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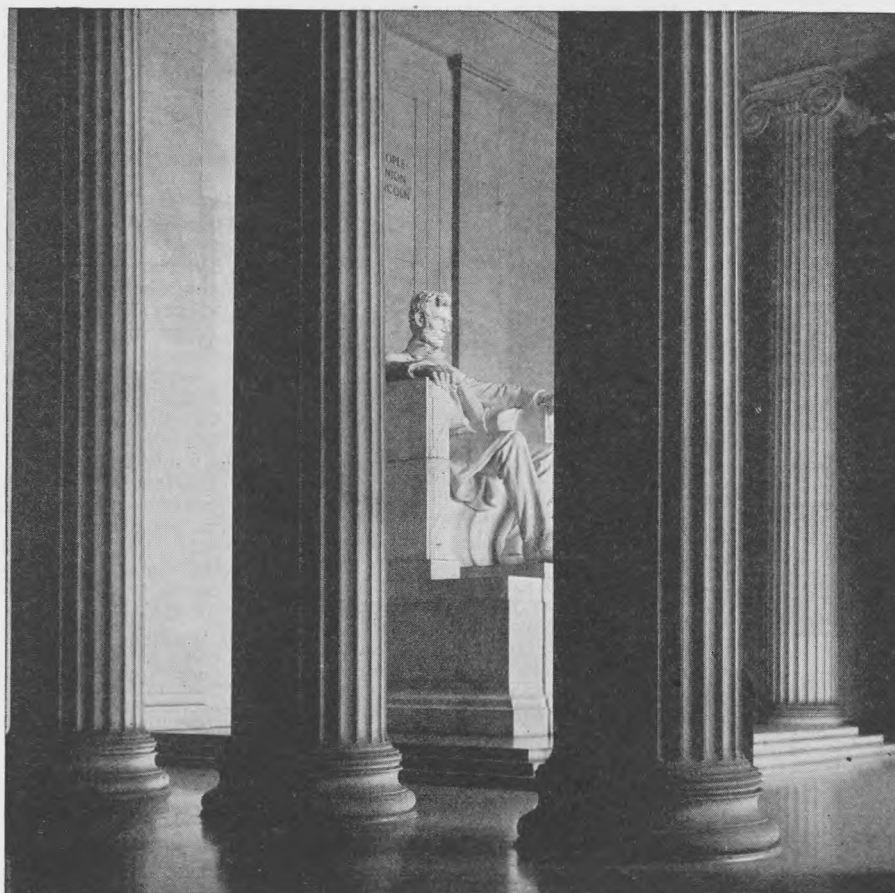
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THE FRAT

Thirty-Fourth Year

FEBRUARY, 1937

Number Seven



AS WE LOOK INTO THE UNCHARTED FUTURE GIVE US
WISDOM, COURAGE, FORBEARANCE, IN A WORLD
WHERE THE OLD GUIDE POSTS HAVE VANISHED.

GIVE US THE ABILITY TO ACQUIRE NEW CONCEPTS AND
THE WILL TO DO JUSTICE TO EVERY MAN.

The Spotlight

By J. FREDERICK MEAGHER

EXCLUSIVE! Truth will out! When you see it in Spotlight, it's so! (Well—sometimes, anyhow.) Ever and anon have I blazoned the fame of the late Dr. Henry L. Williams, immortal coach of those unbeatable Minnesota U football teams up to 20 years ago. "Son of the deaf," said I—someone told me so. When the frau and I saw our Minn. school out-goal Neesam's Wisconsinners last fall, Faribault's friars—Lauritsen, Lindholm and Boatwright—descended on us in a body: "Where did you get that ridic rumor? THE Dr. Williams was son of deaf? None of us lords of the lakes can verify it!"

Appreciating their helpful interest, as a seeker after truth I started bombarding various Minn. U dignitaries by mail. The sec'y of their alumni ass'n finally suggested writing Dr. Williams' son. Done. Back came the reply; embossed letterhead proves young Dr. H. L. Williams is one of the four outstanding experts of the ear-nose-throat section of that famous Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. Herewith:

"In regard to your inquiry concerning my father, the idea that he was the son of deaf parents may have been due to the fact that his father was superintendent of the School for the Deaf at Hartford, Connecticut, and, of course, was one of the early leaders in the care of the deafened. He was not deaf himself, however, until late in life. My father suffered from a bilateral stapes fixation type of deafness. These two factors may have led to the mistaken opinion that he was the son of deaf parents."

Well, that's that! Thanks a million to our Faribault friars for courteously calling the error to attention. For this inside-history proves even more interesting than the original mistaken statement Coach Williams was "son of the deaf."

DO YOU KNOW?—This Dr. Henry L. Williams Sr. was an associate of A. A. Staggs at Yale, about 1890? . . . He originated the 7-man line—now a law; also the "Minnesota Shift"—daddy of the Notre Dame shift and all other trick formations? . . . Nearly 200 of his graduates hold coaching or athletic-executive positions in various schools and colleges? . . . His best-known pupils are Bierman of Minnesota, Shaughnessy of Chicago, and Solem of Iowa and Syracuse? . . . His father, Job Williams, headed America's FIRST school, at Hartford, for many years until about 1910, and was esteemed one of the biggest educators of his era?

APOLOGY—In behalf of the Knock-Knock brethren, who called Bobs and his bunch crazy when they started the 1936 Membership Derby—"money thrown away for nothing"—I wish to apologize. For the Knock-Knock klan will naturally now insist they were always clap-clap cheer-leaders; human nature is funny that way. Just 248 new members; hero of heroes is our Canadian cousin, Dave Peikoff—who got one shy of a "Perfect 36" in '36. The Depression is definitely over, and our Society has weathered the storm far, far better than most hearing fraternalists—so our future is as rosy as the hopes of a Gallaudet coo-ed in a bevy of bright bachelor boys.

Lives of great Grands oft remind us
We should never Knock-Knock-Knock—
For to monkey with "live-wires"
Means the monkey gets a "shock."

CAGE—Vancouver's Bill Hunter, Gallaudet '05, resigns after coaching Washington basketball a full 30 years; now promoted to supervise industrial department. Among his college-shipments were immortals like Classen, Deer and Cosgrove. . . . Our exalted Grand VP, Frederick Neesam, Gallau-

det '04, starts his 30th season at Wisconsin; previously tutored club and church fives two seasons. Makes this his 32d year as a cage-coach. . . . I just heard rumor Neesam was father of basketball at Gallaudet; news to me, our modest Grand never dropped a hint. Will Old Timers in a position to know, please settle the matter once and for all; thanks. . . . One unusual thing about this Lincoln-faced Wis. Wizard: in all the years I have alertly watched him "benching," can't recall ever seeing him criticize an official. . . . With retirement of Coach Robey Burns at Illinois, Dec. 31, Neesam becomes the only coach who was coach when the Central States tournament was founded 13 years ago. . . . Physical Director Art Kruger of the Manhattan Hebrew club, calls attention to page 32 of Jan. 2 Literary Digest: "Basketball, Favorite of 20,000,000." Has couple swell stickfuls culled from our All-America Deaf write-up in 1937 Spalding's Guide. This Lit. Dig. and Time are two magazines which always treat deafness with dignity and respect.

DO YOU KNOW?—At least six frat divisions have their own basketball teams? . . . Those teams are great ads for the Society—and coax young men to join? . . . In time all except our smallest divisions will probably have their own basketball and bowling teams, with lettered uniforms? . . . The first deaf cage star I know of was Bro. Clayton McLaughlin, playing on the Rochester University freshman five, the spring of 1900? . . . Sidney Peltzman of KC won his basketball letter at the U of Texas last spring?

BUNK? San Francisco opera ballet has a deaf dancer—chap called Guy Alden (real name Walter Johnson)—papers say "hears with his feet." Claims to have danced professionally for 17 years; with Kosloff, Mordkin, and in great film ballets in Hollywood. . . . Walter Winchell: "Charlotte Lamberton declined offer of surgeon to operate and restore her hearing, saying: 'I am so happy as it is, I'm afraid if it worked I wouldn't be so content.' She gets the tempo from the piano's vibrations through her feet." . . . Is this Bunk? Or is it a fact the host of "deaf dancers" now springing up in every hamlet, really do "hear through the feet"? Standing still, yes! Moving—now I ask to know? Standing still, I can "hear" locomotive vibrations a furlong remote. Cross-country running, when a kid, I took a short-cut along the railroad track. As a runner has his feet in the air most of the time, I didn't "feel" the crack C & O flyer sneaking up on me from behind like a dirty coward, until its business-end made me "feel" it right where it hurt most! Honest. So I herewith raise a claim the truly deaf persons—real deaf—can't catch vibrations through the feet, when said feet are not firmly planted on Nature's sounding-board—as when running and dancing. Will acknowledged authorities please investigate this moot point and render verdict? . . . I may be wrong—show me!

GALLAUDET—Ripley should feature amazing record of deaf in annual DC "poetry contest." One or more Gallaudet studes have always been in the money, or close to it; competing against the picked poets of seven hearing colleges and universities! This year's team will likely include two real geniuses (or is the plural of genius "geni"?)—Felix Kowalewski and Rex Lowman. "Preps" not eligible for the varsity team, or we would card a first-

year man at fullback—Caroline Avery, chubby little half-Indian from Montana. Her maiden-effort in Buff & Blue brings vivid memories to old-time Westerners; titled "Indian Funeral":

Hearts beat as drums beat—
Steady leaping fire,
Feet bound as drums pound—
All around the pyre;
Hearts throb as squaws sob—
In heartbreaking sorrow,
Hearts ache and hearts break—
Just until tomorrow;
Braves leap as flames leap—
Scarcely touching ground,
Sending forth the spirit
To the Happy Hunting Ground!

