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Number Eight



The March of Spring

By FRANK L. BAILEY

DEEP snows melting, cold rains pelt-
ing,
Old Man Winter's broken back;
Rivers rushing, ice cakes crushing
Down the freshet's foamy track.

Sunbeams glancing, wild brooks danc-
ing,
Playing saucy little pranks—
Swiftly whirling, twisting, twirling
Down the willow-skirted banks.

Song birds singing, wild fowl winging
On the way to northern lair;
Green buds peeping fresh from sleeping
In the woods and everywhere.

Salmon lunging, big trout plunging
In each lake and stream and brook,
Watching, waiting 'gainst the taking
Of the crafty fisher's hook.

Leaves unfolding, squirrel scolding
From his perch on yonder log;
Sweet sap running, rabbit sunning
Far away from gun and dog.

By each token, birch and oaken,
By each wood-smoke in the air,
By the flowing, budding, growing—
Nature tells us spring is here.

—Woodman News.

The Spotlight

By J. FREDERICK MEAGHER

FLASH! Radio finally gives us deaf a break! Typographical Journal officially announces experiments prove next few years will see a \$30 attachment to radio, which will, in a few minutes, reproduce Big City newspapers, complete, right in our own home. All the news right up to the minute. Printed on sheets of paper we supply. No longer will we deaf in camps, farms and ranches, have to wait for mail-delivery to know what the world is doing. . . Understand television, attached to phones, will someday enable us deaf to talk with friends afar in signs or writing. . . In time, radio may also somehow bring moving-pictures to our homes and then isolated deaf will be in clover. All the advantages of life in the Big City, with none of the trouble and expense!

CHAMP! National A.A.U. title in 15-kilometer walk, Jan. 26, won by Morris Davis, representing 92d Street YMHA of New York City. Time: 1-hr., 15-min., 44 8/10-sec. Davis finished 150-yds. ahead of John Knackstedt, who last year set the American record of 1:14:36. This makes the fourth National A.A.U. title won by deaf men of which I positively know.

GRID GLORY!Hearing son of Bro. Walls, former treasurer of Little Rock division, starred in New Orleans' "Sugar Bowl" game—New Year's Day. Walls played left end on Texas Christian University, which beat Louisiana 3-2; and is rated 8th best 1935 football team in America by the Dickinson system. . . Epidemic of newspaper items on deaf, or deafened, football players last fall—chief being Homer Helmstein, Santa Clara varsity guard, who "spent so much time flying, the roar of motors impaired his hearing until he had to resort to lip-reading to catch signals in the huddle."

WORK!Schwarzlose says some 80 deaf girls furnished by NYC school are making good—sorting, clipping and pasting in twenty 200-page scrapbooks, all newspaper articles mentioning the late humorist, for the Will Rogers Memorial. Hyams & Co., 370 Lexington av. . . Remember our Goodyear of golden glory—350 to 750 silents at one time, for several prosperous years? Came the stock-market crash; bingo; good-bye Utopia. . . I asked our big shots, the Friendly Fat Frats, if we can't somehow use our two million assets to buy stock-control of some good industrial plant, and staff it with deaf workers. The Friendly Fat Frats politely but firmly told me all industry is a gamble—even if we can find competent, industry-wise executives among the deaf; chances are 100 to 1 we would lose our two million—and then the Friendly Fat Frats would go to prison for violation of state insurance laws (which I know to be the truth). . . But isn't it a beautiful pipe-dream, anyhow?

PRESS. Two sheets complete first year; growing better and better. Akron Division Journal claims No. 55 has re-

gained much ground lost through several years' inactivity along social lines—a lesson for other divisions. . . Silent Broadcaster (Cal.) celebrates first birthday with stickfuls on two deaf men, two states, failing to hear bandits' "Hands Up!" Bang! Growing lawlessness rather puts us deaf on-the-spot in several ways.

THINGUMABOBS. Ex-Vice President Charles Curtis, who died Feb. 8, had a deaf relative and could talk our language. . . North Carolina Bureau of Labor for the Deaf got jobs for 105 out of the 116 silents registered in 1935. . . Some teachers in our North Dakota school make daily trips to class on skis—temperature 30 below and more. . . Ray Kaufman, "Lord Baltimore" at KC, is now division sergeant; has held every single office in No. 47. . . Cleveland's American Deaf Bowling Congress expects some 20 silent teams will maul the maples April 18-19; Buffalo saw 13 deaf teams last winter. . . Tom Hinchey, Syracuse bowler, cleverly closing his letter: "Yours in strikes, spares and splits," says one of our national leaders of bygone years is "octopusing our papers." . . I hear 12 out of 14 games on our N. C. basketball schedule are double-headers—girls' team playing the opening set-to. . . Chi-first frats have assigned old man Spotlight to plan their 35th birthday celebration, Nov. 7. . . Our frat will be 35 years old June 12. . . That hearing coach, Clayton, who steered our Gallaudet College wrestlers into winning the District of Columbia A.A.U. team-championship, last spring, has been signed by U of Maryland. On Feb. 7, Gallaudet wrestlers merrily landed his Maryland men on their backs, 30½ to 7½. . . Gallaudet's Buff and Blue, one of the few college publications financed and printed entirely by students themselves, figures it has but 200 cash subscribers, alumni and others; though Gallaudet has had a total of 1842 students since President Abe Lincoln signed its charter. . . One Gallaudet Normal is June Stevenson, granddaughter of the late J. Schuyler Long—quarterback of the Gallaudet football team which licked Annapolis nearly 50 years ago. . . Jay Levy of KC was a scream in the "transcontinental roller-skate derby" in Chicago's historic Coliseum; had trainers and spectators talking on their hands. Skated several thousand miles before shin-cramps forced retirement after a month's daily competition.

KICKS. Anent elevation of my pal, "Fat" Foltz, to a Grandship; just ran across an old letter of his containing this sage summary of conditions then (and now also, alas) which will interest you:

"I disagree with Bro. Z. Bobs IS the man for the job. Just because he did not give Bro. X his sick-claim promptly, is another reason why he should stay at the helm of the NFSD. It shows our Grands are ever on the alert as to where our money goes. Bobs is no easy sap, who will let pennies dribble recklessly through his fingers, then toss his toes on his desk, tuck his thumbs beneath his suspenders, and—with a 5c El Roi Cabbage cigar tilted at a 45-degree angle—tell the world he 'don't give a hoot what becomes of our money; it is not his, anyway; so why should he worry?' Bobs sees that the

NFSD is run as a business, not a charity. He don't dole out dollars to every poor hard-luck chronic 'forgetter' who 'forgets' to pay his dues—then pleads pitifully to us who may have sacrificed many pleasures in order to keep up our own dues. My hat is off to a man who is not afraid of criticism—whether it is an umpire, a referee or a frat president.

"After all, the trouble with Bro. Y was his own fault—and the fault of his forgetful division official. So why in blue-blazes must we deaf pounce on top-notchers who are merely carrying out the laws we all promised under oath to obey? Some of the best kickers in our history, I understand, were ex-delegates who voted yes on the very laws which afterwards peeved them. WE made those laws; WE elected those officers; WE made them swear they would do as WE directed—and now we swear AT them for doing as we told them to."

Foltz summed it up in Grand style. He was not a Grandee at the time. Human nature is puzzling. Seems we are never so happy as when barking at some bigger dog. The cultured and talented columnist, Muriel Bishop, last summer, asked why I like to pay \$1.65 for a box-seat at Wrigley Field—just to yell myself red in the face howling "Kill the Umpire." Said she: "You'll get an apoplectic stroke, some day, making such horrible oral-atrocities which nobody can understand, and working yourself into murderous spasms; you seem a polished gentleman at other times, why act like a lunatic? It don't make sense." And I never thought of it that way before. So I'll ask you, buddy: Why do we poor prunes feel better after silly, senseless "barks" at umpires and frat officials who are only doing their duty?

Yes; WHY?

On the Fraternal Sea

By ARTHUR G. LEISMAN

OH FRATS, when called to do some work sublime

Let not yours be the tide's refrain:
"I cannot turn aside nor spare the time,"
But do your part, without disdain.

The sea of Fratom beckons men who brave
Deep troughs of toil and gales of scorn,
Who high above fraternal helms still wave
Their colors though their sails be torn.

Yours ears and mine are closed; how fitting,
aye.
That we, my mates, in concord sail,
Alert to need and menace on the way,
And loyal to the strong and frail.

Upon our deeds, our willingness, depends
The worth of our fraternal sea;
Like shining beacons they inspire good ends
And light the lane for Frats-to-be.

It matters not how spic and span your sails,
How well you steer from reef and bar,
'Tis kindly seamanship when need prevails
That marks the kind of Frat you are.

NEW MEMBERS

Little Rock—Lawrence Wood.
Cincinnati—Hilbert Duning, LeRoy Duning.
Los Angeles—Aldrick Yates, McKinley Rasmussen.
Philadelphia—Phares Rickert, John Egnatovich, William Platts.
Kansas City—Clarence Morgan.
Kalamazoo—Leroy Miller.
Memphis—William Ashbridge.
Newark—Michael Hryc.
Seattle—Delbert McDonald.
Albany—Norman Sloat.
Salt Lake City—William Perry.
Charlotte—Henry Walker, Jr.
Toronto—Gordon Leggett.

DEATHS

December 17—Rose Getty Campbell, wife of John Campbell, Schenectady, N. Y.
January 27—Rose R. Gilson, wife of Orvy Gilson, Glenwood, Ia.
January 31—Ella W. Muldoon, wife of Thomas Muldoon, Ilion, N. Y.

