing trees, but the winners were well rewarded for their trouble, with good prizes.

## GET TWENTY MEMBERS

**SAN FRANCISCO (By H. O. Schwarzlose)**—As we predicted in these columns, the New Year started with a full sized meeting. 1936 looks to be a banner year, the offer of cash prizes for new members has proved a "hit." The Secretary was besieged for application blanks. Come ahead, brothers, we will order more and give the printers more work!

The Installation conducted by out-going Pres. Norton was a very impressive ceremony. All officers recognized the gravity of the occasion, and things were handled in an expert manner.

We were pleased to see so many non-resident members. One must remember that they have the same rights as resident members. The Secretary reports that many non-resident members have stated that they were told that a non-resident member cannot vote or hold office! This is not so. They have all the privileges that the others have. It does not matter how far away you live. We are always glad to welcome you.

The Whist Social was fairly well attended, though it could have been more so. The Secretary did not send out any printed notices this time, as the committee chairman had just become a father and no preparatory meetings were held. Remember, Feb. 1, after the meeting, Dutch Whist—Prizes—Refreshments, under the able direction of E. Lohmeyer.

**BOSTON (By D. McG. Cameron)**—The annual ball at Hotel Bradford on the 28th of December, was well attended. Holding the event in the hotel, instead of hiring a hall, worked out so well there is talk of making this

a permanent feature of our future balls. Visitors and those coming a distance found this arrangement very convenient, saving themselves time and money in securing accommodations, both for the outside and inner man.

The public installation of the 1936 officers and the movie show on the 29th was also an enjoyable one. In fact, to many of us elders, it was the more attractive event. Bros. Jarvis of Hartford, Ascher, Whitehouse, Brown of Springfield, and of course our old standby, Bro. McCord of Lowell, contributed to the speech making. As usual, Springfield sent up a goodly delegation of youth and beauty. Ex. Prexy Garland, who handled both events, is congratulated on their success.

Two examples of the way our children refuse to be a burden to their deaf-mute parents, also to the State, in these times, and strike out for themselves are shown here. Ira A. Jr., son of Bro. Betts, enlisted in the U. S. Army last week, and leaves for New York, where on Jan. 14 he will embark for the Hawaiian Isles, to be gone for a period of 8 years. William Jr. and Henry, sons of Bro. McNeilly, have gone to Florida to spend their time profitably on the golf links through the winter months.

James Hale, from away up north, Bangor, Me., drove down to the ball in his car, and on the way picked up Bro. Hopkins at Portland, also two young ladies whom he paraded at the ball as the Pine State Twin Beauties.

It looked like good old times to see Pres. Battersby back in the chair at the January meeting, and this without casting any reflection on his predecessor, who after guiding the Division's affairs the last four years with admirable tact and courage, declined to run again. We are looking ahead eagerly and hopefully for a successful year. In order to realize our expectations, the cooperation and good will of one and all is desired. To give the best effect to your cooperation, it is absolutely necessary that you be present at all the meetings. For the good of the Division and the N. F. S. D. make it a rule to attend all the meetings.

Beginning March 1 meetings will be held at 3 Boylston Place, right in the shopping district and handy to both R. R. terminals and bus depots. Non residents and those using the R. R. and busses will find it convenient and save an extra fare both coming and going.

**ROCHESTER (By C. H. Samuelson)**—At the January meeting the Rochester Division placed Glen Poland at the helm of its ship for the year 1936. We look forward to a better year. But as we look back to the year just passed, we think it was better than the previous year. At present the signs displayed all around show that the old man, Mr. Depression, has left us. We are set to get new members and to bring back to active membership the ones who became paid-up members. The Program Committee is planning lucrative socials for this year. February 15 has the Valentine Social. It will be held at the Fraternal hall on Swan and E. Main St. The chairman has lots of surprises for you all. So come and bring your friends.

## GET TWENTY-FIVE MEMBERS

**KANSAS CITY (F. R. Murphy)**—The annual New Year Watch Party was a success, both from a financial and social standpoint. Chairman Brantley and his assistants had everything planned so there was not a dull moment. Bro. Reilly of Council Bluffs division "carried home the turkey" but having no one to cook the bird for him, donated it to the division to auction off.

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The new 1936 officers are working together harmoniously, and this year bids to be one of the best for No. 31. Let's all get behind the officers and encourage them.

The division mourns the passing of John F. Carroll, one of the few remaining charter members. Bro. Carroll was our delegate to the last convention, and doubtless many will remember him. The division will miss an able and loyal Frat.