THE FRAT starts 1937 with first of many improvements Bobs and his bunch have long contemplated; notice modern cover treatment? Calls me "Dimlight Meagher." (Is my light dim? Guess I'll have to buy me a new battery. Or maybe monkey-glands.) . . . First of a series on deaf notables, our Rev. Braddock thumbnailing a James Nack. Nack? Never heard of Nack—thought I had a Knack for remembering all our great men. This series promises to be interesting. . . . Write Bobs your division's opinion on Frat policy; especially his plan to boil to the bone all Division Notes. For this is YOUR magazine; our Grands are trying to please YOU; but they are no mind-readers. . . . Notice picture of Delavan division's flower-float in last summer's celebration? Kalamazoo division also had one, few years ago. Andy Mack is propagandizing for our Society to have one in Pasadena's New Year gala. . . . John M. Paul, brilliant Britisher of Brisbane, Australia, flies to defense of his homeland—ancient criticism of last International Deaf Games in London. I admire a loyal, fearless fighter. Paul says he is "prepared to put Meagher, Anderson, Burns and Bobs in one vat of boiling oil." Oh, please don't; I never liked boiling in either oil, gas, or water; can't you make it boiling perfume, please?

EXTRA! This half-pint writer has been officially commissioned to prepare "The Deaf in Sports" section of the Exhibit of American Deaf, to be on display in Chicago's Hotel Sherman during the National Association of the Deaf convention, July 26-31. Want photographs and brief typed ballyhoo of really outstanding athletes only.

Don't send your photos yet; just write your dope and mail to me at 3135 Eastwood Ave., Chicago; if judged suitable, you will be notified. Photos will be returned if possible; but we assume no responsibility for fire or theft. . . . Also—just in case—you might postal me how many miles you have driven in how many years, without accidents; believe I can pass your data to some good Nadder who can use it to get helpful publicity—which can be saved and used in future legislative-fights. . . . But be strictly TRUTHFUL; getting caught in just one misstatement will make our whole campaign look cockeyed!



OBLIVION is full of men who permitted the opinion of other folks to overrule their belief in themselves.

DECEMBER COLLECTIONS

Grand Division	\$ 32.68
Chicago No. 1	369.35
Detroit	178.09
Saginaw	67.08
Louisville	69.74
Little Rock	89.61
Dayton	82.86
Cincinnati	147.46
Nashville	37.62
Olathe	34.62
Flint	170.13
Toledo	145.65
Milwaukee	125.86
Columbus	141.96
Knoxville	86.17
Cleveland	106.82
Indianapolis	137.19
Brooklyn	435.25
St. Louis	273.67
New Haven	50.46
Holyoke	45.81
Los Angeles	313.14
Atlanta	120.23
Philadelphia	356.75
Kansas City	74.13
Omaha	179.84
New Orleans	92.43
Kalamazoo	43.14
Boston	256.83
Pittsburgh	113.13
Hartford	75.96
Memphis	56.45
Portland, Me.	62.53
Buffalo	46.94
Portland, Ore.	59.46
Newark	112.66
Providence	64.88
Seattle	78.04
Utica	107.21
Washington	149.69
Baltimore	129.22
Syracuse	74.65
Cedar Rapids	61.22
Albany	44.02
Rochester	102.61
San Francisco	144.57
Reading	94.69
Akron	290.59
Salt Lake City	57.96
Rockford	46.33
Springfield, Ill.	43.24
Davenport (Nov. and Dec.)	64.74
Worcester	57.70
St. Paul-Minneapolis	218.53
Fort Worth	50.00
Dallas	125.75
Denver	87.41
Waterbury	51.12
Springfield, Mass.	74.89
Waco	87.08
Bangor	15.49
Kenosha	39.50
Binghamton	54.61
Sioux Falls	42.24
Wichita	72.70
Spokane	61.28
Des Moines	108.89
Lowell	37.19
Berkeley	64.67
Delavan	109.71
Houston	71.70
Seranton	40.44
Richmond	62.81
Johnstown	42.98
Manhattan	202.90
Jacksonville	22.28
Lewiston	38.33
Peoria	43.50
Jersey City	107.61
Bronx (Nov. and Dec.)	186.15
Columbia	85.74
Charlotte	106.10
Durham (Nov. and Dec.)	148.50
Dubuque	12.37
Grand Rapids	17.19
Toronto	197.75
Duluth	38.97
Canton	32.18
Faribault	66.50
South Bend	87.80
Council Bluffs	67.41
Ft. Wayne (Nov. and Dec.)	92.96
Schenectady	58.23
Chicago No. 106	92.25
Miami	49.77
Binghamton	79.46
Wilkinsburg	70.86
San Diego	39.60
Eau Claire	36.68
Sulphur	63.04
Vancouver	19.14
Westchester	36.97
Queens	45.00
Montreal No. 117	38.22
Montreal No. 118	39.87
Total collections	\$10,085.38

TREASURER'S STATEMENT FOR
DECEMBER, 1936

Balance and Income

Balance, Nov. 30, 1936	\$1,979,923.09
Division collections	10,085.38
Interest, mortgage loans	2,024.61
Interest, bonds	3,100.00
Amortization of bonds	36.75
Refund, old-age income payment	4.17
Increase in book value of real estate	24,956.03
Mortgage fees	70.00
Property insurance premiums	10.00
Refund of investment expenses	9.00
Rents	3,297.50
Lodge supplies	27.50
Exchange on checks	2.60
Advertising in THE FRAT	6.00
Recording and registry fees	8.75
Rental allowance Home Office	450.00
Total balance and income	\$2,024,011.38

Disbursements

Death benefits	\$ 3,920.00
Sick benefits	1,750.00
Accident benefits	945.00
Old-age income payments	69.72
Disability after age 70 benefit	40.00
Amortization of bonds	931.10
Insurance Department fees	3.40
Investment expenses	3,061.69
Legal services	300.00
Office expenses	131.98
Officers' and Trustees' salaries	787.72
Official publication	224.88
Organizing expenses	80.00
Postage	26.65
Printing and stationery	77.65
Property insurance premiums	363.43
Clerical services	200.00
Rental allowance Home Office	450.00
Total disbursements	\$ 13,363.22

Recapitulation

Balance and income	\$2,024,011.38
Disbursements	13,363.22
Balance, Dec. 31, 1936	\$2,010,648.16

TRUSTEE'S REPORT

Ledger Assets, Dec. 31, 1936

Real estate	\$ 557,659.41
First mortgage loans	567,074.84
First mortgage bonds	225,445.73
U. S. Government bonds	105,565.70
State bonds	208,676.08
Municipal bonds	155,011.27
Canadian bonds	21,057.18
Bank deposits	165,508.56
Cash in Society's office	4,649.39
Total ledger assets	\$2,010,648.16

Balances in Funds

Reserve fund	\$1,701,583.39
Mortuary fund	111,394.01
Sick and accident fund	89,439.63
Accumulated interest	53,786.79
Convention fund	14,268.37
Indemnity fund	2,868.81
General expense fund	37,807.16
Total in all funds	\$2,010,648.16

DECEMBER DEATH CLAIMS

Paid to Catherine Mowbray, Philadelphia, Pa., for death benefit of John Mowbray, certificate No. 3667-C, deceased Oct. 26, 1936, \$250.

Paid to Ada H. Rambler, Manheim, Pa., for death benefit of Ammon F. Rambler, certificate No. 7159-D, deceased Nov. 19, 1936, \$500.

Paid to Rosa J. Pritchard, Houston, Texas, for death benefit of George W. Pritchard, certificate No. 3338-C, deceased Nov. 22, 1936, \$673.

Paid to Ellen A. W. Rogers, Washington, D.C., for death benefit of John S. Edelen, certificate No. 542-C, deceased Nov. 21, 1936, \$500.

Paid to Margaret Lord, Albany, N.Y., for death benefit of George J. Lord, certificate No. 7249-C, deceased Dec. 2, 1936, \$184.

Paid to Helen P. Harrington, Weldon, N.C., for death benefit of Carl A. Pope, certificate No. 1039-C, deceased Nov. 12, 1936, \$546.

Paid to Effie L. Keyser, Hyattsville, Md., for death benefit of Charles H. Keyser, certificate No. 553-D, deceased Nov. 6, 1936, \$750.

Paid to Prudena Harshaw, Maude E. Stone, and Geo. W. Thompson, Corning, Iowa, for death benefit of John J. Thompson, certificate No. 1342-C, deceased Dec. 3, 1936, \$517.

COME BACKS

Toledo—Irven Reinbolt.
Milwaukee—Harry Wille.
Columbus—Lee Lowe.
Wilkinsburg—George Lawther.