JANUARY COLLECTIONS

Grand Division	\$ 67.51
Chicago No. 1	599.93
Detroit	136.40
Saginaw	25.98
Louisville	194.95
Little Rock	121.43
Dayton	97.32
Cincinnati	259.60
Nashville	59.57
Olathe	190.28
Flint	153.22
Toledo	95.79
Milwaukee	145.38
Columbus	313.28
Knoxville	44.57
Cleveland	104.14
Indianapolis	292.87
Brooklyn	404.73
St. Louis	313.40
New Haven	70.48
Holyoke	44.52
Los Angeles	215.88
Atlanta	114.25
Philadelphia	400.63
Kansas City	129.80
Omaha	147.77
New Orleans	224.14
Kalamazoo	61.56
Boston	204.69
Pittsburgh	170.94
Hartford	149.92
Memphis	73.04
Portland, Me.	85.68
Buffalo	64.24
Portland, Ore.	96.37
Newark	139.27
Providence	71.54
Seattle	100.67
Utica	124.00
Washington	221.89
Baltimore	175.44
Syracuse	67.32
Cedar Rapids	119.21
Albany	60.75
Rochester	143.71
San Francisco	83.16
Reading (Dec.)	92.30
Reading (Jan.)	137.91
Akron	436.28
Salt Lake City	109.07
Rockford	65.99
Springfield, Ill.	87.51
Davenport	22.43
Worcester	43.75
St. Paul-Minneapolis	221.34
Fort Worth	56.03
Dallas	190.60
Denver	155.11
Waterbury	32.33
Springfield, Mass.	63.74
Waco	66.99
Bangor	72.55
Kenosha	56.10
Birmingham	72.80
Sioux Falls	64.82
Wichita	40.87
Spokane	62.15
Des Moines	46.32
Lowell	93.60
Berkeley	111.25
Delavan	194.48
Houston	103.77
Scranton	74.91
Richmond	118.89
Johnstown	40.09
Manhattan	305.24
Jacksonville	69.07
Lewiston	37.21
Peoria	54.88
Jersey City	60.75
Bronx	96.94
Columbia	49.66
Charlotte	72.31
Durham	91.37
Dubuque	15.58
Grand Rapids	24.57
Toronto	403.24
Duluth	63.20
Canton	28.56
Faribault	49.06
South Bend	61.72
Council Bluffs	78.97
Fort Wayne	33.85
Schenectady	59.41
Chicago No. 106	229.35
Miami	52.66
Binghamton	61.07
Wilkesburg	58.24
San Diego	36.71
Eau Claire	44.87
Sulphur	70.23
Vancouver	59.24
Westchester	15.06
Queens	53.07
St. Augustine	8.82
Montreal No. 117 (Dec.)	42.52
Montreal No. 117 (Jan.)	22.37
Montreal No. 118	48.88
Total collections	\$12,563.88

TREASURER'S STATEMENT FOR
JANUARY, 1936

Balance and Income	
Balance, Dec. 31, 1935	\$1,901,887.03
Division collection	12,563.88
Interest, mortgage loans	2,726.32
Interest, bonds	2,048.23
Indemnity premiums	15.95
Mortgage fees	197.50
Property insurance premiums	12.46
Rents	2,388.75
Satisfaction of judgments	229.08
Lodge supplies	5.50
Recording and registry fees	6.50
Exchange on checks	2.00
Subscription to The Frat	1.80
Refund of officers' expenses	37.22
Total balance and income	\$1,922,122.22

Disbursements	
Death benefits	\$ 1,829.00
Sick benefits	920.00
Accident benefits	395.00
Old-age income payments	80.87
Convention expenses	166.19
Clerical services	190.00
Furniture and equipment	154.33
Insurance Department fees	5.00
Investment expenses	3,143.80
Legal services	416.25
Office expenses	69.42
Officers' and Trustees' salaries	787.48
Official publication	192.23
Postage	46.83
Printing and stationery	10.00
Property insurance premiums	96.96
Rents	162.50
Total disbursements	\$ 8,665.36

Recapitulation	
Balance and income	\$1,922,122.22
Disbursements	8,665.36
Balance, Jan. 31, 1936	\$1,913,456.86

TRUSTEES' REPORT

Ledger Assets, Jan. 31, 1936	
Real estate	\$ 350,842.00
First mortgage loans	812,313.68
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.	31,270.54
Continental Illinois National Bank & Trust Co.	53,263.14
Bank of Montreal	12,299.70
Cash in Society's office	903.74
Total ledger assets	\$1,913,456.86
Balances in Funds	
Reserve fund	\$1,701,583.39
Mortuary fund	89,631.73
Sick and accident fund	89,302.19
Accumulated interest	4,774.55
Convention fund	10,633.55
Indemnity fund	1,579.52
General expense fund	15,951.93
Total in all funds	\$1,913,456.86

NOTE

By action of the Executive committee of the Grand Division Board of Directors, the April, 1936, mortuary assessments will be waived for all members in Classes C, D, E, and F who have been on the rolls one year or more on April 1, 1936. Sick and accident and expense taxes will be paid as usual in April, as these are payable twelve months in the year. Class A members will pay mortuary assessments and taxes as usual in April, as this class is not waived.

THE GET-ONE DEGREE

Little Rock—Earl Bell.
Cincinnati—Gustave Straus (2).
Los Angeles—Joe Greenberg, Julian Gardner.
Philadelphia—Henry Miecznik, Warren Holmes, Jr., John Caples.
Kansas City—James Price.
Kalamazoo—John Cordano.
Memphis—George Hobb.
Newark—Philip Katz.
Seattle—LeRoy Bradbury.
Albany—Andrew Lapanis.
Salt Lake City—Alfred Keeley.
Charlotte—E. M. Winecoff.
Toronto—John T. Shilton.

ENGAGEMENTS

Ralph Gajefsky, Youngstown, O., and Lillian Mervis, Cleveland, O.
Everett Wimp, Wichita, Kans., and Lily Thompson, Galva, Kans.

JANUARY DISABILITY CLAIMS

John Neilson, Rockford	\$ 50.00
J. F. Donahue, Westchester	10.00
*Joe Armao, Milwaukee	10.00
M. M. Zenor, Los Angeles	75.00
J. A. Wall, Boston	40.00
W. M. Cleveland, Rochester	100.00
Wm. W. Ward, Columbus	25.00
Gus Straus, Cincinnati	75.00
S. E. Wolfson, Wilkesburg	30.00
J. A. Nicolls, Delavan	15.00
*Joseph Kessler, Boston	45.00
*Cornelius Lock, Faribault	25.00
P. D. Walker, Toronto	50.00
M. J. Coules, Toronto	35.00
B. F. Blake, Little Rock	50.00
Michael Lapides, Berkeley	50.00
J. A. Lord, Peoria	50.00
Frank Fisher, Brooklyn	45.00
William Blust, Cincinnati	30.00
J. L. Atkins, Memphis	15.00
*F. J. Tremonte, Hartford	50.00
*H. C. Strout, Lewiston	50.00
*Samuel Rosenberg, Manhattan	20.00
*Michael Cavolino, Manhattan	15.00
*Washington Barrow, Grand Division	120.00
N. M. Salem, Johnstown	15.00
F. E. Doyle, Toronto	10.00
F. L. Harris, Louisville	20.00
R. D. Gelnn, Salt Lake City	45.00
Holger Jensen, Seattle	75.00
*J. B. George, Los Angeles	50.00
*A. D. Hill, Flint	20.00
Total for the month	\$1,315.00

*Denotes accident claims.

JANUARY DEATH CLAIMS

Paid to Katherine S. Cooke, Winnetka, Ill., for death benefit of Frederick W. Sibitzky, certificate No. 22-C, deceased Dec. 21, 1935, \$500.
Paid to The Church Mission to Deaf Mutes, New York N. Y., for death benefit of John M. Burmeister, certificate No. 1809-D, deceased Dec. 14, 1935, \$281.
Paid to James R. and Sarah D. Clark, Knoxville, Tenn., for death benefit of William W. Clark, certificate No. 4350-D, deceased Jan. 10, 1936, \$1,048.

OBITUARY

JOHN H. NILSON, 51, of San Francisco Div. No. 53, died Jan. 18, 1936. He joined the Society Nov. 1, 1918, and held certificate No. 4227-C.
GEORGE W. WINCH, 62, of Akron Div. No. 55, died Jan. 23, 1936. He joined the Society Jan. 3 1916, and held certificate No. 2483-D.
ERNEST B. RINGNELL, 54, of Cedar Rapids, Div. No. 49, died Jan. 26, 1936. He joined the Society April 1, 1913, and held certificate No. 1649-D.
HENRY V. CLANCY, 39, of Jersey City Div. No. 91, died Jan. 29, 1936. He joined the Society April 1, 1926, and held certificate No. 7745-D.
WILLIAM F. DE WITT, 41, of Louisville Div. No. 4, died Feb. 3, 1936. He joined the Society April 1, 1920, and held certificate No. 5048-C.
JAMES NELSON, 55, of Faribault Div. No. 101, died Feb. 1, 1936. He joined the Society May 1, 1920, and held certificate No. 5158-A.
JOHN C. CRAIG, 69, of Wilkesburg Div. No. 109, died Feb. 5, 1936. He joined the Society Aug. 1, 1917, and held certificate No. 3368-C.
OREN M. ELLIOTT, 63, of Chicago Div. No. 1, died Feb. 5, 1936. He joined the Society July 1, 1911, and held certificate No. 1175-D.
LOVIE M. STOCKARD, 53, of Fort Worth Div. No. 62, died Feb. 9, 1936. He joined the Society Nov. 1, 1926, and held certificate No. 8006-D.
WILLIAM E. NORTON, 51, of Chicago Div. No. 1, died Feb. 12, 1936. He joined the Society June 1, 1920, and held certificate No. 5183-D.
CHARLES E. THOMPSON, 63, of Atlanta Div. No. 28, died Feb. 15, 1936. He joined the Society Sept. 1, 1920, and held certificate No. 3329-E.