Plans for the annual February event, which has been designated as "Leap Year" party are rounding into shape under the guidance of Chairman C. V. Dillenschneider. The event is set for Feb. 22 at Cabin Hall, 101 W. Linwood Blvd. Let us all turn out and boost the division treasury.

A last word, don't forget the prizes offered in the home office's drive for new members. There are plenty of prospects roundabout, but you have to bring 'em in, so go to it boys.

## GET A HUNDRED MEMBERS

**ST. PAUL AND MINNEAPOLIS (By J. J. McNeill)**—The new Entertainment Committee, Chairman J. Langford, Paul Kees and Gordon Allen, announced a big Washington Birthday dance at Thompson Club House on Saturday, Feb. 22. They all are veteran members of the division, and promise a big time. Members of the division are requested to help them selling tickets. Out of town friends are very welcome. Remember the date!

The New Year dance was a success, though the attendance was poor. There was a proper celebration of the New Year, and everybody seemed to have a good time. A big bunch came up from Faribault—Block, Lauritsen, Burnes, and Roach, and from Owatonna, Ed, Tom and John Malley and sister. Don't forget our next big dance, Feb. 22. Jack Langford is the chairman.

The Ladies Auxiliary presented the division with the sum of \$17.65 and we all are very grateful to them, and wish them all kinds of luck in 1936. The new officers of the Auxiliary are: Mrs. Morneau, President; Mrs. Torgerson, Vice President; Mrs. Schroeder, Secretary-Treasurer.

A boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. John Staska of Moorhead, Minn. Congratulations.

## BRING 'EM IN

**BROOKLYN (By Hy Dramis)**—Our January meeting was marred by the news of the sad death of our brother "Johnny" Willets, his wife Kate and little daughter Dolores, who had just been found dead in their flat. Asphyxiation was the cause, a gas jet having been opened accidentally after a New Year's celebration, two days previously. There also came to us a telegram informing us of the death of Simon Mundheim in a Philadelphia Hospital, on Dec. 31.

President Dramis was presented with a beautiful gold charm by the Division.

Bro. Renner, an energetic new member, who is chairman of our Feb. 8th Ball arrangements, is trying his best to make this affair a huge success. Give him your support and show him the true spirit of Fraternalism, besides enjoying the evening amid your old friends and making new ones. A troupe of Baltimore deaf beauties have been engaged to give a show on the stage.

The Ball Room is at Odd Fellow's Hall, 301 Schermerhorn St., Brooklyn. All subways have stations nearby, it being located a few blocks east of our Borough Hall.

We have no other affair until next summer, so all the members should try to attend this one with their friends and help the Division out of the red during 1936.

Members will please notice the change of Secretary. Jot down the address in your note book. Nicholas J. McDermott, 954 Broadway, Brooklyn.

## DOUBLE OUR MEMBERSHIP THIS YEAR



**SIOUX FALLS (By E. P. Olson)**—All members of our division regretted losing B. B. Burnes, a valued member and our efficient secretary for several years, who left last August to his new position as teacher, at a better salary, at the Minnesota School for the Deaf at Faribault. We wish him good luck.

After the December meeting and annual election of officers and installation, the members went to Virginia Cafe No. 1 for a stag party. They enjoyed the party.

Wedding bells rang and Cupid was hit last Oct. 11th when Brother Herbert S. Stearns of Valley Springs, S. D., and Miss Frank of Pipestone, Minn., were married. They live on a rented farm 17 miles N. E. of Sioux Falls.

Bro. James L. Jones of Edgemont, S. D., appeared in Sioux Falls last November to visit and incidentally was called to help in the Green Dragon Studio as photo developer during the Christmas rush. He attended the January meeting, helping in the increased attendance, as did Bro. Byrnes, who stays at the Ole Evans farm.

The February meeting will be held at Bro. Norman P. Larson's place at Jasper, 40 miles N. E. of Sioux Falls, on Sunday afternoon, Feb. 2, at 2:30 p. m. if the weather permits. The ladies Sewing Club will have the opportunity to meet there on same day.

Twenty-four gathered at Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Stearns' place on Dec. 31 to watch the old year go and welcome the New Year in. They spent the evening in playing cards and disbanded for their homes at 3 a. m., after refreshments were served.

**DUBUQUE (By Barney Data)**—This winter's series of parties was begun at the Barney Data home on Oct. 26, when a Halloween party was held. All seemed to enjoy themselves, as it had been some little time since Bro. and Mrs. Data had opened their home for a party.