DECEMBER DISABILITY CLAIMS

*H. M. Hall, Toronto	\$ 10.00
L. A. Fisk, Los Angeles	30.00
M. N. Marcossan, Louisville	50.00
C. H. Jenkins, Omaha	50.00
H. G. Augustus, Toledo	30.00
W. L. Smith, Columbia	150.00
E. N. Cook, Dallas	50.00
*P. B. Moses, Jacksonville	90.00
*R. L. Huff, Jacksonville	30.00
*Josiah Hughes, Lowell	75.00
*Andrew Stinar, Omaha	60.00
*Jacob Brodsky, Philadelphia	15.00
John Mowbray, Philadelphia	50.00
J. F. Keller, Syracuse	35.00
*H. C. Strout, Lewiston	50.00
M. M. Neufeld, Brooklyn	150.00
C. G. Liggett, Columbus	50.00
*A. S. Deak, Toledo	10.00
W. A. Zollinger, Chicago No. 1	50.00
C. E. Bowen, Baltimore	25.00
Mark Cohen, Boston	15.00
Samuel Slotnick, Boston	50.00
Edward Sliney, Boston	50.00
J. M. Vestal, Durham	10.00
F. M. Summerill, Philadelphia	80.00
J. E. Keeton, Memphis	10.00
*R. P. Dell, Flint	15.00
*Wm. Lustgarten, Manhattan	45.00
*J. A. Scheuneman, Binghamton	40.00
*D. W. Watkins, Cincinnati	30.00
*Adolph Binotto, Wilkinsburg	45.00
A. L. Levine, Montreal No. 118	30.00
T. P. O'Connell, Hartford	50.00
F. E. Mulvaney, Council Bluffs	10.00
R. C. Harris, Flint	50.00
Joseph Margolis, Syracuse	50.00
J. D. Askew, Rochester	30.00
Lester Cohen, Manhattan	105.00
C. E. Robbins, Columbus	30.00
Louis Blum, Toledo	10.00
M. W. Rath, Portland, Ore.	40.00
A. S. McGee, Philadelphia	15.00
Daniel Silk, Philadelphia	80.00
O. D. Overdick, Sioux Falls	15.00
C. K. McConnell, Seattle	50.00
*Theo. Golkowske, Hartford	25.00
*A. G. Bowers, Bangor	30.00
*E. J. Bordeau, Saginaw	100.00
*Lance Dye, Akron	60.00
*Tom Anderson, Fort Worth	60.00
*F. E. Fulmer, Spokane	15.00
*Wilbert Loncet, Seattle	15.00
H. W. Kelly, Waterbury	60.00
I. J. Lowe, Newark	20.00
B. L. Craven, Portland, Ore.	75.00
H. O. Fox, Pittsburgh	15.00
J. S. Rosenbloom, Richmond	30.00
*John Shea, Lowell	50.00
H. J. Brownlow, Spokane	20.00
Martin Smith, Brooklyn	30.00
*H. H. Diekmann, Brooklyn	10.00
*Wm. Norton, Philadelphia	50.00
*Geo. Harper, Reading	15.00
Total for the month	\$2,695.00
*Denotes accident claims.	

OBITUARY

JACOB ELMER, 65, of Milwaukee Div. No. 17, died Dec. 19, 1936. He joined the Society Dec. 1, 1919, and held certificate No. 4781-C.

ROBERT F. HARTMAN, 72, of Louisville Div. No. 4, died Dec. 23, 1936. He joined the Society Jan. 2, 1912, and held certificate No. 1263-C.

ULYSSES G. DUNN, 72, of Little Rock Div. No. 5, died Dec. 26, 1936. He joined the Society June 1, 1911, and held certificate No. 979-C.

SAMUEL GOLDSTEIN, 51, of Manhattan Div. No. 87, died Dec. 29, 1936. He joined the Society Dec. 1, 1920, and held certificate No. 5599-C.

JOHN KEATING, 52, of Johnstown Div. No. 85, died Jan. 11, 1937. He joined the Society Dec. 1, 1925, and held certificate No. 7542-C.

LEON J. LAINGOR, 78, of Akron Div. No. 55, died Jan. 2, 1937. He joined the Society Dec. 1, 1907, and held certificate No. 300-D.

NEW MEMBERS

Chicago No. 1:	Los Angeles:
Jacob Goldstein	Harry Banks
Arthur Manke	Wichita:
Frank Kouchoukos	Floyd Ellinger
Cleveland:	James Ellinger
John Bender, Jr.	Bronx:
Indianapolis:	Isidore Benowitz
James Alpha	Binghamton:
Albert Beckman	John Gocal

THE GET-ONE DEGREE

Chicago No. 1—Palmiro Cologrossi (2), Louis Massinkoff.
Cleveland—Elmer Rosenmund.
Indianapolis—Charles Whisman, Arthur Norris.
Los Angeles—Joe Greenberg.
Wichita—Raymond Whitlock, Earl Langdale.
Bronx—Charles Spitaleri.
Binghamton—Emil Koliander.

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

FEBRUARY, 1937

I AM inclined to place courage first in the list of qualities that make dreams come true. Courage, hard thinking and enthusiasm—in that sequence.

—H. Gordon Selfridge.

Let us hope the industrial leaders and the labor chiefs will be able to iron out their difficulties.

The country has had enough unemployment to last it forever.

With times getting better and employment increasing, our membership drive should continue to show gains, and exceed last year's record.

Do not wait until later in the year to bring in those members you have in mind. Do it now.

When our annual reports and valuation are out of the way in March, we plan to prepare some new literature for the use of organizers and others, which we hope will aid in recruiting.

During the summer, we expect to redraft our membership certificates and a number of other forms now in

use, to conform with the new Fraternal Act recently passed by the Illinois legislature, which covers all fraternal organizations operating in the State.

Members who contemplate coming to Chicago in July for the NAD doings, will note the Monster Frat Smoker scheduled for July 30, under auspices of Chicago's Divisions Nos. 1 and 106. It will be an affair well worth attending, according to the committee handling it. Let us have a big turnout.

Deputies

FOR the present, there will be no changes in Division deputy organizers, except where resignations have been tendered for various reasons. Later on, changes in personnel will be announced from time to time.

The following new deputies have been appointed to fill vacancies:

LITTLE ROCK: J. M. Smith.
OMAHA: C. M. Bilger, Jr.
BOSTON: D. McG. Cameron.
SEATTLE: John Bodley.

All Division deputies should be up on their toes and go after prospects. With the prize money being offered in the 1937 Derby and the endorser's fee, if they also endorse the applicant, organizers will be well repaid for their efforts to get new members, not to mention the satisfaction they will derive in making a good record during the present year.

Hash a la Mode

AN irate brother admonishes us "to be careful." Writes he, in effect:

We don't like the way you guys at the Home Office take up every letter you get from fellows in this Division. They ain't got no right to correspond with you. Only the Division officers should do that.

To which we must reply that any member may write the Home Office. That is a right of membership. When the matter written about concerns the writer and his problems, we try to help him. When it concerns Division affairs, the Home Office consults the Division through its responsible officials.

Occasionally the Home Office gets letters from members who seek to appeal from actions by Divisions or by Division officers. While we always try to smooth out the difficulty, members are reminded of our laws governing the filing of complaints and appeals, both in the Division and with the Home Office. Get your copy of the laws when you may feel aggrieved, note the procedure in such cases. As a general rule, the Home Office is not bound to take notice of complaints or appeals unless the proper procedure is followed.

In passing, we hope there won't be any.

An indignant member who worked valiantly in the 1936 Derby postals us thusly:

Why did you deny me credit for the new member I got in December? I lost five plunks. Are you Scotch, that you would deny me a niggardly five bucks?

We explained this in the January FRAT. Applications of new members acted upon at December Division meetings and sent the Home Office in that month, if accepted here have certificate issues as of January 1 in the following year, and are counted as new members in that year. Thus Derby contestants who obtained new members in December, 1936, with certificate issues in January, 1937, will receive credit in the 1937 Derby.

Writes a Division official on the matter of active paid-up membership:

Does inability to find work and earn income on the part of a paid-up member come within the meaning of "circumstances beyond his control" and thereby entitle him to paid-up active membership without dues payments of any kind, under Sec. 150?

No, not in the sense indicated. Only the aged and infirm without financial means, who are compelled thereby to accept paid-up allowances, may be retained as active paid-up members without any dues payments. In every such instance, the Division should ascertain beyond doubt that the case is a worthy one, and comes within the classification defined.

MEN are often capable of greater things than they perform. They are sent into the world with bills of credit, and seldom draw to their full extent. —Walpole.

DERBY— 1937— DRIVE

During the year 1937 we
are continuing the

Membership Derby

begun in 1936 and carried
through the year with good
results.

IN 1937, the Home Office
will pay contestants

Five Dollars for Each Block of Five

new members obtained, beginning
with applicants in December,
1936, whose certificates are issued
in January, 1937, and continuing
to and including November appli-
cants whose certificates are issued
in December, 1937.

Only Blocks of Five

will count in the contest. Derby
jockeys cannot carry over into
1937 credit for less than a Block
of Five new members obtained
prior to December, 1936.

WITH the ONE DOLLAR usual-
ly given by the Division to the
endorser of an applicant, the
Home Office prize of FIVE DOL-
LARS for each Block of Five gives
our Derby contestants a chance
to make

Ten Dollars

on each Block of Five new mem-
bers obtained.

We're Off

on the 1937 Derby. Put your best
foot forward, boys, and

Bring 'Em In

Contenders in 1937 Derby

Name	Division	New Members
Elmer Rosenmund.....	Cleveland	11
Joe Greenberg.....	Los Angeles	7
Homer Moulder.....	Los Angeles	3
David Peikoff.....	Toronto	3
Henry Glover.....	Columbia	2
Palmino Colgrossi.....	Chicago No. 1.....	2

The second lap! Leaders still out in front, setting the pace. The field is promising, with one new entrant. There will be other entrants next month. Watch 'em do their stuff.

Get in the race, boys. The country is full of prospects, waiting to come in. The earlier you start, the more you will get, both in members and prize money.

Notable Deaf Persons

By GUILBERT C. BRADDOCK

II. John R. Burnet

IN 1835 a little book was printed in Newark, N.J., entitled "Tales of the Deaf and Dumb, with Miscellaneous Poems." A copy of this book is preserved in the New York Public Library. The author was John Robertson Burnet, of Livingston, N.J. The volume contains a few stories about the deaf, a short history of the education of the deaf, and an essay on the domestic education of deaf children under school age. The poems give a dismal picture of the state of the deaf in 1830, when the census reported six thousand deaf-mutes in the United States and only about five hundred in the six schools for the deaf:

"Six thousand souls—unknowing of a God,
Even in Christianity's most blessed abode!
Six thousand hearts—by undeserved doom,
Lock'd up to brood in solitary gloom!"