BIRTHS

November 8—Mr. and Mrs. Harry Flansburg, Cortland, N. Y., a girl.
November 18—Mr. and Mrs. Harry Oliver, Verdun Quebec, a girl.
December 9—Mr. and Mrs. Roy Dillman, Heston, Kans., a girl.
January 13—Mr. and Mrs. Paul Zieske, Flint, Mich., a girl.
January 14—Mr. and Mrs. Max Dramin, Springfield, Ill., a girl.
January 16—Mr. and Mrs. Louis Weissenborn, St. Louis, Mo., a girl.
February 2—Mr. and Mrs. William Myles, Youngstown, O., a boy.

MARRIAGES

June 18—Gordon Clarke, New York, N. Y., and Ruth Fish, New Britain, Conn.
December 24—Calvin Newkirk, Jessievile, Ark., and Julia Perry, Hot Springs, Ark.



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



MARCH, 1936



*BE resolutely and faithfully
what you are; be humbly
what you aspire to be. Man's
noblest gift to man is sincer-
ity; for it embraces his integ-
rity also.*

—Thoreau.

OF COURSE you know the alphabet
is being overworked these days.

It even gets into our soup.

But we can't refrain from springing
another alphabetical set-up that prob-
ably never occurred to you, not in the
form given.

It is: NFSDEAF.

Just so. Now, let's see what you are
doing for, or to the old NFSDEAF.
Anything? Or nothing?

You can do a lot for the NFSDEAF,
and also a lot to it.

When you do a lot for the NFSDEAF,
you do a lot for yourself. When you
do a lot to the NFSDEAF, you also do
a lot to yourself.

We are not trying to be either funny
or clever. We know we can never be
funny, like Eddie Cantor, or clever,
like H. L. Mencken, for instance.

We mean just that. Get out into the
highways and byways of life. Tell
everybody what the NFSDEAF has
done and is doing.

Clothe yourself in the zeal of the old-
time warhorses of the NFSDEAF.
Carry its message to every deaf man
you know. Show him what he is miss-
ing by not being a member of our order.

Become an evangelist for the NFS-
DEAF. You will be doing a whole lot
for it if you do, and a whole lot for
yourself.

We know it is easy not to do any-
thing at all.

That seems to be the general attitude
everywhere nowadays, otherwise the
word Boondoggling would not have
been invented.

But by not doing anything for the
NFSDEAF, you are doing a whole lot
to it and to yourself.

Every mother's son of us should get
out and work for the old NFSDEAF.
Don't leave it to a few. They are over-
worked already.

Bring in your friends and acquaint-
ances. Show them a good time at your
social affairs. Impress them with the
strength of the NFSDEAF and the good
it is doing for our members.

Get them enrolled now.

**DOUBLE THE MEMBERSHIP
DURING THE YEAR 1936.**

We Emerge

BY the time this issue of "The Frat"
reaches our members, we shall
have completed our annual statements
and valuation reports to some forty in-
surance departments in this country
and Canada.

Then we shall be able to resume
normal operations and give adequate
attention to other matters that have
been delayed on this account.

We thank our members for their
patience at such a time.

Long Service

IN mentioning the retirement of
Harry Jarvis as secretary of Hart-
ford Division after 18 years' service, in
our last issue, we should also have men-
tioned another good and loyal Division
officer who retired at the beginning of
the year, James F. Brady of Philadel-
phia, who had served his Division as
secretary for 20 years.

Jimmy did not retire because he
wanted to. The Division didn't retire

him. Age has not yet dimmed his Irish
wit or lessened his vim and vigor to any
extent. He got a night job, and couldn't
attend Division meetings. Hence his
retirement. After 20 years' service,
Jimmy will probably feel lonesome and
miss the bricks and bouquets heaved in
his direction these many years. After
this we hope it will be all bouquets,
Jimmy.

Too much cannot be said in praise of
loyal members who sacrifice their time
and substance year after year in the
service of their Divisions. Often their
labor is not fully appreciated until after
they retire. Give your Division officers
a helping hand. Be liberal with your
appreciation while they are working
for you. Flowers will not do them any
good after they are dead.

Membership Derby

THEY'RE OFF! Watch the boys
bring 'em in. With the member-
ship drive just getting into stride, the
pace is being set, and it will be a fast
one. They are just getting warmed up,
and their wind is good. Watch for
later starters. You never can tell. Get
your name in the Derby list right away
by bringing in two or more new mem-
bers.

The boys named below have rung up
the following number of new members
at the start:

Joe Greenberg, Los Angeles.....	4
Alf Keeley, Salt Lake City.....	3
Warren Holmes, Philadelphia.....	2
Gus Straus, Cincinnati.....	2

Lapel Buttons

OWING to the high price of gold, we
are obliged to change the price
of lapel buttons that have heretofore
sold at \$1.10 each.

Solid gold emblem lapel buttons will
hereafter sell at \$1.25 each. There will
be no change in the price of gold filled
buttons, which will continue to be sold
at 50c each.



**SPRING IS
ALMOST HERE**

By ROBERT BROWNING

A WARM March day, just that!
Just so much sunshine as the
cottage child

Basks in delighted, while the cot-
tager

Takes off his bonnet, as he ceases
work,

To catch the more of it.

DIVISION NOTES

March

2. Stage show.....Columbus
6. "Dutch" banquet.....Nashville
6. Lecture.....Chicago No. 1
7. Windy party.....Des Moines
7. Social.....Baltimore
7. Penny sale.....Boston
7. Social.....Dayton
7. St. Patrick social.....Kalamazoo
7. Social.....Providence
7. Card social.....Albany
7. Social.....Columbus
7. Card social.....New Haven
7. Social.....Kansas City
7. Social.....Hartford
13. Card party.....Chicago No. 106
14. St. Patrick party.....Dubuque
14. St. Patrick dance.....Detroit
14. St. Patrick day.....Salt Lake City
14. Social.....Fort Worth
14. St. Patrick social.....Schenectady
14. Masquerade party.....Portland, Ore.
14. St. Patrick party.....Spokane
21. Party.....Peoria
21. St. Patrick ball.....Newark
21. St. Patrick party.....Toledo
21. Bingo social.....Holyoke
21. Social.....Pittsburgh
21. Anniversary.....Dayton
22. Movies.....Houston
28. Card and bunco party.....Queens
28. Spring social.....Scranton
28. Lecture.....Toronto
28. Leap year and box social.....Fort Wayne

April

3. Lit.....Chicago No. 1
4. Social.....Seattle
4. Social.....Dayton
4. April Fool party.....Syracuse
4. Beauties of 1936.....Albany
11. Social.....Schenectady
11. 23rd anniversary banquet.....Memphis
11. Wedding play.....Indianapolis
11. Silver anniversary banquet.....Omaha
11. Annual smoker.....Washington
11. Vaudeville show.....Davenport
18. Annual party.....Portland, Me.
18. 18th anniversary box supper.....Dallas
25. Leap year social.....Cincinnati
25. Card and bunco party.....Queens
25. Annual dance.....Holyoke
25. Banquet.....Johnstown
25. Banquet.....Toronto
25. April Showers.....Canton

May

9. Banquet.....Pittsburgh
9. Chinatown.....Schenectady
- 29-30. Annual dance.....Providence
30. Banquet.....Milwaukee
30. Decoration Day dance.....Los Angeles
30. Division's birthday party.....Syracuse

MONTREAL No. 117 (By Ant. Chicoine)—

Our non-resident members are requested to note that the address of our new Treasurer is as follows: Arthur Drainville, 3838 St. Denis, Montreal. Please send all your monthly dues to him.

We were pleased to see Leo Coughlin in our city last month. He has been living in Buffalo since he left school some 15 years ago, and it has been his first visit since. He was pleased to meet several of his old friends, and no doubt he had a jolly good time, too.

Although the boys are practicing regularly there is practically no chance for them to go to Cleveland, unless some millionaire comes to their help. So there is no guessing. They will have to remain here.

The Montreal Silent Athletic Club, Inc., is going along nicely. Open only 14 months, it will have to be enlarged this spring, so we may be able to add 3 more Snooker tables. Every night the rooms are crowded, and there is practically no place for the others waiting their turn to play.

DETROIT (By A. A. Stutsman)—The

"500"-Bunco social given under the auspices of the Division on Feb. 8 was anything but a grand success. The attendance was small, one would only have to count them on his fingers six times across, and besides, one could hardly have seen any change in the circumference of the Division's purse after-

ward. True, the other organizations had their doors open that evening, but what did it matter? The health of the Division is gauged by the loyalty of its members. Think of this—a small group of the boys put in as their excuse that no beer was at hand there. What is beer to you, what is beer to the Division anyway? Beer is available anywhere, and they could get all the beer they wanted for 29 days of 24 hours each immediately after the social if they wished. Think!

The Division will sponsor a St. Patrick Dance to be held at Gerow's Hall, 333 Grand River Ave. at Park Place, on Saturday night, March 14. The committee in charge announces that there will be plenty of floor shows as part of the entertainment, and excellent music. Beer will be served, and good refreshments, too. Admission, 35c, including checking. Leo Goldstick is chairman, to be assisted by Charles Brown, Martin Halm and Eugene Underhill. Tell your friends. Bring them. Everybody is welcome.