Otto Schnoor invited all to the coming Christmas party at his home at the November Frat meeting. His two charming daughters, Helen of Chicago and Mary at home, were in charge of this party, serving refreshments and otherwise entertaining us. Many thanks to them.

On New Year's J. E. Standacher and his daughter Beatrice held open house for us to welcome in the new year. We were entertained with a contest game most of the evening, after which we amused ourselves at "500", Bunco or just plain chatting until time to officially welcome in the new year. All tried to be the first one to greet it. We always look forward to this annual party at his home.

At this writing invitations are out for a small informal party at Bro. Data's home Jan. 26 to celebrate the first birthday of their little daughter, Barbara Ann.

There are also rumors of a St. Patrick's party under the chairmanship of James Dorman, and a Washington party on Feb. 22. But we will tell of them later.

Glenn Jackson and family have forsaken Dubuque, moving to Charles City last October, where he has been employed the past year.

Bros. Schlegel and Dorman, our veteran unemployed, have both finally secured employment under the WPA. Congratulations to both. All deaf in Dubuque are now employed steadily.

**ALBANY (By W. M. Lange Jr.)**—A sincere friend of the Deaf was called to her last rest on December 27. She was Miss Grace M. Emerson, who had taught many of the members of Albany and Schenectady Divisions during the many years she was a teacher in Albany. She had done much for the Deaf, and had planned more. Many are there who sorrow deeply at her passing, and who will always remember her as one of their best friends.

1936! Leap Year! How many of you unmarried Fraters feel a cold shiver (is it cold?) of fear (?) run up your back bone at this mention of Leap Year? Be on your guard, Boys. But Bill Lange, being already married, and seemingly quite happy, too, doesn't seem to have much sympathy with the single guys. He has planned a Leap Year Valentine Party, with all that THAT portends. He says that there ought to be at least five

engagements by mid-night at that party. It ought to be good. Come on and see the fun. It will be at our Frat Hall, February 15.

There are no new cars among our members, but there are a few new electric refrigerators, and at least one new electric train. The last explains the satisfied smile on the face of Ben Mendel. His two kids have a fine new train, complete with all gadgets, but they have to go to bed early. Then Bro. Ben begins.

**SCRANTON (By H. B. Young)**—Well, Fellas' wasn't that a narrow squeak our Grand Prexy had in Ohio? Seems to us his guardian angel realized just how much the N.F.S.D. needed him, and was on the job with both eyes wide open. Here's hoping there won't be any more "tail spins."

Well, now the holidays have come and gone, and by now we are well on our way through 1936. We Fraters are thinking of having a card party each month after our business meeting, open to our ladies and others who care to attend. Plans have not yet been completed. Wonder how the idea will take with the ladies? Let us hear from them on the subject.

Bro. Roland will have charge of our January social, and has appropriately named it "Snow Storm" Social, as now is the time we have had, and will continue to have, our big snow storms. Let's give him a great big hand to start 1936 right. Our Christmas social was not up to expectations, but the profit was good, so Bro. Schooley is to be congratulated.

Thanks to all Divisions who sent Greeting Cards.

**ST. LOUIS (By C. H. Fry)**—The annual Mask Ball will be held on the 15th of February at Jeffla Hall, Jefferson and Lafayette Sts., under the leadership of Fred Drum, assisted by Brothers Stocksick, Bueltemann, Lynch and Griser. Refreshments will be served. Good music and dancing. Tickets, from members, 40c; tickets at door, 50c. Come and enjoy a good time.

The city Driver's License law requests every motorist to READ the signs. Many local deaf motorists passed the Driver's License examination.

Bro. Bloch is the oldest deaf motorist in St. Louis, Mo. He has been driving an auto for 26 years.

Bro. W. Maack is still on the sick list. He will be sent to his parents' home in Illinois as soon as possible. His family will join him there.

Mrs. Louise Kolodny, wife of Brother M. Kolodny, died on the 16th of December. She was buried in Houston, Mo., where she spent her life. She was educated at the School for the Deaf, Fulton, Mo. No. 24 extends to Brother Kolodny and baby its heartfelt sympathy.

**PORTLAND, OREGON (By C. H. Linde)**—Unfortunately, through lack of papers identifying his personal connections, the sudden death of Alva D. Allen on December 2 was not known to our secretary and even his close friends until two days later, when a slip of paper containing an acquaintance's address was discovered. His remains were forwarded to Kansas for burial beside the graves of his parents. His quiet personality and gentle nature will be missed by this division, of which he had long been a member.