John R. Burnet was born December 26th, 1808. He became deaf at the age of eight, from brain fever. He was taught to read and write by an elder sister, and soon became his own teacher, reading every book he could find. His entire childhood was spent on a farm. He had no aptitude for lip-reading, and his speech eventually became of no use to him.

At the age of twenty-two, he visited the New York School and learned the sign language, being engaged as a teacher during the year 1830-31. Returning to his home, he wrote his book and published some articles and poems in the Biblical Repository and the North American Review. After 1847, he contributed several articles to the American Annals of the Deaf, on the subject of education. In 1867 he was appointed a professor in the New York School (Fanwood) and served until his death on June 18th, 1874.

Dr. Thomas F. Fox, to whom we are indebted for most of these details, characterizes Prof. Burnet as a man of varied talents and profound scholarship, and a poet of no mean merit. He found pleasure in reading Latin and a number of modern languages. In 1870 he received an honorary Master of Arts degree from Gallaudet College, though entirely self-taught.

DIVISION NOTES

February

5. After meeting social.....	Milwaukee
6. Aux-frats' Valentine party.....	Albany
6. Card social	Buffalo
6. Card party.....	New Haven
6. Winter social	Scranton
6. Box social	Delavan
6. Frat frolic	Philadelphia
6. Movies	Columbus
6. Banquet	Indianapolis
6. Social	Newark
6. Social	Baltimore
6. Social	Rochester
6. Social	Denver
6. Party	Des Moines
7. Valentine party	San Francisco
12. Entertainment	Chicago No. 106
13. Valentine Party.....	Toronto
13. Stag party	Dubuque
13. Valentine party and movies.....	Dallas
13. Social	Cedar Rapids
13. Valentine social.....	Kalamazoo
13. Valentine social	Fort Wayne
13. Valentine frolic	Dayton
13. Annual ball	Brooklyn
13. Banquet	Little Rock
13. Valentine party	Springfield, Mass.
13. Valentine party	Schenectady
19. Valentine party	Houston
20. Annual mask ball	Chicago No. 1
20. Annual mask party	Wichita
20. Anniversary banquet	Cincinnati
20. Geo. Washington party	Syracuse
20. Social	Toledo
20. Dance	Los Angeles
20. Geo. Washington mask party.....	Salt Lake City
20. "Tacky" party	Fort Worth
20. Movies	Toledo
20. Masquerade ball	Jersey City

March

6. Social	Newark
6. Card party	Albany
12. Entertainment	Chicago No. 106
13. Fat stock show—Liar's contest.....	Fort Worth
19. Social	Houston
20. Halloween social	Seattle
20. 33rd anniversary social	Dayton
20. Social	Toledo
20. St. Patrick party	Peoria
26. St. Patrick party	Syracuse
27. St. Patrick party	Dubuque

April

3. Spring social	Scranton
17. 20th anniversary costume ball.....	Worcester
24. Banquet	Johnstown

CHICAGO NO. 1 (By Thos. O. Gray)—Chicago Division No. 1 will hold its thirty-fifth annual Masquerade Ball at Viking Temple, 8257 Sheffield Ave., Feb. 20, 1937. (This address is 3300 north and 1000 west). Those who desire to ride the "L" should take the North side trains that stop at Belmont "L" station, walk one-half block west and one block north to the hall. This ball is one of the Division's major entertainments. The admission price is 35 cents either at door or by tickets. Brother Gray is

chairman, and all efforts will be made to make it one of the best attended events of this year. A good number of cash prizes are offered for the best fancy and comic costumes. There will be excellent music, refreshments and dancing. Come, one and all, and bring all outsiders who love to dance.

Division No. 1's new set of officers were installed at the January meeting, New Year's day—a lucky omen. Candy bars were passed around to the ladies and cigars to the gents by the retiring president, Brother Erickson, who made a very creditable record as president the past year. He received the thanks of the Division.

Brother "Massy," as his friends call him, has started the New Year right by announcing three new applications for active members. More coming from our young hustling members, and with the marked improvement in business throughout the country, it is hoped to induce at least fifty non-members to join the society before the year is up.

The Division was pleasantly surprised to receive a cordial visit from Brother Burnes of Fairbault Division No. 101. He was the guest of Pres. Massinkoff, they being college pals.

Brother Keesal, who was reelected secretary at the December meeting, tendered his resignation because of returning to his old job on the night shift of a large loop printery. Brother Gray was elected at the January meeting to succeed him. He is new at the game of reporting Division notes, and is afraid to say much at the start, for fear he'd give away the actual minutes of the January meeting. When he gets the "sheep" separated from the "goats," more news will appear from time to time regarding Division No. 1 doings. Thank you!

DAYTON (By Alby H. Peterson)—We will have our meeting on the second Saturday of the month instead of the first. Every member will please remember this change.

We will have the February meeting on the 6th because we will have a Valentine social on the 13th, at the same hall. Chairman Ryder and the committee now are busy making plans for the event. The committee hopes you will insure the success of the functions by a large attendance. They will have a post office to handle valentines.

Dayton Division will have its 33rd anniversary social on March 20. Chairman Wiggenhorn and the committee are rolling up their sleeves to make this social a big success, and assure every one of having a good time, and they also hope to make a neat profit.

CINCINNATI (By L. J. B.)—Our veteran standbys—James M. Shepherd of Elmira, and Clarence W. Bender of Herkimer, N.Y., who by reason of the shutdown and removal of the Remington-Rand plants from Norwood, Ohio to these towns, were back home for the holidays. They went back there, though they loathed returning to the new places of residence.

The non-residents will be pleased to know that the proposed change of dates for meetings as originally adopted did not materialize through the misunderstanding of the manager of the building, and therefore the meetings will be held on the second Saturdays, as heretofore. The address of our treasurer, Arthur G. Wenner, is 41 W. Mitchell Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio.

In re the Division's 31st Anniversary Banquet at the Hotel Metropole, Feb. 20, 1937, the committee has made satisfactory progress. Casper B. Jacobson, of Columbus, Ohio, will be the principal speaker. Reservations should be made promptly to the chairman, Sam J. Taylor, 409 Elm St., Ludlow, Ky. Tickets \$1.75 or couples \$3.00.

From triple accomplishments by the Dunning brothers last year, they have made good. First they have landed good paying jobs as draftsmen at two different places of business; second, their joining our Society; third, the elder Hilbert has announced his engagement to a young lady of Delaware, Ohio,—Miss Wilson and the younger, LeRoy, the first visitor from Cincinnati to the spacious Home Office building owned by the N.F.S.D. Congratulations to the Home Office for the same, by a veteran member—the writer.

TOLEDO (By S. G. Henry)—The new secretary's address is Sam G. Henry, 2047 Putnam St. Members will please notice the change.

At the meeting of Jan. 2 the new officers were sworn in by the retiring President, Harry Augustus, and received best wishes from the

retiring officers and the assembly. Andrew Sellers and Milton Neff were the only ones retaining office. Here's hoping that the new year will prove that the Division has stopped back-sliding and that it is now on the up-grade. We see that depression ends as Willys-Overland Co. is now free from the receivership of the U.S. Court, and runs busily in the production of cars, calling many deaf back to work. We expect some who have been paid up members to come back into active membership. Brother Robert Shimp and Irvin Reinbolt are "come back" members. Robert Shimp has a brother, Isaac Shimp, who is a new member. Both are sons of the late Isaac Shimp, of our Division.

Members, please remember our new Treasurer's address: Edward Hetzel, 658½ Spring St. According to our constitution and by-laws members pay promptly dues to Brother Hetzel at lodge meeting or mail to him. His duty does not require him to come to members' homes to collect dues.

President McVicker named Wilbur Morrison, chairman, Leo Otrema and Stanley Krowicz as local sick committee, and I. Burton as sick committee in the Fremont and Tiffin district. If any member gets disabled, please report to the Secretary, who will notify the sick committee. The secretary is not responsible if members do not report being disabled.

After the December meeting at Kapp Hall, Mrs. Andrew Sellers took charge of the movie show for the benefit of the children's toy fund for the Santa Claus party of Dec. 19. Samuel G. Henry operated the projector and 2 reels were shown to a good crowd. This annual Santa Claus party was given at Kapp Hall, in charge of Mrs. Andrew Sellers, chairman of the Auxfrats, and the retiring officers. Toys were distributed to children of members of our Division, and also oranges and candies to both adults and children by Andrew Sellers, who was in Santa Claus costume.

F. X. Zitnik of Akron, and Nathan Henick of Lansing, Mich., were at our January meeting. Both gave good speeches. Brother Henick has been working steadily at the Fisher Body Co. in Lansing, Mich. He still comes to Toledo almost every month as a loyal member of our Division.

MILWAUKEE (By Samuel Sutter)—To Seatle Division 44, we wish to thank you for your greetings of the season and the small but swell calendar, which we can really use.

Jacob Elmer passed away on Dec. 19, at the General Hospital, after suffering for about six years with a heart ailment and other ailments. He is survived by his wife, Mary, and three sons and grandchildren. He was forced to give up his job at the Milcor Corrugating Co. as a sheet metal worker after working for several years. He used to make cigars for Louis Kindling Co., makers of "Harvester" cigars. The pallbearers were Frank Poellman, Henry G. Knoblock, Michael Ryan, Frank Chervenka, Ray Fiedler and the writer. His body was buried at the Holy Cross cemetery on Dec. 22, after the services at the St. Anthony Catholic church.

Chester M. Gorleski was admitted to our society last December. He never went to any school for the deaf, but went through a high school at Ironwood, Mich. He came to Milwaukee about last August and secured a job as a linotype operator with little trouble, and is working nights. But beware, do not let yourselves be encouraged to jump to this city from outside places, because there are many lino operators who are idle. Ray Steger is another lucky fellow working with him, and also Arthur G. Leisman.