Roy C. Wright, a former Frat, died rather suddenly on Saturday, Feb. 1. He joined the N.F.S.D. way back in the teens, but lapsed his membership just before it reached the 3-year period when the advantages of his death benefit would have begun. Point your own moral.

At our March meeting there will be an election of a "Frat" correspondent for the year 1936-37. The present correspondent's term expires then.

INDIANAPOLIS (By R. H. Phillips)—The

Indianapolis Division will have a stage play April 11, called the "Wedding Bells in Dixie," presented by the Deaf Akronites. These players are deaf people living in Akron, Ohio, working for the rubber firms. They have years of experience in giving plays. They have given successful plays at Detroit, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Columbus and other cities. It is reported that the play is a scream and well liked by everybody who has seen it. The play will be held at the School for the Deaf. The committee is looking for a big crowd, so be there early and get a good seat. Admission 25 cents.

John G. O'Brien, formerly of Washington, D.C., and Montana, has transferred to the Indianapolis Division.

February 12, Lincoln's birthday, and our regular meeting night, had the smallest attendance for years. It snowed—and the streets and sidewalks were covered with smooth ice. It kept the brothers and auxfrat at home.

The Indiana Association of the Deaf is now planning for the biggest reunion next June, it being the Golden Jubilee year. The reunion will be held at the School for the Deaf. The committee is now at work preparing the program. There will be lots of surprises, and a good time guaranteed for everybody.

Cleveland and other bowlers at Cleveland, April 18 and 19 better step up, as the Indianapolis bowlers are holding lots of practice, and making the pins fly in every direction. I doubt if the pin boys will stay in their alley. A good sized crowd is going there to boost the team.

The Auxfrats are going to have a Leap Year party Feb. 29. The ladies will take care of the men, see that they have a good time, and foot the bill themselves.

WORCESTER (By C. A. Morrison)—Our

annual ball of last November was well attended, despite the stormy weather, and a nice profit was realized.

Monthly Whist and socials are now holding forth after the meetings. Non-resident members, why not combine business with pleasure, and plan a shopping trip, then attend meeting and social. Admission to socials is 25c.

Hiram Brown of Boston Division was a visitor at the January meeting.

Brother and Mrs. George C. Carson will hold a Whist social and luncheon at their home, 113 Washington street, Marlboro, Mass., on Saturday evening, March 21. Proceeds to aid the local fund.

CHICAGO No. 106 (Fred W. Hinrichs)—

For the first time this year, we had the hall at Hotel Atlantic free for our meeting last month. "Hub, how come?" you may ask. Well, boys, we ought to thank Chairman Adducci and his fiancée, Irene Vorpahl, for the

Valentine party they gave after the Frat meeting. They made a nice midget profit sufficient to pay off our hall rent, etc. We had bingo games, and a plate of cherry, pineapple and nuts, ice cream with four fresh cookies were served for 5 cents each. Can you imagine it? Many of us helped ourselves three or four times. It was a success, all things considered, and don't forget it was Adducci's first experience. He wishes to announce that there will be a "Lucky Thirteen" card party on March 13, after our meeting, about 9:00 p.m. A good time is guaranteed for you. Take my word for it.

Our basketball team won only one game out of 5 games with the hearing team at the Lake Shore playground. Why? Because we have only five boys and we need more. Shake your legs, fellers, and join our team. There's no fee nor dues but you pay your own car-fares. If you are a good player, our team will furnish you with a brand new uniform on a no charge basis. Come on boys. Schedule of games will be: March 3, 7:00 p.m., 10th at 8:00 p.m.; 17 and 19 at 7:00 p.m.

Say, boys, how would you like to get a nice Christmas check for your Christmas and New Year holidays this year? It's easy! See the "ad" in "The Frat" about the membership drive. The home office will pay you \$5.00 for very block of five new members secured. Get as many as you can and get a fatter check. Besides, don't forget, you will also receive \$1.00 on every new member from the usual endorser's fee, too!

We want more members. Two months have lapsed and no new member brought in yet.

CHICAGO No. 1 (By H. E. Keesal)—At

our last meeting we had a very exciting meeting. We decided to run a monster smoker on Friday during the 1937 N.A.D. convention; No. 106 accepted our kind invitation as the partner in our smoker business; Brother Shawl was appointed as our host while Brother Rensman is the one for No. 106—watch for further details; Brother Greenheck accepted with willingness the chairmanship of our annual picnic, to be held next summer. Brother Meagher, the Ballyhoo writer in the "Frat", was appointed to decide which way is best to celebrate our birthday—banquet or fraternal or what.

The Liars Club night was well attended Feb. 7, and Judge Meagher declared that Brother Keesal was the biggest liar of the night, receiving a cash prize and a medal made of solid tin; Miss Kilcoyne was the second. Everybody went home with aching sides from so much laughing. March 6 President Erickson will explain more clearly how Hauptmann was convicted. Better come. Tell your friends.

No. 1 is to discontinue a suspension of the rules, under which we paid the entry fee of new members for 4 or 5 years, due to a shortage of funds. However, please keep on hustling and grabbing more members.

At the last meeting No. 1 stood offering compliments to Brother Lowe for his six successive years of trusteeship out of which he was the chairman for 4 years. How can it be done to serve the chairmanship for 4 out of 6 years? Figure it out yourself. Roy, you did very good work so believe me.

Mrs. Fred Young, president of our Auxiliary, presented us with \$6.68 received from a closed bank. Many thanks, with much gratitude. The money was put in the Sick and Ac-

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cident fund at her request. They proved their loyalty by this good deed done for the good of our members.

KANSAS CITY (By Fred R. Murphy)—At the last regular meeting the Division voted to meet hereafter on the first Saturday of the month at Cabin Hall, 101 West Linwood. Meetings will begin at 7 p.m., and as soon as routine can be gone through the hall will be thrown open for socials.

The success which attended the initial venture of the New Deal committee speaks well for the future of the Division. We must not forget that it is not the committee alone that is going to put the division on its feet, but rather all of us, so come on boys, put your shoulder to the wheel and PUSH.

Harold Price landed a new one for the division when he brought in the application of Clarence Morgan. Perseverance pays, for Harold started persuading Clarence away back before the 1935 convention was even thought of and stuck to it until he got his man.

Matt Ahern and Henry Maher, Fulton, are two brothers who are on the sick list now. At this time both are coming along nicely.

The Division sympathizes with Frank Herzig whose mother died a few weeks ago. Frank will be remembered by many as the genial treasurer of the convention committee.

Communications from Frank Sanders and Dan McNeil indicate that both are beginning to throw off the yoke of depression and come back into the fold. Both reside at Joplin, Missouri.

BROOKLYN (By Hy Dramis)—That the "Brooklyn Frat Ball" is still the main drawing card of New York deafdom was again proven when on Feb. 8 nearly a thousand attended our twenty-seventh annual dance and entertainment. Our chairman, Brother Renner, was all smiles, as it was just a pleasure to see the crowds coming in. They came from near and far.

Baltimore, Md., and Springfield, Mass., were well represented by large parties. Then most of all the large towns had their representation. Messrs. Ralph Parker and Roy Race came all the way from Syracuse in the latter's Chevrolet. Past President James A. Sullivan of Hartford came with several others from that town. To mention all the others would fill up a column, so I'll finish with Clarence Wilson, who came from Boulder, Mont.

The playlets given by the Baltimore crowd, headed by President Herdtfelder, were well enjoyed. Some members who expected a fan dance were disappointed.

President Dramis was elated at the response of the membership to his appeal for more cooperation. He estimated that more than three-fourths of them attended, and feels sure that none of them failed to have an enjoyable evening. The dance floor was packed, although Odd Fellows' Hall is supposed to be a large hall. It proved to be inadequate, and a larger hall is deemed necessary for next year.

The writer has no knowledge of who won the silver cups in the dance contest, being kept busy welcoming the guests.

Jersey City Division and the K.L.D. had meetings on that evening. We don't know how they did it, for most of their members were in our ball room by 10 p.m.

The largest representation was probably that of Newark Division headed by President and Mrs. Doyle.

Let's hope our members will follow suit and attend their coming ball on March 21.

Our thanks go to one and all who helped make this affair a success in every way.

By the time this is printed Jersey City and Westchester Divisions will have had their main affairs, which we feel sure will have been well attended by our own crowd as a reward to them for their loyalty to us.

Brother McLean of Washington, D.C., has moved here and secured work. He'll soon transfer to our Division.

Members, please take notice: there is a motion before the Division to change meetings from the first Saturdays to the first Fridays. This has been tabled for 30 days, and will be discussed at the March meeting, so those who are interested, should try to attend, so they can cast their votes pro or con.

The business outlook seems to be improv-

ing and several of our paid-up members are making plans to be reinstated.

DAVENPORT (By O. T. Osterberg)—Charles Loughran was our Division's first go-getter for 1936, his brother William being initiated at our January meeting. Who will be next in the Get-one Degree from our Division?

A vaudeville show will be given on March 14, after the regular business meeting. A small admission will be charged to help defray expenses. One and all are welcome to attend, I.O.O.F. Hall, 510 Brady St.

A watch night party was held on the night of Dec. 31, with President Jennisch in charge. There was a good attendance, with visitors from Rockford, Des Moines, Clinton and Iowa City.

PROVIDENCE (By J. C. Peirce)—The Division has unanimously voted to hold our grand annual dance at the Narragansett Hotel on May 29. This hotel is located in the heart of Providence, and was chosen for its easy accessibility. Abram Cohen will act as chairman, having as his aides Brothers Erickson, Gardiner, Newberg, Mendillo and Cullen. Arrangements are being made for celebrating on both May 29 and May 30, in connection with Providence's celebration of the tercentenary of its founding in 1636.