The opening feature of our New Year's

eve celebration was a basketball game between the Tacoma silent five and the local quintet. The latter won by a few points. "Silent" Banks and Ray Brouhard staged a wrestling battle royal in sensational professional fashion, with Brother Greenwald as referee, and finished bitterly to a draw. The rest of the evening was taken up by merry-making diversions, and, with arrival of the big moment, a riotous mess of serpentine and confetti soon covered the whole place amid continual exchanges of the HNY's. The next day the scene shifted to a bowling alley, where the Washington state pin knockers won from the Oregon bowlers. Chairman Fred Wondrack enjoyed a fine brand of co-operation from his helpers—Brothers Greenwald, Miles Sanders, Tatreau and Nelson. Among the Washington visitors were Secretary Carl Garrison of Seattle division and Mrs. Garrison. Brother Oscar Sanders' umpiring of the basketball contest was satisfactory to everybody but the writer, eh?

S.F.L. auxiliary has elected its officers for the new term, as follows: President, Miss Coffin; vice president, Miss Moller; secretary, Miss McKinnon; treasurer, Miss Barell, and assistant treasurer, Mrs. Anna Peterson.

**CLEVELAND (By Pret Munger)**—For the first time in the history of our Division all important offices are held by brothers sought by the office instead of the brother seeking the office. In other words, all officers are veterans of their respective tasks and don't want the job. Failing to find young blood willing to step in accounts for their willingness to keep plugging.

The head of No. 21 has always advocated shorter business sessions and more recreation on "lodge night," but never took steps in that direction until the January meeting, when a new record of time consumed was established. A little less than one hour was made possible by curtailment of what the chair thought an unnecessary waste of time. The usual amount of business came up for discussion but all dilly-dallying so prevalent at previous meetings had no more chance than a clown at a funeral. The popular game of bingo netted a neat profit after adjournment.

Vice President Herman Cahen took the floor at the last meeting and announced, in effect, that Robert Young desired to take a year's rest from the duties of scribe for "The Frat." Young Young hasn't a Chinaman's chance to write with that pretty bride of his around, but we thought she'd make a good secretary, and still think so.

The Frats will have a box social on Feb. 15, and will be tagged as booster night for the bowlers who assemble here in April for an international tournament. Proceeds of Chairman Johnson's efforts will cover the cost of a trophy to be given the winner of the five-man event.

Elmer Harer of Bucyrus, a member of Toledo Division was a January visitor. . . . Julius Cahen is still under the doctor's care. . . . Please note Treasurer Callaghan's new address in Division Directory. . . . Ernest Craig's death at Chicago was last month's saddest news.

**UTICA (R. J. Siver)**—Don't forget that Mask Ball on Feb. 15. Chairman McCabe promises some real good prizes for those who wear costumes, so let's get out our best costumes or what have you, and strut our stuff for those prizes. Admission will be 50c for ladies and gentlemen. The ladies will be admitted free if escorted by a gentleman.

The Bowling team of Utica Division is holding a party on March 7 at the hall known so well by fraters of Central New York. The team is getting ready for the big Tournament in Cleveland, April 18 and 19. This Tournament will be one of the biggest events of deafdom, outside of conventions.

Let's go and help the boys out. You won't regret it. Admission will be 25c for everybody.

**SEATTLE (By N. C. Garrison)**—Bro. Raison was struck by an auto and badly bruised New Year's Eve. Fortunately nothing more serious than bruises, and he did not lose any time from work.

The Local Division has voted to change their meeting place from Plymouth Hall, where we have met for the past five years, to Ever-

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green Hall, 3016 Arcade Building, in the center of the business district.

The Bowling Team, composed of members of Division No. 44, went to Portland for the New Year Tournament. The local boys copped first honors in the five man team events. Portland won the doubles. The Seattle team was composed of Bros. Martin (Capt.), Jensen, Stebbins, Kirschbaum and Garrison.

Bro. Thoms was named chairman of the Social for April 4 and promises us something new in the line of parties.

Bro. Bradbury had a nice Christmas present in the shape of a nine pound baby girl. The added expense of cigars put a crimp in our new president's pocket book over the Holidays.

**PHILADELPHIA (By H. J. Cusack)**—Ye gods! editor, look at what you've went and done. In the directory you not only have my good Irish name spelled wrong, but you have me living some seventy squares away from where I actually reside. Some of the members suspect that I've been keeping a secret hideaway and absent minded let the cat out of the bag. See that these errors are corrected and all is forgiven.