Arthur J. Hinks, formerly of Manitowoc, Wis., is another lucky fellow who has secured a steady job as an experienced cap maker in this city. He with his wife, have decided to start house-keeping here. He thinks that he is chess champion for the deaf in this city. Leo F. Weiss thinks differently.

Joseph Letkiewicz of this division is working for Florsheim Shoe Co., Chicago, as a shoe cutter, because his old employer has moved away as other shoe factories have done because of labor troubles.

Come to the club at 755 N. Plankinton Ave., where card playing sharks will entertain you. Other games may be played, too. This affair will take place on January 30, Saturday night.

Deputy Booz wants every member to try to get a new member during this season, as it is expected that times will improve.

COLUMBUS, (By W. T. Uren)—Following the installation of officers, a regular pep talk was given to the members by Brothers Uren and Ross Gilley. Members were urged to co-operate with the new officers and get more members. With the new year it is hoped to see Columbus Division come to life and again lead the way for other Ohio divisions to follow.

Because of the appeal it held to many, a committee of 5 has been formed to see if it is possible for our division to bring the discarded local Sick Fund back into being. The sick fund was popular in a way, as it helped those who were sick, but not long enough to receive benefits from the Home Office.

Owing to some difficulty, Brother Kennedy was unable to assume the duties of Secretary, so Brother Uren was appointed temporary secretary. It is hoped that Brother Kennedy will assume charge next month.

CLEVELAND (By Robert Young)—The never-to-be-forgotten January meeting witnessed a record breaking number of new recruits, their massive frames stretching from one end of the room to the other. The floor fairly creaked and groaned with these newly acquired husky brothers who stood like pins on a bowling alley, tall and erect waiting to be acclaimed by us all. Those new brothers who were able to make an appearance were: Jerry W. Knaus, Elmer R. Miller, Thomas Janosek, James W. Abbott, L. Baltenbach, J. Erickson, Elmer Fink, S. Mahon and Jos. Stanonise, the other two who were unable to be present, due to night employment, were George Hopstow and Tony Novak.

According to President Rosenmund and Brother McCann, a few more likely prospects are all set to be snared. It is hoped that the February meeting will see another batch of new recruits in line.

No. 21 is out to form a Frat bowling team for the coming tournament at Detroit, and with new recruits pouring in like water over Niagara, there will be no difficulty in forming a most formidable quintet.

Plans are already under way in moving our meetings to a newer and more palatial place, somewhere on 7th and Prospect, then the Mrs., Sweetie and girl friend will be able to accompany the men folks, as a convenient and spacious room will be at their disposal while the Fraters are doing their pow-wow behind closed doors in an adjoining room.

Wm. Meade, who is chairman of the coming gigantic smoker in March, declared that he has had his hands full keeping the grandson of "Billy Whiskers" in tow. Brother Meade says he intends getting a straight-jacket to prevent untold damage, as the horns on the goat are beginning to develop rapidly. As yet the site for this initiation ceremony has not been located. There is every likelihood it may take place at the new location on Prospect, so be there all you Fraters from far and near and enjoy what is to be the acme of hilarious entertainment.

We have received word from Julius Cahen that he is enjoying the life of Riley with his charming wife in California. He states he has made quite a few friends among the Hollywood stars of the screen, but we sincerely hope he will not forget us all here, and will keep in mind the old adage "Old friends are better than new."

Walter Haver is the proud possessor of a swell-looking Plymouth. Last time he was seen loudly proclaiming the serviceableness and performance of his lately traded Oldsmobile. Wonder if the Oldsmobile played him dirt, or has the depression come on again so soon.

Another notch has been added to Abe Mansky's enormous wide grin. After a long and tedious fight, he is now a full fledged American citizen, having received, with the help of Brother McCann, his final papers. We're afraid that unless that grin of his is brought down a peg or two, he'll not be recognized enough to be admitted at our next meeting. Congratulations are in order.

28TH ANNUAL BALL AND ENTERTAINMENT

Brooklyn Division No. 23
Saturday Evening, Feb. 13, 1937
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LOS ANGELES (By J. A. Goldstein)—Frat-ograms: Division attendance throughout the year of '36 broke all past records, attesting to the interest and enthusiasm of the members. . . . Deputy Greenberg, Vice-Pres. Gardner, and Sergeant Krasne with their respective families, also Ed. Anderson and his ma spent the New Year week end at San Francisco; the first two named took in the Frat meeting there, where we are told Greenberg gave 'em lessons on the art of getting 'em in; now watch the fireworks over there, or are we mistaken? . . . Alas! the "G" quartette has been broken up; Director G-reenberg refusing to run again, and Secretary G-oldstein coming in an "also ran." . . . New Secretary is Einer Rosenkjar, 228 W. 50 Street, Los Angeles. . . . Members are urged to cooperate with the present officers as well as they did with the old. . . . This month's Frat Medal goes to Bro. Gilmore, who hearing that Bro. B—— was out of a job, and in danger of being dropped from the rolls, offered him one until such time as Bro. B—— could get on his feet again. . . . Notice the classy dress-up of THE FRAT, streamlined, eh wot? . . . ain't it grand, and aren't the Grands grand . . . other tabloids better look out; before you know it THE FRAT will get to be the ONE national paper for the deaf . . . don't say we didn't tell you. . . . Bros. Moulder and Greenberg have made a good start in the '37 Derby, which puts Los Angeles in the running again; no crowing this time, though, not 'til we see the finis at any rate. . . . Saludas!

BOSTON (By D. McG. Cameron)—A record crowd, one of the largest in our memory, took in our annual ball, at the Bradford on Jan. 2. Despite the miserable weather the attendance was double that of a dance two days earlier on Dec. 31, held by another organization. A year ago, instead of hiring a hall, we held our ball in this hotel, and that the deaf appreciate the conveniences and advantages offered by the change, goes without saying. All the New England Divisions were well represented and quite a number came down from New York, also one lone visitor from Chicago. The grill room, this being only its polite designation, a few steps from the ball room proved to be a popular place, and was continually crowded all evening, in fact its regular customers had to be served elsewhere. A motion show of the K.C. Convention and the recent N.E.G.A. Convention in Concord, N.H., was given free of charge to those attending the ball on Jan. 3, immediately after the public installation of the 1937 officers.

Of late quite a few of our members have been on the disability list, through injuries. Carl Zwicker, while at work, slipped and fell, breaking two ribs, which necessitated his confinement in a hospital for two weeks. Philip Steinberg is nursing an infected finger, the result of an insignificant scratch developing blood poison.

At this writing, owing to the ball being held on our regular date, the Division has yet to hold its January meeting and the make up of the various committees for 1937 have not been given out. However, this much can be said, that we start the New Year with bright prospects. Then is a fertile field for recruiting in this locality, providing we go at it in the right spirit. At the recent ball the writer noticed that among the young, the non-Frats outnumbered us by nearly 2 to 1.

MEMPHIS (J. A. Todd)—The Frat watch party held at the Catholic Club on December 31 was one of the best we have had in a long time. There were quite a number of out-of-town guests. While they were not in masquerade, they did much to add to the party. There were five couples from Little Rock. We thank them for coming, and promise faithfully to make a return visit when they have a "fraternal" there.

The fixings and trimmings handed out by the committee (Brothers Hobb, Correll and Asbridge) were quite swanky. There were caps, confetti, snake ribbons and blowers galore. If it takes all that to add good luck for the coming year, we of Memphis and Arkansas can feel assured of our luck. And dancing and flashlight pictures!

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Here's hoping some of those pictures turn out to be a flop.

Our next social will be in April, when we will have our 24th anniversary banquet at Hotel Peabody. So plan to come. You can do a "two in one," wear your Easter attire for the two occasions. Watch this paper for later details.

PORTLAND, Oregon (By C. H. Linde)—The SFL auxiliary has elected for the new term Mrs. Dora Craven president; Mrs. C. Greenwald, vice-president; Mrs. Anna Peterson, secretary, and Miss Zelma Barell, treasurer.

Once in a while wives rebel under constant pressure of housewifery duties and take a fling at good times. That's what happened one recent evening, when the SFL girls got together at a Chinese restaurant for a big, delicious dish of chow mein, leaving their poor tired hubbies to help themselves at cold larders as best as they could.

Our New Year's Eve celebration opened early in the Y.M.C.A. with a basketball game in which the local quintet chalked up a victory over the Washington state deaf school hoopsters. In a wrestling bout, Brother Hudson pinned the one Crawford with little trouble. The scene then shifted to the Pythian temple for an all-night watch party. Resourceful as he always is, Chairman Lee pulled novel stunts to keep the crowd entertained long past the time the new year arrived.

SEATTLE (N. C. Garrison)—Brother Root was at our January meeting after his siege of sickness. The members gave him a very cordial greeting and expressed the pleasure of the Division at having him at meetings again.

Seattle has decided to form an Aux Frat Auxiliary and to this purpose Bro. Spencer has been chosen as a committee to make suitable arrangements with the ladies.

A move was started at the January meeting to have the Division purchase a 16 M.M. movie projector. We may soon be able to enjoy movies after meetings.

Bro. Spencer of Kansas City Division has transferred to Seattle, as he has secured work here as a barber.

Mildred, daughter of Bro. and Mrs. J. E. Skoglund of Spokane is a freshman in the College of Fine Arts at the State University in Seattle. Ed, son of Bro. and Mrs. N. C. Garrison, is a sophomore in the school of Journalism. Both are reported doing nicely in their class work. Ed was one of about 1000 students who accompanied the football team on their 1500 mile trip to the Rose Bowl game at Los Angeles, and was a guest of Bro. and Mrs. K. Willman during his stay.

Bros. Wright and Hunter are the Auto Legislation Committee of the State Association, and are keeping close track of developments regarding deaf drivers. The bill before the Legislature as now drawn shows no discrimination against the deaf drivers.