In the past few months five new members have been admitted to our Division, and we are looking forward earnestly to still further additions to our membership.

Come on, boost our dance and entertainment for May 29-30. Then watch the crowd for prospective members. Having found them, follow up!

SAN FRANCISCO (H. O. Schwarzlose)—The Dutch Whist given by Division 53, after the February meeting, was an undeniable success. Brother Lohmeyer and his committee worked hard, and are to be congratulated on

WANTED: MEMBERS TO ROLL UP THEIR SLEEVES AND JOIN THE BUILDING CREW. BUILD WITH MORE MEMBERS

their fine work. The prize winners were: First Prize, \$3.00, Mr. S. McArthur; Second Prize, \$2.00, Brother M. O. Austin; Third Prize, \$1.00, Mr. R. Layne. After the award of prizes we marched down stairs to the dining room and were seated at a long U-shaped table. Delicious cakes and coffee were served and there was plenty for a second and even a third helping. We were agreeably surprised at the numbers of non-members that attended this affair. We hope that the Membership committee got in some good work. Watch these columns in the future, and you'll see that San Francisco Knows How.

Brother John Nilson was killed when his auto was struck by a fire truck in Los Angeles on Jan. 16. He was so badly hurt that he only lived two days and died at 2:30 a.m., on Jan. 18. A passenger, Mrs. LaMont, died on the 17th, and Mrs. Nilson is still in the Los Angeles General Hospital. Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to Mrs. Nilson and the members of the family.

ST. PAUL-MINNEAPOLIS (By J. J. McNeill)—The writer made a mistake in the last issue about the new officers of the Ladies Auxiliary and begs pardon of the ladies. The new officers are: President, Mrs. G. E. Torgerson, Vice President, Mrs. Erik Engh and Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. A. Schroeder. The writer wishes them better times for 1936.

A boy baby was born to Bro. and Mrs. Mike Harrer, and hence congratulations—cigars were passed around at the last meeting, and we all wish them both good luck.

The dear mother of Bro. B. L. Winston passed away at her old home in Virginia, and he went there to attend the funeral. He has our deep sympathy.

AKRON (By F. X. Zitnik)—Our Division lost one member, Geo. W. Winch, Sr., who passed away Jan. 23, his death resulting from a complication of diseases developed from a bad cold he caught while working on a PWA project. He was elected Director of our Division in its December meeting, and was one of our most active members; misfortune, sickness, unemployment did not prevent him from attending our meetings and paying his dues, and his cheerful nature in the face of much adversity won the admiration of many of his friends that was proven by many floral offerings and a large attendance at his funeral.

Bro. Chas. R. Ewing had the misfortune of getting his head caught between 2 buckets on the conveyor in the curing department at Goodyear plant, resulting in two fractures of his jaw that will keep him in the plant hospital for a number of weeks. This was his first accident resulting in disability during his 18 years employment at the Goodyear factory and it proves that none of us hombres can claim of being immune from accidents while at work.

Bro. Jas. C. Dowell got his transfer to the Washington Division No. 46. Our Division wishes him all the good luck and success while there, and hopes he will be able to occasionally drop in here and enliven our meeting by his presence.

BOSTON (By D. M. Cameron)—After the opening ceremony, President Battersby called Bro. Garland to the floor, and on behalf of the Division presented him a 14 k. gold ring with the Society's emblem, in appreciation of his four years service as President. Bro. Garland, although taken by surprise, responded with a neat speech, and thanked the members for their appreciation.

Bros. Convey, Gouner and Colby, who are charged with the task of providing entertainments and socials, presented an attractive program for the year which was approved and adopted by the Division. The first of these takes place after the March meeting closes. Meeting in March commences at 7 p.m. so as to get through with the business early.

In spite of the severe cold the members turned out in force at the February meeting, which augurs well for bigger and better attendances the rest of the year.

Bro. Norman Daniels and family have our sympathy in the death of his father. Mr. Daniels Sr. died on Feb. 3rd at the early age of 61 years. He was a well known figure among the deaf, being the son of deaf mute parents.

Through an error on the writer's part, the February "Frat" in its birth column states a daughter was born to Joseph Kelly of Dorchester. It should be John R. Kelly of Roslindale, and this correction is made with apologies to one of our youngest and newest members.

Remember, we move to 3 Boylston Place, and the time of the March meeting is 7 p.m., with an entertainment after the meeting. Turn out, and bring your friends along.

MILWAUKEE (By Samuel Sutter)—Take notice March 6 is going to be our next regular meeting date and hereafter on the first Friday of every month you are expected to come to our regular meeting, and everybody will be glad to see you.

On Jan. 26 a genuine surprise was sprung on Mrs. J. W. Kurry by 48 friends who brought presents for her birthday, seemingly forgotten because of the very cold weather.

Despite 15 degrees below zero our annual mask ball was a real success, due to the good management of Arthur G. Leisman, Ralph Javore, L. Kolman and Oscar S. Meyer. Hearing men were chosen to judge who merited prizes. The writer did not get a chance to write down the winners' names. The committee wishes to thank all comers for braving such zero weather and helping make this affair a success instead of a failure as it was feared.

Do not forget the change of our above-mentioned meeting day.

CLEVELAND (By Pret Munger)—For the second time in as many months the members of No. 21 gave weighty consideration to efforts of establishing a limit to loan privileges, which heretofore had been liberal. The Division treasury is still in good condition, but

many think it an injustice to the beneficiaries to allow the debt to get beyond reason. A definite policy will be formulated at the March meeting.

The bowlers of the Great Lakes section are burning up the alleys practicing for the tournament to be held in Cleveland April 18-19. Detroit plans to send down 200 rooters in a special coach, according to Brothers Heymanson and McCarthy. And Brother Hinchey of Syracuse reports that a train load of sharpshooters will arrive in time to defend the east's reputation. The trophy put up by the Frats for the best five-man team is stirring up plenty of enthusiasm.

Harry McCann has entered the teaching field, a job that took him 50 years to find was his best bet. Classes in sign language and literary three times a week keep him busy, and he likes it. So do we.

J. C. Cahen, a member of the champion five-man bowling team competing in Buffalo last year, is in the hospital for reasons that have friends worried. At this writing he is reported as still a champion—a winner.

John Miller's wife had a paralyzed leg amputated shortly before the February meeting. We are greatly concerned about her condition, which at this time is not known. Mrs. Miller and John Miller are two of a kind—loved and respected.

WASHINGTON (By L. J. Pucci)—Owing to an unavoidable filling-up in February dates at the Masonic Temple, the St. Valentine's social was postponed from Feb. 15 to Feb. 22, and the name was changed to the Washington's Birthday Social. Bro. Davis is retained as its chairman.

The maples have been ruthlessly splintered and scattered all over as the result of five weeks of hard bowling. The four teams in the division league are called "Gibsons, Roberts, Kemps and Barrows" in honor of the deceased Grand President and the present Grand Officers. The Roberts top the column. Despite their floundering miserably in the cellar, the Gibsons hung up two records—high team game, a juicy and perhaps unbeatable 543, and high team set, 1,430 pins! Ye scribe is leading the pack with his shaky average of 104-16. Bro. Cicchino smilingly holds his high individual game, 136. These rolls have attracted a goodly crowd.

Shorts: The division is taking under consideration one of the biggest occasions in its history—the Annual Dance next October; Remember March 14, St. Patrick Social, bossed by Bro. Cicchino; We're now counting fast diminishing days for our smoker on April 11; the division is trying to bring into its fold four young men who are in the Government service here. Each of you are urged to lasso one or all of them real soon; Bro. Hughes delivered an interesting and ethical sermon before a deaf church congregation Jan. 12; Bro. Harmon gave a reading, "Cyrena to you, Gentlemen!" with polish and finesse of a first-rate actor at a local literary society meeting Jan. 15; Bro. Parker is enjoying the freedom of a grass widower while his other half and family are hibernating in Florida; Bro. Holter is reported to have caught plenty of work on a Fort Wayne (Ind.) newspaper; Bro. Wood is down with a bad illness, but is pulling out all right; Bro. Price, who is fed up on having commuted to Washington from Baltimore for years is looking for a permanent abode in the national capital; the division is all het up to overthrow Baltimore in bowling this coming March. Hey, look out, Baltimore!

COLUMBUS (By C. C. Neuner)—At our February meeting, Howard Liggett of Newark, Ohio, surprised us by bobbing up smiling after quite an absence, and remained for the social. Of late he has been employed at Dayton, but was called back to his old job at Newark.

Out of town welcome guests at our after meeting social were Mr. and Mrs. Samshall and Mr. and Mrs. Ruder from Dayton.

The late Frat social at the K. of P. hall Jan. 25 passed off in fine shape. The program for the next monthly social will consist of tap dancing by three girls of Frat fathers, and a musical play entitled "Comin' Thro the Rye" by two young wives of our Frat brothers. All their identities are withheld until then. The above program is such that both the deaf and the hearing will under-

stand and like them. Coffee, sandwiches and donuts. Dancing will be had upon proper request. Two daughters of Frat brothers will play the piano, both for the program and for the dancing.

Charles Horton of Portsmouth, Ohio reports some real winter with the streets and traffic lanes covered by at least 3 inches of ice. Also the Ohio river is closed to boats. He was very much interested in our Division activities and promised to come again some time.

Brother Anderson, our new Treasurer, has systematized his bookkeeping and the Trustees are empowered to do as they think best in the matter of improving the Treasurer's bookkeeping to the end that it should be easy for them to account the ledger. A new standard ledger will complete the new system.