The Division enters 1936 with high hopes for a very successful year. The personnel of the officers is practically the same as last year with the exception of the offices of Vice-President, Secretary and Director. The meetings hereafter will feel the absence of Jimmy Brady, who has been Secretary for 20 years. Jim is now working for one of the local dailies and his hours are such that they will prevent him from attending any of our meetings. All of which puts me on the spot—I have been selected to fill Jimmy's shoes. Whether I'll succeed or not remains to be seen. When you come to think of it, Jim and I have a lot in common. We're both printers by trade, Irishmen by extraction, of the same stature, curly hair, blue eyes and the father of two girls—two for Jimmy and two for me.

Santa must have been good to a lot of our members. New pipes, ties, sweaters, etc., were very much in evidence at our last meeting. Bro. Sanders was there sans his famous black bag. In its place was a new 1936 zipper contraption. Bro. Sanders and his black bag have been inseparable for lo, these many years.

**PITTSBURGH (By L. Zielinski)**—Our Division wishes to acknowledge receipt of greeting cards from Johnstown Division, No. 85; Houston Division, No. 81; the Editor and Manager of the American Deaf Citizen and many others. To these and every Frat, a belated "Same to You!"

**NOTICE:** Pittsburgh Division will have no banquet in February. Severe winter weather in the past has kept too many from attending, so we have changed the date to the second Saturday in May. The Banquet Committee, with Bro. Gibson at the head, is busy arranging a splendid program for the event. The place and price will probably be announced in the next issue of "The Frat." Watch for it!

'Twas "Spotty" Meagher, as we remember, who first gave us the appellation of the "Perfect 36" Division. Thanks, "Spotty," for helping us to improvise a timely, double-barrelled slogan for the present year. "A Perfect Year for the Perfect Division!" And for those mathematically inclined here are the figures: "'36 for No. 36!"

Five in 1935! The subtle influence of the Dionnes (?)—three boys and two girls—We point with pride to the quintet of members who, in the year just gone, obeyed the Biblical injunction to increase and multiply: Racioppi, Zahn, EnDean, Horton, Graves.

The chimney atop Joseph Saunders' roof may be of extra size, but the hosiery of his wife is not. She hung up her stocking at the fireplace, as usual, but found it empty. Santa should not be blamed. He left the nice new G-E refrigerator in Mrs. Saunders' kitchen.

By some caprice of Politics, Bingo, which was one of the many means of raising funds for charitable purposes is, at present, banned and classed with gambling in our city. To assure the success of the final social of the year, Enza A. Ludovico, who is a good citizen with no desire to become entangled with the Law, was careful to explain that Bingo and Bunco are not the same. Due to his explanation and efforts the Bunco Social of December 21 was well attended and we desire to report

that no one felt guilty except those who were absent.

Francis M. Holliday, our "Prosperity President," as Bro. Nichols has dubbed him, has named Paul N. Harkless Chairman of Socials for 1936. The Chairman and his aides are preparing a program after our own heart, a Valentine-Washington Social for Saturday evening, February 15. To give the girls a break at our Valentine (leap-year, too) Social we have given no warning to our bashful, celibate Brothers. We advise every maiden to grasp at the opportunity which is hers for the small admission of 15c.

**WASHINGTON (By L. J. Pucci)**—Upon adjournment of the January meeting, interest was keen as Bro. Davis called his bowling aspirants to enact by-laws of the newly formed league exclusively for members of the division. The league will be ushered in on the evening of Jan. 9, at 8 o'clock, at the Temple Alleys, 12th and H Sts., N. E. There they will roll every Thursday evening until the prescribed nine weeks have been completed, when prizes will be given. The boys are roarin' to slaughter the maples.

Bro. Davis, chairman of the St. Valentine Party, says he will give us some novel amusement. Maybe he has been doped with Dan Cupid's mischief!

Rev. Brother Tracy is wearing a broad smile these days. He has just returned from his trip to Missouri, where he officiated at the marriage of his nephew. Bro. Hoffsteater, to Mrs. Davidson on Dec. 23.

Bro. Souder blew in here last November and stayed for about a month for optical treatments. His presence gladdened us. He is now living in North Carolina.

At the Jan. 4 assembly, Bro. Davis was presented with a carving set as a wedding present. He expressed his deep appreciation.

Jack Edwin Montgomery confounded his doubters by his recent affiliation with the division. Congratulations, Jack!

Bro. Cicchino is already preparing for a gala occasion for St. Patrick's, March 14. It seems that he's trying to stimulate the Irish blood with his favorite tomato sauce!

James O. Amoss, long a social member, passed away at the ripe age of 79 on Dec. 24.