The "Coast" is anxiously waiting news and dates of Pres. Roberts' proposed pilgrimage West.

BALTIMORE (By G. M. Leitner)—There were some who proclaimed 1936 a good year and others who felt that it had been a pretty poor twelve months, but members of Baltimore Division No. 47, of both shades of opinion, joined in giving the old year a rousing farewell and according 1937 a boisterous welcome.

More than 250 Fraters and their friends gathered for the occasion in Century Hall for No. 47's first annual New Year's Eve dance. The program included a cabaret floor show consisting of a magician and various specialty and acrobatic dancing numbers. There was a full orchestra for dancing.

While the entertainment left nothing to be desired, the tap room and refreshment tables grew in popularity as the evening progressed. When the last celebrants departed in the wee hours of January 1st, none could dispute that it had been a highly successful and enjoyable party.

The committee in charge of the event included: Chairman Stanley Taranski, A. Hajna, V. Demarco, I. Noppenberger, H. Friedman, John Foxwell and J. Fielder.

Among the guests were Fraters from Washington, Philadelphia, and other cities, not to mention many of 47's rural members who came to the city to join the fun.

Bro. and Mrs. Rozelle McCall had a party given to their friends on December 26th at their home in Hamilton. The evening passed joyously. A few new games by Miss Ruth Atkins

helped to enliven things. Mrs. McCall's home-made ice cream, cakes, nuts, candies and other delicacies were served.

While numerous dances and parties were held last Saturday night in homes, halls and hotels, many deaf people, following their annual custom, went to Bro. and Mrs. George Brown's open house to play cards and drink eggnog and all kinds of beverages. Nuts, cakes, and candies also were served to each visitor. Bro. and Mrs. Brown are very popular and Bro. Brown's hobby is raising 57 varieties of flowers. He also is a cocktail mixer par excellence.

F. X. Zitnik, of Akron, expresses eagerness to learn how Bro. Taranski, of Baltimore, manages to corral so many recruits for No. 47. The answer is simple: Our New York brothers started it when they organized a basketball team and invited Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington and other cities to follow suit and hold an inter-division tournament in 1937. Bro. Taranski lost no time in bringing to the attention of young eligibles the fact that a lot of sport, travel and honors were in prospect, but reminded them that only full fledged Fraters might play. The result was a lot of good signatures on the old dotted lines.

With this contribution, your newly appointed Baltimore Correspondent makes his bow and extends to Fraters everywhere, No. 47's collective wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

ALBANY (By W. M. Lange, Jr.)—Albany Division ushered in the New Year in a grand and glorious manner. Altho we did not have a record crowd, (other affairs in the vicinity having drawn many of the deaf) it was nevertheless very successful, and Chairman Calkins reports that he made a sizable profit. From heresy and gossip about town, ye writer can say rather safely that everyone there that night was satisfied, and had a very hilarious and New Yearly time. Until Next year comes, Happy New Year!

Our Brother Andrew Lapienis, who recently graduated with honors from a lino school, and who traveled thru most of the midwest and south in the last two months, on the hunt for a job, finally pouncing on the elusive critter way down in Atlanta, Ga., came up north to be with us over the holidays, during a brief lull in his job. He has since been called back to the sunny south. Keep it up, Andrew, and you'll get there.

Last October our faithful Fraus succeeded so well in their first social that when they asked for another one for February, we almost knocked them down giving it to them. We men like to be parted, as well as babied, by the femmes. (A certain mighty mite out in Chi is very apt to chime in now and holler assent.) So, come Saturday night, February 6, ye femmes of Albany Division No. 51 will present a Valentine Party. Knowing the wimmen as I do, and having a sentimental weakness for old St. Valentine, I'm going to be there. And I'd advise everyone of you who can come, to come. It'll be good.

Albany has changed its meeting place. The old hall has long been undesirable, both in location and facilities, but it has been hard to find another. But we did. Beginning with our February meeting our new hall will be Community Hall, 39 Quail Street, Albany. Come and see us and enjoy Valentines with us in our new hall in February. Remember, the women are staging the affair. IT WILL BE GOOD.

SAN FRANCISCO (By H. O. Schwarzlose)—Installation ceremonies were held at the January meeting, under ex-president E. E. Norton, who administered the oath of office.

Brothers Joe Greenberg and I. A. Krasne of Los Angeles were visitors and called upon for speeches. They were heartily applauded. Joe, having lived in San Francisco for many years before he moved to Los Angeles and started to make that Division grow, has many good friends here. He was asked how he gets so many members, and his reply was, "Oh, they just follow me about!" "About what?" asked a would-be wise-cracker. Quick as a flash, Joe came back, "About as long as it takes me to sign 'em up.'"

Notice to Non-Resident members: The meeting place of Division No. 53 has changed. Starting Feb. 6, the members will meet at 530 Valencia Street, near 16th, San Francisco, Calif., in the club rooms of the San Francisco Club for the Deaf, Inc. After the meeting adjourned, those who had come in their cars were pressed into service, and all regalia and paraphernalia

was moved with quickness and dispatch to the new quarters. The new rooms are very comfortable, well lighted and heated. As the club has a restaurant and bar of its own, members may purchase light lunches after the meeting. Members' wives may meet in the club at the same time, as the rooms are spacious and well furnished. The club furnished a complete set of altars, desks and chairs.

Plans are under way for a Whist Social on Jan. 16 and a Valentine Party on Feb. 6. All members are urged to attend. Remember that it is YOUR Division and its welfare is up to YOU.

All members are requested to send in names, ages and addresses of all non-members with whom they are acquainted, to the Secretary, for reference to our new Membership Committee. This committee will have all information on hand, give facts and figure rates, etc. Do not hesitate to call upon them for information, application blanks, etc. See Bros. O. Johnson, E. Norton or C. Martucci.

A surprise birthday party was tendered E. H. Langdon at his new home in El Cerrito on Dec. 13. Fifteen guests were present. "Ed" received many useful gifts. Delicious refreshments were served later on.

AKRON (By F. X. Zitnik)—Leon J. Laingor was struck by an auto while crossing the street in front of his home on his way to the Division meeting, and died a few hours afterwards.

One of our oldest active members, he was well liked by all who knew him. He proudly asserted that he attended the same day school with our late Bro. F. P. Gibson, and later a trade's training school, where he became a millwright. In this occupation he was employed by such firms as Swift & Co., Bush & Lamp Brewery, and then by Goodyear, where he gained the respect of all who came in contact with him.

His widow, Lida Laingor, and 2 sisters who survive him, have the sincere sympathy of the Division.

Isaac Phillips, assisted by Bros. Cherry, Blevins, Geo. Miller and O. Williams, put over our annual Christmas party, and judging by the joy and happiness of the youngsters, they were well rewarded for their untiring labor. After a well-arranged program was over, and the big supply of oranges and candies distributed, the elders amused themselves by playing 5 rounds of bingo. This form of amusement is becoming popular with the deaf in Akron, and is one of the best forms of social games that can be easily understood. For social and charitable purposes it has no equal as to merit and entertainment.

Our social committee for the year, with Bro. Cherrington at the helm, is planning a series of entertainments that will put our members and friends in anticipation of happy good times. Watch the Division notes for further announcements.

No. 55 voices its approval of the new dress. THE FRAT is appearing in now; after 34 years it certainly was time to discard the old front and modernize. I hope the time nears when it will also expand and allow the Division pen pushers more territory for their news.

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5. Rev. D. E. Moylan's Song in sign language; Maryland Annual Picnic, 1926.
6. Frat Outing in Baltimore, 1927.
7. Timonium Fair, 1928.
8. Fair of the Iron Horse, B & O RR, 1928.
9. Rev. O. J. Whildin's Talk on Churches for the Deaf; Penn. Ass'n of Deaf; Frat Outing Fairview Beach, 1931.
10. Reunion Md. School for Deaf, 1934; Football game Gallaudet vs. U. of Delaware, 1930.
11. NFSD Convention, Kansas City, 1935 (2 reels, \$4.00).

For reservations, write to
RAY M. KAUFFMAN
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Baltimore, Md.

SALT LAKE CITY (By John F. White)—Our Stag and meeting was held at the Humpty Dumpty Inn December 1, 1936. Nineteen members were present. We wish to praise some of our non-resident members from Ogden and Provo who willingly attended our meeting. Wesley Perry showed up there with his big broad smile. It was the first time. He has been employed for the last year as warehouse manager for the salt mine at Redmond, Utah. He took the pledge of membership. He gave us a brief talk. Come again, Bro. Perry.

Then followed the election of new officers for the coming year. The votes were very close. After the election we were served with club sandwiches, coffee, hot chocolate and delicious home made pie.

Milo Cutler has traded in his two 1934 Hudson cars for a new, beautiful 1936 Hudson coupe. Oh boy, what a millionaire he is! Bro. Thurston has purchased a new 1936 Ford, Bro. White, a new 1936 Plymouth, and Bro. Laramie, a new 1936 Dodge. Bro. and Mrs. Grant Morgan accompanied Bro. and Mrs. Cutler in their new car on a visit to Boulder Dam last summer, which proved to be a worth while and educational trip.

We miss our beloved Bro. Joe Brandenburg, who was called recently to work as a printer in Virginia. We are informed that he is doing well in his new job. We all wish him lots of good luck and success.

Our Washington's Birthday Masquerade, headed by Brothers Thurston and Glenn will be held at the Fraternal Hall, 323½ South State Street, Saturday night, February 20. Refreshments will be served. Come one and all! Don't miss it.

ST. PAUL-MINNEAPOLIS (By J. J. McNeill)—Our New Year Eve dance was a good success, and a neat profit was made. Much credit goes to Chairman Langford and his assistants. He was reelected Chairman again for 1937 and will give 2 or 3 more dances before Spring is here and we all want to help him. We need money badly to help those in arrears.