For Columbus the following calendar of events to follow: March 7, tap dancing; April to be determined; May 4, vaudeville; June 1, entertainment.

Columbus Division will hold a banquet to honor the memory of our late beloved President Francis P. Gibson on April 4, 1936. The charter members of the Columbus Division will also be honored at this affair. Details will be announced in full later. However, we wish our brethren to understand this is not to be a strictly Frat affair. Bring your friends and welcome—the larger the crowd the merrier. Watch for full details later.

CINCINNATI (By F. L. Simpson)—Two brothers, Hilbert and LeRoy Duning of this city, were admitted to membership at the

ENROLL YOURSELVES IN THE DRIVE FOR MORE MEMBERS

February meeting. There are still quite a good many eligibles in this vicinity. Get busy, boys. Go out and rope some of them in.

John D. Sullivan, of Chicago No. 1, on a Florida trip, stopped over in Cincinnati both going and coming. He attended our February meeting, and also called on L. J. Bacheberle, Alton Odum and A. M. Hinch. At the meeting he gave us an interesting talk, full of pep.

Forty friends, mostly Fraters, gave Fred O'Brien a birthday surprise on Jan. 18. He was the recipient of many useful gifts. Refreshments were served. Many more happy birthdays, Fred.

MANHATTAN (By A. Kruger)—President Charles Sussman had cause to display a grin that stretched from ear to ear at the February meeting of the Division, because for the first time in many moons the Division had more than half the membership present. It is hoped that the membership will keep up this attendance every month. . . . A picture of the late Francis P. Gibson, the "Grand Old Frat" and the noblest of them all, was bought to be placed permanently on the wall of our meeting room. The members were glad to have the picture and it is hoped that they will "carry on" the work Gibson loved so well. Social committee Chairman Max Hoffman announced an affair on April 4th and stressed the necessity of the members attending the affair. Give him a great big hand.

The 15th anniversary banquet committee consists of Brothers Lubin (chairman), Schwartz (Secretary) and H. Peters, (Treasurer). Full power was given them, and the members are assured that big things will be planned for the banquet. Again watch for it.

A surprise plan was submitted by the writer. It pertains to the proposed basketball

tournament of the Eastern Cities Divisions of the N.F.S.D. to be held next year on March 13. The tournament will be under the auspices of the Allied Frats of the Metropolis. The plan was passed unanimously, only two votes being cast against it, and Brothers Kruger and Worzel were appointed to represent the Division. The plan will be forwarded to the Allied Frats and other Divisions which will be asked to enter the tournament. If all of them act favorably on it, more particulars will follow. Please bear in mind that the tournament will bring about the spirit of brotherhood between the Divisions in the east and also enable the young-blooded boys to join N.F.S.D.

Past President Worzel was presented with the society's gold fob, and as an expression of gratitude, his best speech was "Thank you so much."

The writer is informed of the illness of Brother Guilbert Braddock, vicar of the St. Ann's Church for the Deaf. We hope that he will be up and around as soon as possible and that his health will be the best one possibly could wish for. He knows he is now seeing the value of being a FRAT and in good standing. ARE YOU?

BALTIMORE (By A. A. Hajna)—God called to end the long suffering of Bro. Bomhoff's mother, who passed to the Great Beyond February 4. Heartfelt condolences are extended to the bereaved brother and his wife from all who know his mother as a generous soul.

The bowling season is in a big swing now. The brethren are damaging the duck-pins so badly that new supplies of such are always in demand, in anticipation of a bowling contest with the ancient rivals, the Washington brothers, sometime this month. Details of the contest are lacking at this time, hence they will be announced at the next meeting of the Division.

The show of shows, "The Mad Doctor," was presented to the Brooklyn Division in conjunction with entertainment and dancing at the Odd Fellows Hall, Brooklyn, N.Y., Feb. 8. More than 600 people saw this play, as well as the other play, "The Sorcerer's Slipper," given by the women's secret organization, "the F.F.F.S." The brothers who participated in the play, the "Mad Doctor" were Brothers Hajna, Herdtfelder, Wriede, McCall, Wallace and Rebal. The play went over big in that it was an originality—a play best suited to the deaf as a whole—a "melter-drama." Incidentally, the "Mad Doctor" is in process of adaptation to the screen. Any Division who wants advance previews of the play, better consult Bro. Kaufman for the choice dates of release. The play is entirely carried out in the sign language.

The participants in the "Sorcerer's Slipper" were the wives of our brother players, except one—they were Mesdames Wriede, McCall, Wallace, Rebal and the Miss McKellar. Their play was very interesting and amusing—more like a fairy tale in action.

PHILADELPHIA (By H. J. Cusack)—"Teach a child the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it." This seemed to be on President Ferguson's mind several years ago when Brother Leroy Gerhard, the rotund cobbler, brought in four new members, to wit, Henry Miecznik, Luther Wood, Abraham Urofsky and the bombastic Billy Rowe. The President, with neatness and dispatch, formed them into a committee, with their endorser as chairman. Since then they have conducted a dance, usually held late in May, at Gilpin Hall, P. S. D.'s spacious gymnasium. The affair is the outstanding event of the spring time and is an attraction that brings out non-resident members and others from miles around. To date the committee has remained intact, each of them taking a turn at the chairmanship. Last year it was Heinie Miecznik, this year it will be Big Ben's little brother Abe.

Brother James Foster's broken arm, the result of a fall, is mending nicely and should be Okay by the time the fishing season rolls around. Jim is just another one of the Division's numerous Ike Waltons.

Speaking of broken bones, Brother Carl Walters is confined to his home with a broken knee cap. A sledding accident. Why don't some people grow up? You ain't as young as you used to be, Carl.

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LOS ANGELES (By J. A. Goldstein)—The installation of the new officers took place with appropriate ceremonies, and those elected are taking their jobs very seriously . . . ideas being exchanged, plans discussed, and committees appointed; the main objectives being (a) to get new members, (b) arouse a keener interest in the Division's affairs, and (c) for the general good of all. We have a hunch that 1936 will mark a new era of success and achievement for the Division. On your toes, brothers, up and at 'em (the non-fraters, of course) the "G" men are behind you. (V. P. G-ardner, Secy. G-oldstein, Treas. G-ilbert, and Director G-reenberg). Not forgetting President Elliott, and also our new Trustee, Brother Verburg.

The Home office is to be congratulated for its initiative and forethought of a membership drive. The prizes offered are an incentive to greater effort, and, behold, the Order is now further enriched by four new members, three of 'em being collared by "Getem" Greenberg, the other by G-ardner. More comin' in March.

The worth of "Getem" Greenberg has been recognized by "his nibs," who has appointed him Deputy Organizer for 1936. In addition, President Elliott has made him chairman of the membership committee. Congratulations, old apple!

Brother Verburg, who served the Division as its president for the past two years, was simply but effectively honored with the presentation of fraternal emblem, fittingly engraved, as a token of the Division's regard and esteem. President Elliott was in charge of the ceremonies.

Brother Peterson, delegate to the recent Kansas City convention, wishes all and sundry to remember that after Los Angeles lost the bid for the coming one, he remarked that Los Angeles would CARRY ON just the same. The results thus far attained speak for themselves. Division No. 27 can reasonably be proud of itself. (Excuse bragging, please.)

There will be a Decoration Day dance on May 30. Your Division is now planning the details, and announcement of same will be made shortly. Meanwhile paste that date in your lid, and make up your mind to attend. It promises to be the most talked of event of the decade, bar none. Watch the Silent Broadcaster for future data.

We notice with interest the change in Secretary of Philadelphia Division. Both Bros. Brady and Cusack are well known to us, the latter having been an old classmate of ours. As to Brady, the doity Irishman, he has held the office for more 'n 20 years, and no one else had a chance, so good was he. The bouquets are all for you, me boy, and a couple orchards as well. Knowing Bro. Cusack as we do, we do not hesitate in saying Division No. 30 couldn't have elected a more logical successor. Congrats!

LITTLE ROCK (R. T. Marsden)—The masquerade party was held after the meeting. In spite of cold rainy weather the party was well attended. Prizes were awarded for the prettiest and most original costumes.

The floor show was the hit of the night. The troupe was composed of four men who impersonated the females. The Hawaiian dance by Arthur Gossett, the Spanish dance by Marvin Thompson and Arthur Gossett, and the Fan dance by Ted Marsden were good. Finally the impersonators came out in a group, dancing a finale before the howling audience. Following the floor show was a dance. Everybody had a good time, and we made a nice profit.

SYRACUSE (By H. C. Merrill)—At the February meeting the Division decided to move back to the Larned Building, but to a different lodge room, and to change the day of meeting from the second to the first Saturday in the month, the change to be made in April. The new quarters will be on the third floor (Room 305, to be exact) of the Larned Building on South Warren street at Washington. The location and environment are considerably better than those of the present quarters.

Brother Ackerman had a slight accident while at work in the Journal office three weeks ago that might have been serious. While cutting some leads, the middle finger of his right hand came into contact with a buzz saw.

He jerked his hand away in time to escape with a slight cut, losing only a small piece of flesh and some of the nail; a little more and the finger which is used so much in setting type might have been rendered useless. The doctor gave him an injection to prevent lockjaw, and the effects of that bothered Rozy more than the cut finger. He was back at work in about ten days, able to sling type as well as ever.

Brother and Mrs. Nielsen have been having a bout with the quinsy, so far they have gone two rounds (attacks), and will probably win the decision long before this is printed.

Considerable interest is manifested hereabouts in the bowling tournament to be held in Cleveland, Ohio, in April. Brother Hinchey plans to lead a team composed mainly of fraters, and is determined to make a good showing. Various affairs are being held every week or so to raise the wherewithal for the team's trip, and, if a sufficient number go, it is planned that the Utica, Binghamton, Syracuse, Buffalo, and Rochester teams, with their friends, travel to Cleveland in a special car on the New York Central.