**BALTIMORE (A. A. Hajna)**—Disregarding or disavowing all new resolutions made for the year 1936, the Brethren and their friends flocked to Gebb Hall, North Calhoun and Lexington streets, December 31 last, and partook, in a joyful mood, of all the good things on hand. An address of welcome delivered by our "silver-fingered" orator, Bro. Herdtfelder, was followed with another address by the re-elected President, Bro. Wallace. Bro. Weinstein presented awards to Bros. Leitner and Noppenberger for their good work as Senior Trustees, and to Bro. Wriede for his long and faithful service to the Division as Secretary, sadly terminated when he was shifted to night duty. Hearty congratulations are extended to them!

The fun then began with three one-act playlets, followed in rapid-fire succession by refreshments, novelty games and dancing—with a dancing contest won by Bro. Wallace and Mrs. McCall. On the approach of 12 on the clock, the fun-makers began to shower confetti and balloons all over the place, and also created a din sufficient to make us all possess the five senses once more. As the clock struck 12, everyone was electrified with ecstatic motion, which subsided only when they left for home.

Thanks for this enjoyment are due Bro. Herdtfelder, ably assisted by Bros. Wriede, Taranski, H. Friedman, A. Omansky, Hajna, Brushwood, Fielder and Foxwell.

Not being satisfied with the success of the New Year's Eve Party, the Division Brothers are engineering another big one—that of "Second Annual Costume Ball"—to be held on the evening of February 22, at Schanze's Hall, Pennsylvania and North Avenues. Bro. L. Omansky is the "chief engineer." Cash prizes will be offered to those wearing costumes most appropriate for the occasion, such as the best costumed couple, the one wearing the oddest costume, and to the one whose costume is the most original. So come to the Ball in any costume you like, and win any one of the many prizes.

Recently Bro. Kaufman and Bro. Wallace fell victims to a sporadic epidemic of "automobilitis"; the former afflicted with "Packarditis" and the latter with "Chevroletitis." The intensity of the epidemic is still unknown, pending further investigation.

**CHICAGO No. 1 (By H. E. Keesal)**—No. 1 had an Installation of Officers before it proceeded with its monthly meeting. Everyone attending that meeting witnessed the oath sworn by the newly-elected officers. Retiring Pres. Miller was master of ceremonies; our new boss, Pres. Erickson, giving a short address, said he believed that the women are back of our great society. Some pep lecture. Ladies leaving the hall each received a bar of chocolate, and the gents a cigar. Well, let's cooperate with the officers, and help make each meeting happy and interesting.

At No. 1's last meeting there was an application of Bro. Hicks of Jackson, Miss., endorsed by Bro. Falk of Omaha. Many thanks to the endorser, who will need 4 more members before he will be the lucky holder of five big dollars.

Feb. 22 is very near now, and you have been well informed of our monster Masque Ball under the experienced management of chairman Maiworm and his lieutenant, Bro. Miller. Everything is arranged for the big night. The place is Logan Square Masonic Temple, 2453 N. Kedzie Blvd. The charge is 35c, and no more. Make a date with your sweetie.

No. 1 has lost another old member by death, F. W. Sibitzky, 72, holding certificate number 22. He saw the beginning of the old F.S.D. the infancy of the N.F.S.D., and its steady rise. As he was at one time president, the members stood in silent tribute to his memory, with his chair draped in mourning.

No. 1 will have a Liars' Club night next month, on Feb. 7. Come and tell your biggest lie for you will maybe be given a prize. Everybody is eligible to good prizes, so hop in. Come and listen to the ridiculous stories.

In March there will be a good lecture by Pres. Erickson, who has proved himself a careful reader of the Hauptmann case. He will tell you many things you have overlooked. In April will maybe have another literary meeting. Anything you would like to see No. 1 have sometime should be submitted to the energetic chairman, Massinkoff.

## NOTES

Wichita Division claims the distinction of being the first to hold a regular business meeting in 1936. Its January meeting was called to order at 12:01 a.m. on January 1. Does anyone dispute the claim? If the early bird catches the worm, Wichita Division should have a successful year, with plenty of bait to use in getting new members.

Hartford Division, in retiring Harry Jarvis as secretary, has hung up a mark to shoot at. Brother Jarvis figures that he has been in office nearly 18 years. Who can equal this record?



*IN ALL the affairs of human life, social as well as political, I have remarked that courtesies of a small and trivial character are the ones that strike deepest to the grateful and appreciating heart.*

—Henry Clay.



# MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

BEGINNING in January and ending in December of this year, the Home Office offers

## CASH PRIZES

for New Members secured. This offer is open to every member of the Society. The cash prizes will be as follows:

For Five New Members.....	\$ 5.00
For Ten New Members.....	10.00
For Fifteen New Members.....	15.00
For Twenty New Members.....	20.00
For Twenty-five New Members.....	25.00

BUT you do not have to stop with Twenty-five New Members. The Home Office will pay \$5.00 for every block of Five New Members secured. Every member may secure as many blocks of five as he is able, and he will be paid accordingly.

NO CASH PRIZE will be given for less than a full block of Five New Members.

THUS if a member obtains between Five and Ten New Members, but not two full blocks of ten, he will receive \$5.00; if between Ten and Fifteen New Members, but less than three full blocks of fifteen, he will receive \$10.00; and so on.

MEMBERSHIP applications received in January and in each succeeding month up to and including December, 1936 will be counted.

A STANDING LIST of those members securing Five New Members or more, with the number of members secured, will be published in THE FRAT from month to month throughout the present year. Payment of prizes will be made in December, 1936.

THESE PRIZES, in addition to the usual endorser's fee paid by Divisions will, we believe, make it worth while for every member to go out and bring in his friends and acquaintances who are not yet affiliated with the Society.

LET'S GO. EVERY MEMBER UP ON HIS TOES. LET'S MAKE THE YEAR 1936 ONE LONG TO BE REMEMBERED. TIMES ARE GETTING BETTER. BRING THEM IN.

## SUBORDINATE DIVISION DIRECTORY

Giving addresses of Secretary and Treasurer, meeting place, and date.

CHICAGO No. 1: Sec. H. E. Keasal, 1050 Winona St.; Treas. J. H. Anderson, 1740 N. Kimball Av.; 1st Fri., Capitol Bldg., Chicago, Ill.

DETROIT No. 2: Sec. Eug. Hartley, 4834 Fernwood Av.; Treas. A. F. Jones, 3820 Devonshire Rd.; 1st Fri., Gerow's Hall, Detroit, Mich.

SAGINAW No. 3: Sec. W. Minaker, 2226 Sheridan St.; Treas. Thos. Corcoran, 1706 Phelon St.; 1st Sat.; 221 So. 11th St., Saginaw, Mich.

LOUISVILLE No. 4: Sec. Treas. J. W. Ferguson, 2518 St. Cecilia; 1st Sat., Robinson Hall, Louisville, Ky.

LITTLE ROCK No. 5: Sec. R. T. Marsden, School for the Deaf; Treas. J. L. Gorce, 119 Rice St.; 1st Sat., Cross & Markham Sts., Little Rock, Ark.

DAYTON No. 8: Sec. R. H. Craig, 2706 W. 3rd St.; Treas. J. B. Taylor, 925 Ferguson St.; 1st Sat., Ben Hur Hall, Dayton, O.

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NASHVILLE No. 12: Sec. R. W. Green, 2032 Elliott Ave.; Treas. W. Rosson, 4200 Dakota Av.; 1st Fri. Y.M.C.A., Nashville, Tenn.

OLATHE No. 14: Sec. Treas. T. C. Simpson, 502 E. Park St.; 1st Tues., 502 E. Park St., Olathe, Kan.

FLINT No. 15: Sec. E. M. Bristol, 125 W. Witherbee St.; Treas. W. Heck, 644 Neubert Av.; 1st Sun., 98½ S. Saginaw St., Flint, Mich.

TOLEDO No. 16: Sec. E. McVicker, 3313½ Bishop St.; Treas. R. King, 1766 Hamilton St.; 1st Sat., Kapp Hall, Toledo, O.

MILWAUKEE No. 17: Sec. S. Sutter, 1535 N. 18th St.; Treas. H. J. Booz, Route 3, Box 117; 1st Tues., Silent Club Hall, Milwaukee, Wis.

COLUMBUS No. 18: Sec. Wm. Uren, School for the Deaf; Treas. Arthur Anderson, School for the Deaf; 1st Sat., K. of C. Hall, Columbus, O.

KNOXVILLE No. 20: Sec. L. A. Palmer, 208 Garden Av., Fountain City, Tenn.; Treas. W. H. Chambers, 113 W. Scott Av.; 1st Fri., Y.M.C.A., Knoxville, Tenn.

CLEVELAND No. 21: Sec. H. L. Judd, 4718 Clinton Ave.; Treas. R. V. Callaghan, 4718 Clinton Ave.; 1st Fri., Sphinx Club, Cleveland, O.