At last we got a new member—Bro. Leon Getzug, of St. Paul. He came from Russia, was educated at the Faribault School, and is a quiet and likable man. He has a good job as a tailor with a large clothing factory.

A boy baby was born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Niklaus, of Merrill, Wis., and hence our congratulations. Frank has a steady job there as a linotype operator.

The House Committee of Thompson Hall, with the help of Division 61 and some deaf church missions pulled off a Merry Christmas party on Dec. 19th and the hall was packed. Every body was presented with candy, nuts and apples, and John Brant, son of Bro. Brant, was the Santa Claus.

L. A. Roth of Faribault was at Midway Hospital here for an operation, and is all right now. He went back to the school there to resume his duties as instructor in the printing department.

Rev. Brother Homer E. Grace made his monthly visit here in December, and gave two good sermons to the deaf on Sunday morning in Minneapolis and in the afternoon in St. Paul, and had a good crowd.

The Ladies' Auxiliary presented the Division with the sum of \$29.40, and a rising vote of thanks was given them, dear girls. The writer did not get the names of their new officers for 1937, but will announce them in the next issue. Many thanks, Ladies!

DALLAS (By T. E. Hill)—No. 63 has moved its meeting place once more. Beginning with the February meeting, Monday night Feb. 1, the meetings will be held in the Reilly Building, 2nd Floor, just across the street from the First Baptist Church, on N. St. Paul Street.

Discussion of Jimmie Meagher's note anent THE FRAT costing \$200 per issue, or \$2,500 yearly, to publish, and whether anyone reads all the division notes or not. Dallas Division went on record as favoring cutting down THE FRAT to save expenses of publication, only on condition that Headquarters pass the saving along to members in the matter of lowering their dues. And the cost brought a mooted question to a head. What happens to the balance of the money we members are charged each month for publication of THE FRAT over the expenses of publishing same? Each member whether social, paid up or regular, is paying 5 cents per month for the paper, and with 7500 members, that would amount to \$375.00 per month, and we would like to know where the other \$175.00 per

month goes. [The \$2,500 Jimmy reeled off took into account only the approximate cost of printing the paper. Other items, editing, correspondence, postage, overhead charges, etc., absorb the balance of the so-called allowance for the paper in its present size, to which it was reduced some years ago. For a good many years before that, the cost of publication exceeded the allowance.—Ed.]

Bros. Doyle Kerr and Dudley Lewis of Dallas Division spent their Christmas vacation down in the wilds of Mexico hunting deer, but returned without having bagged any deer. Too bad, better luck next time.

Our congratulations to Dave Peikoff, of Toronto, for his having roped in 35 new members during 1936. Dallas Division wasn't able to obtain any new members last year, but we have hopes of landing quite a few the coming 12 months, not that we will be in the race for any prize money, however, but merely as a matter of Fraternal duty.

With the greater Texas and Pan-American Exposition to open in Dallas June 12, and continue through October, 1937, Dallas Division, is planning quite a few events of major importance, for the benefit of visitors to our city. So watch the columns of THE FRAT for announcements and dates. The division will celebrate its 20th birthday in April, of this year, and next month we will try to send a list of Charter members, together with what they are now doing, etc.

SPRINGFIELD, MASS. (By Arthur P. Gunther)—Our annual Christmas party on Dec. 19 was an huge success. Everyone had a good time, especially the children of the members and friends, who received several gifts each from the dear ole' Santa himself, who made good his promise to come to our party. After Santa had gone to continue on his good mission, and the kids busy with their presents and toys, the older folks became engaged in bingo games, and many who were lucky enough won exceptionally swell prizes. Chairman Brown certainly deserved a good patting on the shoulder for his splendid work. Only a small profit was realized, but the main thought of that affair was to give a good time to everyone, chiefly the children.

The public installation ceremony and reception on Jan. 9 after the regular meeting was also an eventful social. A surprisingly large and interested audience was on hand, and after the impressive ceremony candy was distributed to the ladies, and cigars to the gents.

At the meeting ex-Pres. Ascher was very much pleased when Bro. Brunsell, with the overwhelming approval of the members, presented to him the gavel which he had wielded during the five years of his presidency. Bro. Brunsell turned out the gavel on a lathe, and it is a beautiful piece of workmanship.

There will be no entertainment committee this year. Pres. Thompson has decided to appoint a different chairman for each affair throughout the year.

Arrangements are already made to have a Valentine Party on Feb. 13 and Bro. Zisman

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is going to be the headman. Let us watch him, for he will prove to be one of the most enthusiastic workers of the division in time to come.

Plans are also made for a gala smoker sometime in April. Further details about it will appear later.

Manager Brown wishes to announce that Springfield Division's bowling team is ready to challenge any division in New England upon a home and home basis contest. For further information write to Alex Brown, 218 Island Pond Rd., Springfield, Mass.

Bro. Orberg reported that he had a most swell time with his old pals at the recent big social affair in Philadelphia.

SPOKANE (By C. W. Graham)—The first annual midwinter party of Spokane Division was held in the Moose Hall on New Year's Eve. There were seventy-five present. The program was arranged by Bros. Skoglund, Winchell, Frisby, Tonti, and Bell. Refreshments were served and prizes awarded. We hope the party will continue to be an annual affair.

The new officers elected for 1937 were installed at the January meeting, and success wished them for the coming year. Thanks were given the retiring officers, especially to ex-president, Bro. O'Leary for his long service throughout the depression years. The division is growing gradually. Thomas B. Chop was the latest member welcomed into No. 76.

We were glad to have Bro. Moore for a short visit during December. We are always glad to see the non-resident members and brothers.

The "Fraux" held a very successful dinner Dec. 12. There was a good attendance and a good time enjoyed by all.

SCRANTON (By H. B. YOUNG)—"Spotlight" Meagher has a mighty interesting page and a half in the January issue of THE FRAT. You know, folks—"Variety is the spice of life" and "Tiny Jim" sure furnishes plenty of spice in his department each month, but in January it was really more so. Thanks for all your trouble, Brother. Not only Spotlight, but the whole issue was extra entertaining, Editorials, Division Notes, Special Articles, and the new "dress" of the cover, all contributed toward a first class periodical, and showed the Editorial Staff to be "on the job" in the interests of us Fraters. Speaking for ourselves and Scranton Frats in reply to Spotlights query, "How many actually read Division Notes?" We can truthfully say we would miss the "personal prattle." It is nice to know what our brothers elsewhere are doing, and new ideas for entertaining are gleaned now and then, all in all, it seems, they cement the bond of good fellowship, so we of Scranton vote yes, for "Keeping Division Notes just as they are. How about you other Divisions? Come on, speak up! Prexy Bobs wants to know what you really want; show him all the effort he puts on THE FRAT each month is not wasted, but really appreciated by all of us.

Ye, scribe received a most pleasant surprise at the January meeting of No. 82, when a brand new \$5.00 bill was presented him as a small token of appreciation for his efforts in behalf

of the Division. Thanks a lot, boys, the gift is much appreciated but the brotherly sentiment it expresses does our heart more good than any amount of cash ever would. Thanks again.

O. J. Schooley is the proud daddy of a sweet mite of girlish humanity Ruth Louise born Oct. 31, 1936. Congratulations.

Sid Armfield is back in the president's chair as a result of the December election and to prove what a hustler he really is he has his Picnic Committee chosen, the date decided on and a place selected and it is now up to the General Chairman, Vito Gentile, to see if we can get reservation of the park for July 18, the date selected. Here's hoping he will be successful.

The Aux Frats here are very busy these days planning for their initial party Feb. 6. Boys, are we going to boost? All together now, one big yell—Sure!!

The next social will be the first Saturday in April—A new policy of a social every 2 months being decided on, rotating with the local branch of the P.S.A.D., which by the way conducted a New Year's Party Jan. 2 and attracted the biggest crowd locally since the Frat banquet in 1935. Fine and dandy, just what we need, the "pull together" stuff. We can travel swift and far with such a spirit.

MANHATTAN (By A. Kruger)—The installation of new officers being over, No. 87 is now venturing into another year with renewed activity. During 1937 we'd like to see that we bend our energies towards making our Division something more than a mere name . . . that a membership drive be undertaken so that it will result in the enrolling of more than 150 members before the end of the year . . . that our Division be the winner of the new membership derby . . . that we hereafter at monthly meetings have something of interest to bring before the members . . . that we have socials after meetings in order to make our Division "alive" . . . that we—all of us—attend all of our future affairs . . . that we regularly read all the division notes in THE FRAT to see what other fraters are doing . . . and that we remember the letters W.A.E. and show no sign of clannishness.

LOCAL TICKER: Bro. Schnapp will soon "hear" someone call him "Daddy," for it will be none other than his first-born son: the blessed event occurred on Dec. 6th. . . Card from Panama denotes that Bro. deCastro is missing Gotham. . . Interesting success story of our Miller twins appeared in Dec. 31st issue of DMJ. . . Yours truly is regretting very much the passing away of Art Brisbane—his favorite newspaper columnist. . . Bro. Lowenherz was celebrating last month his 60th natal anniversary and 15th consecutive term as treasurer of U.I. . . Bro. S. Goldstein, one of our paid-up members, has gone to the Great Beyond. . . Arrangements are well under way to make the banquet at Cecil's Restaurant in celebration of the 15th anniversary of our Division a memorable event; details of this function will be printed in next issue. . . If you want to "hear" some latest news, give Ye Columnist a break when something really happens.

PEORIA (By C. J. Cunningham)—In sending in the report of officers elected for the ensuing year, there was a slight error. We sent in Brother Isaac Weisbaum's name as Sergeant-at-Arms. It should have been Brother Prettyman. Our apologies.