The article on "Safe Driving" in the January "Frat" was timely. It behooves all deaf drivers of automobiles to be extra careful, as accidents involving deaf drivers, even though they may not be responsible for the crash, imperil the right of all the deaf to drive cars. Lately several irresponsible individuals have had accidents, one of which resulted in two deaths and three others badly hurt, which cause people to look askance at deaf drivers. It would seem that some sort of an auto club of the deaf is needed, or an arrangement similar to that in effect in Pennsylvania whereby a committee of the Pennsylvania So-

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ciety for the Advancement of the Deaf co-operates with the State Commissioner of Motor Vehicles to prevent irresponsible deaf persons from securing operator's licenses. IT IS BETTER TO BE SAFE THAN SORRY!

Brother Conley, after working at the Corona Typewriter Factory at Groton for several months, and being able to spend only the weekend in Syracuse, was laid off recently. However, he secured another job with the L. S. Smith Company, which controls the Corona shops, and all's well. This is better for the Division since its Treasurer is now more accessible.

WESTCHESTER (By R. W. Geel)—On January 11 our Division held its fifth anniversary banquet. A nice crowd attended, and everything went off as planned. Brother Bowdren was our toastmaster, and his wit kept every one in good humor.

Brother Lubin, Manhattan Division, gave a wonderful talk about the late Bro. Gibson and the Spirit of Fraternity. I am sure that others, as well as myself, felt proud to be a member of our fine organization, after his fine speech. Mrs. Lubin gave a beautiful interpretation of the poem "Carry On." George Lynch, at present connected with Washington Division but contemplating a transfer to our Division, gave a fine talk. Brother Riley, the founder of the Division, gave a brief summary of our progress from

the time our Division was started up to the present. Toastmaster Bowdren presented Bro. Mellis with a beautiful gold emblem ring in behalf of the Division for his work as President for the past year. There were a few other speakers. President Boyan was chairman, assisted by Bros. Berger and Bowdren and others.

We all extend our deepest sympathy to Bro. Bowdren, whose father, John Bowdren, passed away Jan. 15, after a prolonged illness at Grassland hospital. Many of the deaf will regret his passing, as he was well known among us.

NEWARK (By Tom J. Blake)—Everything is spick and span for the annual St. Patrick's Ball and floor show of Newark Division on March 21, at Eagles Hall, 28 East Park St., Newark. The hall is five minutes walk from the Hudson Tubes, Park Place Newark, near Military Park. Easy to reach by train, bus or street car. So get ready to come. Bring the whole family. The show will please young and old, deaf and hearing, so don't miss it. Good chance to greet old friends, too.

The following program has been contracted for, all New York City professional talent.

1. Stihey Boscart—Magical Marvels.
2. Miss Joan Barnes—Toe dancing, tap dancing and acrobatic stunts.
3. Miss Frances Masin—Oriental, Hungarian and Russian dancing features.
4. Miss Hunning & Miss Marlow—Sensational dancing with tumbling and acrobatic stunts.
5. Tino—Clown Juggler.

Koblentz's deaf orchestra of five pieces from New York City will furnish the dancing music. They are good.

The card parties held after the regular meetings of Newark Division on the first Saturday of the month, have been discontinued. Only the meetings will be held on the first Saturday; the card parties will be held at some other date to be announced later. They interfered with the meetings too much is the reason given.

The usual courtesies will be extended to Presidents of any Divisions who take in our St. Patrick's Ball and floor show. They just need to make themselves known if they are not recognized. We hope all who can will attend. We are not sending out complimentary tickets, but all Division Presidents are welcome. It's a nice custom, and we want to keep it up.

PITTSBURGH (By L. Zielinski)—Pittsburgh's sub-zero weather and knee-deep snow during January could not daunt our energetic Banquet Chairman, Brother William J. Gibson, in his quest for a suitable place for our annual affair. In his desire to find the best place available, he visited the various hotels in the district and, at last, decided on the Mayfair Hotel as the best for our purpose. Our chairman had charge of last year's banquet, also, and those who attended can be certain of a good time again. Keep the date and place in mind. The date, Saturday, May 9, and the place, the Mayfair Hotel, 423 Penn Avenue. For reservations write to William J. Gibson, 232 Meridian St., Pittsburgh, Pa.

The members of Division No. 36 were sorry to be informed that James A. Dye, Jr., was painfully injured in December while at work with other PWA men. A falling rock struck him, fracturing his skull and breaking his collar-bone. He is doing nicely, at present, at the McClung hospital, Richwood, W.Va., being able to get up and walk about. Our Division hopes for his speedy recovery.

Life is just one misfortune after another, so it seems. James H. Buterbaugh of Altoona was at our January meeting, hale and hearty, and we thought he would resume his monthly attendance, as was his custom a few years back. He was absent from our February meeting, but an explanation came a few days later. Brother Buterbaugh had a serious accident which broke two of his ribs when he was at work, Jan. 20. Cheerful and optimistic, as ever, Mr. Buterbaugh writes that he expects to return soon to his work.

The christening of James Peter Graves, Jr., infant son of our Junior Trustee, took place at the home of the latter's brother-in-law, Dr. James J. McLean, of Homestead, Sunday, Jan. 12.

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PORTLAND, OREGON (By C. H. Linde)—In team standings as of Jan. 31, the Portland Silent club maintains its leadership of the six-team Commercial Bowling League with 38 wins, 16 losses and a percentage of .704. In the last match, Brother Greenwald, consistent leading pin smasher, hit 158, with Brother Lynch second and Miles Sanders fourth.

J. O. Reichle is recuperating very nicely from a major operation which he underwent some two weeks ago.

Due to the prevalent likelihood that the much-ballyhooed week-end affair to be held in Seattle Feb. 22 will attract a lot of Portlanders, Chairman Van Eman's request for postponement of our annual masquerade to March 14 was approved at our last meeting. Remember March 14 and do your bit like you did at the New Year's eve party.

SCHENECTADY (By Tom Sack)—Our Division celebrated its 10th anniversary with a banquet on Jan. 11, with quite a fair attendance, despite Jack Frost's bitter weather. Supper with all the fixings was very delicious, served by a number of aux-ladies. Visitors from Albany and our officers gave very interesting speeches. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Nolte of Middleburg and Mrs. William Dolph, the oldest deaf Schenectadian, were present. We were very glad to see them hale and hearty.

Harry Barnes, our President, entertained the February social with lotto games which were very much enjoyed. President Barnes seems to be coming back to earth now. He has been up in the rosy clouds since his marriage.

"Hey, you! Pull up to our curb," yells Big Irish Trainor. Aren't you planning to attend our St. Patrick's party on March 14? Well, folks, he'll promise to make it a gala evening at the Danish hall for everybody. Let's remember this date and have a good time regardless of the weather. A small admission will be charged. Come on!



SUPPLICATION

By VICTOR HUGO

SHARE your bread with others, let no one go about you with naked feet. Look compassionately upon the weak and heavy-laden; walk through the world without spitefulness. Do not knowingly crush the humblest flower, or the harmless insect; respect the nests of birds. Bow to the purple from afar, and to the poor at close range. Rise to labor, go to rest with prayer, having for your pillow the Infinite. Love, believe, hope, live; be like him who has a watering pot in his hand, but let your watering pot be filled with good deeds and kind words. If you have lands, cultivate them; if you have sons, rear them; if you have enemies, bless them—with all that sweet and unobtrusive authority that comes to the soul in patient expectation of the eternal dawn.

DULUTH (By Curtis Ericson)—Adieu, 1935! Cheerio, 1936! To set it off, we sponsored a New Year's eve party at the Winthrop building, and a corking good time was had by all.

Installation of officers took place on Jan. 4 with the scribe again placed at the helm of our ship for the year 1936. Considering the year just passed, we all rest assured that it was altogether better than the previous year. We are looking forward to a still bigger and better year.

Just before the end of the year, Glen Clark of Devils Lake, North Dak., joined our ranks, being the third new member to be admitted during the past year. Here's hoping that there are still more prospects lurking around in our wood pile.

It is decided to have a St. Patrick party at the Magnuson domicile after the March meeting. With Carl Magnuson and his better half in charge, we will be assured of a good time, so come and bring your friends.

DAYTON (By R. H. Craig)—The committee in charge of our anniversary to be held March 21, under Bro. Mundary's direction, announce that all preparations and details in connection with the event have been completed. A spacious hall may be obtained in order to accommodate the large crowd, if necessary. The social starts in the afternoon and lasts until late at night, if you can keep awake, and plenty of things will be kept going throughout. Various refreshments will be served. The admission will be only a dime at the door.

DOUBLE THE MEMBERSHIP IN 1936

The Frats held their annual Christmas party Dec. 21 at Ben Hur hall, where our regular meeting is held. Various gifts were distributed among the audience, the packages containing mostly eatables. The good-sized attendance of big and little kiddies numbered about 80 altogether. Clifford Ellerhorst played Santa to the delight of the children. Entertainment and refreshments rounded out a pleasant evening.

To prove that Old Man Depression has departed, these brothers have purchased new cars: Ernest B. Morris, a Plymouth sedan; Arthur Peterson, a Nash sedan; Fred Freimuth, a Dodge coach; Alby Peterson, a 1935 Ford V8 coach and Barry Taylor, a '35 Plymouth sedan.

John F. Rhamy of Los Angeles, after a long absence, was a surprise visitor at our meeting last November. He was attached to our division before departing for California. His long speech about California was certainly very interesting. He looked splendid in appearance. He went back home on the 21st of December.