INDIANAPOLIS No. 22: Sec. R. H. Phillips, 2945 Kenwood Av.; Treas. R. E. Binkley, 420 E. 25th St.; 2nd Wed., I.O.O.F. Hall, Indianapolis, Ind.

BROOKLYN No. 23: Sec. N. N. McDermott, 954 Broadway; Treas. Louis Baker, 312 Schenectady Ave.; 1st Sat., 309 Schermerhorn St., Brooklyn, N.Y.

ST. LOUIS No. 24: Sec. C. H. Fry, 1541 Louisiana Ave.; Treas. Carl Hiken, 4152a Labadie Av.; 1st Fri., Jemma Hall, St. Louis, Mo.

NEW HAVEN No. 25: Sec. C. Baldwin, 386 Goodrich St., Hamden, Conn.; Treas. M. Chagnon, 89 Minerva St., Derby, Conn.; 1st Sat., Fraternal Hall, New Haven, Conn.

HOLYOKE No. 26: Sec. A. Klopfer, 32 Jackson St.; Treas. F. Kusak, 82 Jennings St., Chicopee Falls, Mass.; 1st Sat., Bridge St., Turn Hall, Holyoke, Mass.

LOS ANGELES No. 27: Sec. J. A. Goldstein, 2738 Cincinnati St.; Treas. F. D. Gilbert, 5362 Westhaven St.; 1st Sat., 1329 S. Hope St., Los Angeles, Cal.

ATLANTA No. 28: Sec. H. E. Morgan, 920 Carmel St., N.E.; Treas. J. G. Bishop, 347 5th St., N.W.; 1st Fri., Red Men's Wigwam, Atlanta, Ga.

PHILADELPHIA No. 30: Sec. H. J. Cusack, 291 W. Sheldon St.; Treas. W. L. Davis, 1142 Marlyn Rd., Overbrook; 1st Fri., 1628 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa.

KANSAS CITY No. 31: Sec. F. Murphy, 2308 E. 43rd St.; Treas. C. V. Lallensneider, 2242 E. 70th St.; Treas. J. F. LaSalle Hotel, Linwood & Harrison St., Kansas City, Mo.

OMAHA No. 32: Sec. A. M. Klopfer, 76th & Miami St.; Treas. H. A. Neufahr, 607 Dorcas St.; 2nd Thurs., Seymour Hall, 1517 Capital St., Omaha, Neb.

NEW ORLEANS No. 33: Sec. H. J. Soland, Jr., 5821 Prytanla St.; Treas. J. J. Lewis, 2455 N. Tont St.; 1st Sun., B. K. A. Bldg., New Orleans, La.

KALAMAZOO No. 34: Sec. J. P. Cordano, Box 262, St. Joseph, Mich.; Treas. F. Adams, 740 Stockridge St.; 1st Sat., 224 E. Cedar St., Kalamazoo, Mich.

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**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 over a hundred principal cities of the United States and Canada.

## 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.

## Death, Sick and Accident Benefits

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

To a member disabled by sickness or accident for two full weeks or longer the society will pay a benefit ranging from \$5.00 to \$15.00 per week, depending on the amount of weekly benefit chosen by the member and for which he has paid the required tax. No benefit, however, is paid for disability of less than 14 days' duration; nor can any member draw more than 10 weeks' disability benefit within any twelve consecutive months; and no member can draw sick and accident benefit for any part of the first three months after joining.

## Safeguards

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

A voucher system is in use at the home office and every expenditure must have the approval of the Grand President. The general treasurer and 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.

## Cost of Joining

The entrance fee is \$3.00 and is always to be paid with the application. In case of rejection the \$3.00 will be refunded. The applicant has also to pay the doctor's fee for the required medical examination—usually \$2.00.

## How to Join

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

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

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

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

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

## Certificate Classes

The Society issues the following certificates: Class C—Whole Life, Class D—Twenty-year Payment Life, Class E—Paid-up at Age 60 Life, and Class F—Old Age Monthly Income at 70 for Life.

## Withdrawal Equities and Income Options

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## Required Monthly Payments

After joining, the member pays each month: (1) The mortuary assessment for entry age, class, and amount given in the table below; (2) Sick and Accident tax, ranging from 25c to 75c, according to amount of weekly benefit chosen; (3) Per capita tax of 35c for the General Expense and Convention funds; (4) A small tax for local dues, varying with the different Divisions. These payments begin on the first day of the month of certificate issue.

### MONTHLY NET RATES PER \$1000

Minimum \$250; Maximum \$5000 to Age 45,  
\$3000 to Age 50, \$1000 to Age 55.

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

Rate for age at nearest birthday to be taken