MEMPHIS (By Morris Campbell)—Memphis Division will celebrate its 23rd anniversary with a banquet at Hotel Peabody, April 11. This is going to be some feed. "After dinner talks" will be the kind you like—not the dry, boresome talks you expect at a banquet. You know—"a loaf of bread, a jug of wine, and thou!"

Leland Maxwell, Walter Green, George Hobb and Morris Campbell had an enjoyable experience on an icy bridge one night. The car slid smoothly over the ice, out of control, but the railing was concrete and strong—that's why enjoyable.

SEATTLE (By N. C. Garrison)—Ye scribe desires to extend his most abject apologies to our Honorable President, Bro. Bradbury, for the very serious error we made in reporting last month's notes in "The Frat." We wrongfully, if unintentionally congratulated our brother on being the proud parent of a daughter. Brother Bradbury, being one of those star baseball players hailing from Arizona, informs ye scribe that his husky nine pound offspring is most decidedly of the MASCULINE gender, and is a future "Ty Cobb" in baseball. (We hope "The Frat" will

be out before our next meeting, so he may read our apology, making it safe for us to attend the meeting.)

Brother Brown has been on the sick list for some time now, a stubborn attack of influenza keeping him to his bed.

George Sheatsley of the San Francisco Division has transferred to Seattle No. 44.

Brothers Stanley Stebbins, Alfred Lee and Delbert McDonald are the latest to join our rapidly growing ranks.

Brother Christenson and Philip Axling have formed a partnership in the printing business, under the firm name of Christenson-Axling Press. Their shop is located at 7th and Olive.

Brother Root has again been compelled to move his print shop by the rapid growth of Seattle. His new location is in the Arcade Building on University Street.



MARCH

By L. MITCHELL THORNTON

A MAGICAL bugler is merry young March
For he calls and the grasses obey;
The reeds by the river, the rushes a-quiver,
The crocuses dancing and gay.
The maples and beeches, where'er the strain
reaches.

Call down for their springtime array,
Anemone whitens and arbutus brightens,
At sound of that glad reveille.

A rollicking bugler is merry young March,
And far flies his summons of cheer;
From Florida fountains and Georgia's green
mountains,

The red bird and warbler appear.
The swallow and linnet and wrens, every
minute.

Come flocking, though vistas are drear,
On hillside, in valley, they gather and rally,
Rejoicing that springtime is here.

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Annual Statement

For the Year Ended Dec. 31, 1935, as Made
to State Insurance Departments

BALANCE from previous year \$1,815,405.12

INCOME

Membership fees.....	404.00
Mortuary assessments.....	74,977.08
Sick and accident taxes.....	29,095.69
Convention taxes.....	3 360.21
General expense taxes.....	15,454.75
Recording fees.....	107.00

Total from members.....	\$ 123,398.73
Payments refunded.....	44.21

Net from members.....	\$ 123,354.52
Interest mortgage loans.....	38,166.94
Net interest bonds.....	15,480.24
Interest banks.....	55.49
Gross rents.....	17,252.67
Lodge supplies.....	35.70
Indemnity fund premiums.....	520.58
Mortgage fees.....	1,139.81
Exchange and refunds.....	116.31
Refunds officers' expenses.....	2.31
Advertising in Frat.....	36.50
Subscriptions Frat.....	17.20
Property insurance premiums.....	1,558.18
Sundry supplies.....	4.00
Surety bonds premium.....	3.75
Increase book value real estate.....	24,755.81
Increase book value bonds.....	40.35

Total income.....	\$ 222,540.36
Sum of balance and income.....	\$2,037,945.48

DISBURSEMENTS

Death claims.....	\$ 42,883.11
Sick and accident claims.....	33,175.00
Old age payments.....	976.14
Benefits after year 70.....	110.00

Total benefits.....	\$ 77,144.25
Salaries of officers.....	7 991.66
Services office employees.....	3,755.00
Traveling Expenses.....	80.44
Insurance department fees.....	1,086.64
Rent.....	1,950.00
General office maintenance.....	1,094.08
Printing and stationery.....	386.03
Postage.....	286.52
Official publication—Frat.....	2,438.77
Convention expenses.....	8,292.47
Legal expenses real estate.....	3,095.00
Furniture and equipment.....	369.50
Taxes, repairs, etc., real estate.....	3 075.28
Refunds tax deposits.....	828.59
Indemnity fund payment.....	69.37
Property insurance premiums.....	2,589.81
Surety bond premiums.....	40.27
Title costs, permanent improvements, etc. on real estate.....	20,694.13
Decrease book value bonds.....	790.64

Total disbursements.....	\$ 136,058.45
BALANCE Dec. 31, 1935.....	\$1,901,887.03

LEDGER ASSETS

Book value real estate.....	\$ 340,907.72
First mortgage loans.....	817,248.68
Book value bonds.....	652,564.06
Cash in banks and office.....	91,166.57

Total ledger assets.....\$1,901,887.03

NON-LEDGER ASSETS

Mortgage interest due and accrued.....	36,744.67
Bond interest accrued.....	5,903.92
Rents due.....	402.50
Assessments collected and due.....	448.94

Gross assets.....	\$1,945,387.06
Book value bonds over market value.....	164,907.81

Total admitted assets.....\$1,780,479.25

LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND UNASSIGNED FUNDS

Death claims not completed.....	\$ 1,215.00
1935 S. & A. claims reported 1936.....	1,030.00
Assessments paid in advance.....	994.43
Death benefit reserve.....	1,291,898.30
S. & A. benefit reserve.....	62,199.09
Unassigned funds.....	433,142.43

Total.....\$1,780,479.25

EXHIBIT OF CERTIFICATES

	No.	Amount
Certificates 12-31-34.....	7066	\$4,889,678.19
Written 1935.....	149	91,000.00
Increased.....	—	17 250.00

Totals.....	7215	\$4,997,928.19
Deaths, lapses, decreases.....	109	195,349.94

Certificates 12-31-35.....	7106	\$4,802,578.25
Deaths 1935.....	65	38,907.30
Lapses.....	44	22,500.00
Decreases.....	—	133,942.64

EXHIBIT DEATH CLAIMS

Claims unpaid 12-31-34.....	8	\$ 5,204.00
Claims reported 1935.....	65	38,907.30

Totals.....	73	\$ 44,111.30
Claims paid 1935.....	69	42,883.11

Balance.....	4	\$ 1,228.19
Scaled down.....	—	18.19

Claims unpaid 12-31-35.....4 \$ 1,215.00

EXHIBIT S. & A. CLAIMS

Claims incurred 1934.....	100	\$ 5,070.00
Claims reported 1935.....	439	28,300.00

Totals.....	539	\$ 33,370.00
Claims paid 1935.....	534	33,175.00
Claims rejected.....	5	195.00

EXHIBIT OLD AGE AND OTHER CLAIMS

Claims reported 1935.....	162	\$ 1,086.14
Claims paid 1935.....	162	1,086.14

Valuation Report

For Year Ended Dec. 31, 1935

Funds

Death benefit fund.....	\$1,668,975.53
Sick-Accident fund.....	82,374.13

Total benefit funds.....	\$1,751,349.66
Expense funds.....	29,129.59

Total admitted assets.....\$1,780,479.25

Liabilities and Surplus

Death benefit reserve.....	\$1,291 898.30
Sick-Accident reserve.....	62,199.09
Death claims payable.....	1,215.00
S.-A. claims payable.....	1,030.00
Advance assessments.....	621.89
Advance taxes.....	209.44
Surplus death fund.....	375,240.34
Surplus S.-A. fund.....	18,935.60

Total liabilities and surplus benefit funds.....	\$1,751,349.66
Net expense fund.....	18,606.00
Net convention fund.....	10 360.49
Advance expense taxes.....	130.48
Advance conv. taxes.....	32.62

Total liabilities and surplus all funds.....\$1,780,479.25

Ratio assets-liabilities.....	129.04%
Ratio net-expected mortality.....	50.86%
Interest rate benefit funds.....	2.30%

Valuation report attested by Actuaries C. E. Brooks of Chicago for the United States, and Paekler & Breiby of New York for the Dominion of Canada.

In the Spirit
of Levity....



Spreading It Too Far

"Fred said he talked to your brother till he was blue in the face."
"Oh, no, just around one eye."

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Unexpected Riches

"So you got rich by a sudden rise in oil?"

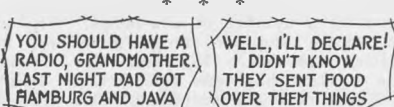
"Yes, my wealthy uncle struck a match as he measured his gas tank."

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Just for Old Times' Sake

Teacher: "What is a bridegroom?"
"Please, teacher," was the reply, "It's a thing they have at weddings."

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Question of Elevation

"So, you're a young man with both feet on the ground, eh? What do you do for a living?"

"I take orders from a man with both feet on the desk."

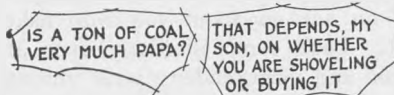
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Post-graduate Course

"Is that your college diploma you have framed there?"

"Well, it's sort of a diploma. It's worthless stock certificate showing that I've been through the school of experience."

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That's High Gear

Traffic Cop: "Now, Miss, what gear were you in at the time of the accident?"

Demure Miss: "Oh, I had on a black beret, tan shoes and a tweed sports dress."

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

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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

All certificates carry withdrawal equities in the form of paid-up insurance after three years. Members in Classes C, D, and E, on reaching age 70, have the option of a liberal monthly income in lieu of the promised death benefit.

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