No. 90 started with full steam ahead on the 2nd of January, and from the looks of the energy displayed at that meeting, and the interest the members are taking in looking forward to the future, we can look ahead for a prosperous year and the recurrence of division activities twelve months around.

Our Division has been meeting at Proctor Center for the past year, since it reopened under the management of the local park board. The courtesy extended us by the Center people and their willingness to serve us in whatever capacity we desired, has paved the way for another year's engagement at that popular place, the Division recently having paid in advance the rental of its hall for the whole year of 1937.

Recently Proctor Recreation Center held open house to the public, and during that week the Sunday edition of one of the local newspapers gave a full page account of the different activities held by different organizations, and among them was a flashlight photo of a group of our

Brothers engaged in a quiet game of cards. Inasmuch as it made front page stuff locally, our society gained much publicity, even a few "hard of hearing" people inquired about being admitted, which of course they could not be.

After a layoff for some time, we have again resumed our monthly movies, and it is anticipated we will hold them regularly every month, usually on the third Saturday. We have formed connections with a mid-western movie film house that has assured us of plenty of subjects for the entire year, and at nominal rental fees, which will enable us to build up our movie fund and get a better projector in a year or so.

February 20 and March 20 are the dates for our next socials. Brother Craig is in charge of a movie show on the 20th of February, and Brother Isaac Weisbaum, assisted by Brother Bunch, will stage a St. Patrick party on March 20. The chair appointed Ikke for March, departing from the custom of appointing a son of old Erin. We suppose Ikke will recite "Abie's Irish Rose!"

JERSEY CITY (By Anthony Grundy)—Howdy Folks! Are you planning to be with us on the day of days, Feb. 20? A Grand Masque Ball where a record crowd is anticipated. The place, Lawyer's Building (formerly Odd Fellows Hall), 880 Bergen Ave., Jersey City, N.J., two blocks south from Journal Square Tubes. Time, 8 p.m. We have in addition rented the entire basement hall for the purpose of a Restaurant and Bowling Tournament. Those who will be hungry will find everything on the menus from a first class restaurant, so there will be no need for any one to walk two blocks to the nearest High Class Restaurant.

The Bowling Tournament is open to men and women. From all indications a big crowd with recent attendance broken, is coming. Oh, boy! everybody is bound to have a grand and glorious time.

Remember this affair is the drawing card of the year, so come one, come all, and remember the several cash prizes for the most beautiful costumes.

Don't think for a moment of "no room in the big crowded hall." Remember, we have rented an additional hall, so drive old man blues away, come and join our mask; it will be one of the best ever had, with a real red hot Swing Orchestra.

So don't forget the day of days, Feb. 20.

Our Fifteenth Anniversary Banquet will be held at Hotel Plaza, near the Journal Square tube on Saturday evening, May 29.

TORONTO (By F. E. Doyle)—Toronto Division held a short business meeting on January 2, at the Royal York Hotel. Non-resident members noted were Dennis Armes of Hamilton, Albert Schwager of Tweed, Allen Nahrgang and William Hagen, both of Kitchener. The new officers for 1937 were installed, at the close of the meeting, Fred Terrell being in charge of the installing ceremonies.

Well, we are indeed proud of our Brother Peikoff, who won the 1936 Derby. The question of another victory in 1937 is a mystery at present. Brother Peikoff celebrated his victory by taking an auto trip to Florida, where he will join his wife and daughter. He is expected back about Jan. 31. His family will remain in Florida until March or April.

The division sponsored a dance and card party at the Royal York Hotel on Dec. 11, with a good crowd in attendance. Refreshments were served, and an enjoyable time had by all.

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The old year was ushered out, and the juvenile 1937 welcomed in on Dec. 31, at the main hall of Odd Fellows' Temple. The hall was beautifully decorated, and was a great attraction to all. At midnight colored boxes were released from the ceiling, containing gayly colored hats, favors, noise-makers, etc. Needless to say, everyone had a swell time.

BRONX (By Frank Rubano)—I am happy to be able to make the announcement that we have obtained a new meeting hall, and after many years we are moving to Fordham. The new hall is in the Fordham Arcade Building, 2555 Webster Ave., near Fordham Rd., facing Fordham University. The location is very convenient, and is in the center of a great shopping district. Beginning with the February meeting, we will meet at the new hall, on the second Friday of each month. Come and get acquainted.

Although it was held on a Monday night, our card party on December 28 was a fine success, about 150 being present. During games of "500" and Bunco, coca cola was served gratis. Our thanks are due to Brother Collins for the success of this affair.

We hope that Bronx Division will continue its good work, and receive the cooperation of every member.

WASHINGTON (By G. J. Ferguson)—If you are troubled with any heart ailment or lovesickness, come to our St. Valentine Party at Masonic Temple on Feb. 13. Chairman Edington promises to give you his treatments as a heart specialist for a small fee of admission. Don't miss it.

Brothers Beavers and Ewan are two other hustlers, and have accepted the chairmanship of our Spring Festival on March 27, and our Box Social on May 22, respectively.

If rivalry, enthusiasm and attendance mean anything, then our six-team bowling league is very successful this year. The division is much interested in the D.C. Silents, mostly Fraters.

Because of no settled address, Brother Cicchino, newly elected treasurer, has deemed it best not to serve. Brother Edwin Isaacson will continue to act as treasurer. His address is 5517 4th St., N. W.

FARIBAULT (By V. R. Spence)—The Christmas party, held on the evening of December 23, was a grand success in every respect. The main feature was an excellent program, appropriate for the occasion. The most interesting part was a scene from the famous Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens. John Klein, scoffing at the spirit of Christmas, played the part of Scrooge to perfection. Peering through a window, he observed his clerk, Crichton, surrounded by his happy family at a dinner of roast goose and plum pudding smothered in flames of brandy. The sight was enough to melt a heart of stone, and he was immediately converted. Formerly a gloomy, cynical, pessimistic creature, he was transformed into a happy, cheerful man with a buoyant spirit, and he wished every one a Merry Christmas. At the conclusion of the program, Santa Claus, with a sack slung over his shoulders, emerged from the fire place and distributed gifts among the youngsters. Everyone present received a bag of candy, nuts, and fruit.

The watch party scheduled for December 31 was called off, as it was impossible to secure a hall for that date, so the Frats greeted the New Year at their respective homes. Some of them went to the Twin Cities and attended the New Year celebration at Thompson Hall.

The installation of the newly elected officers took place after the regular meeting January 2. The brief impressive ceremony was open to the public.

B. B. Burnes has the distinction of having taken the "longest" vacation of any of the teachers at the School for the Deaf. When the doors closed for the Christmas holidays, he left for his old home in Alabama, driving his faithful Dodge. He arrived two days ahead of Santa Claus and added 1,504 miles to his speedometer. On his way back he stopped at the Frat headquarters in Oak Park. In Alabama the mercury stood 70 degrees in the shade, and when he blew into Minnesota it was five degrees below zero!

J. J. Doheny's mother died shortly before Christmas. The Division extends its sympathy to him.

SCHENECTADY (Tom Sack)—After announcing the birth of son, Peter Liskiewicz of Amsterdam passed a box of cigars to all mem-

bers at the December meeting. He is a proud papa, and is still working, since moving from New York City a few years ago.

Our social member, William Dolph, over 80 years old very bravely made his way to the first meeting in 1937 with the assistance of his special crutches. He lost one leg by amputation a few years ago. We all were very glad to see him much improved, and found his cheerful smile very helpful in carrying on the meeting and discussing socials for the year.

Take a hot tip from one! There are about half a score of non-Frats living here or near our city. Our Division will pay any endorser one dollar per new member. . . . Five dollars will be awarded by the home office on each block of five new members obtained, making ten dollars in all. Go kidnap one or more now. Let's help boost the N.F.S.D. this year.

Bro. Abbott, our smallest brother, will assume charge of our coming Valentine party on February 13 at Danish Hall. Of course, he is a skillful social worker, but it is necessary for some of our giant brothers to assist this little brother to arrange his heavy plans. He promises to make it a big hit. . . . The admission will be but just 25 cents, and will bring a happy evening to all who attend this old fashioned party. Everybody please try to come, and be sure to wear a heart on your sleeve.

CHICAGO NO. 106 (By F. L. Bush)—No. 106 had an Installation of Officers before it proceeded with its regular meeting. Everyone who attended that meeting witnessed the administration of oath given the newly-elected officers. Bro. Nelson was master of ceremonies. With Bro. Hinrichs at the helm, we are entering 1937 with high hopes for a successful year. So let's co-operate with the officers and help make each meeting short and interesting.

Through the member's collection the Division purchased and placed a wreath on beloved Bro. Gibson's grave last month in memoriam of his pleasant and every-lasting kindness and guidance in our Fraternal movements.

The movie social, given by the Division on January 8 was a success, all things considered. A St. Valentine party will be given after the February meeting, with Chairman Rice of the Entertainment Committee in charge.

After the business meeting President Hinrichs called Retiring President Bruns to the floor, and on behalf of the Division presented him a leather wallet case inscribed with the Society's name in appreciation of his year's service as President. Bro. Bruns, although taken by surprise, responded with a neat speech and thanked the members for their remembrance.

On the 13th President Hinrichs called the Board of Directors to St. Simons Church for a meeting, settling down and preparing the important matters for Division attention.

ATTENTION: In case of serious illness or accident, notify me within ten days from the day it occurs, and I will take care of it. Address me at 7129 Harvard Ave., Chicago.

QUEENS (By E. P. Bonvillain)—Our January meeting drew a small attendance, owing to the meeting being held during the holiday season. It is hoped that they will do much better work in 1937, and secure many new members.

The card party took place as scheduled, December 5, immediately after adjournment of the regular meeting. The affair proved to be most profitable to us, with the cooperation of the members. Bring your friends again on our next scheduled card party on Saturday evening, February 20. At the Jamaica Y.M.C.A. building.

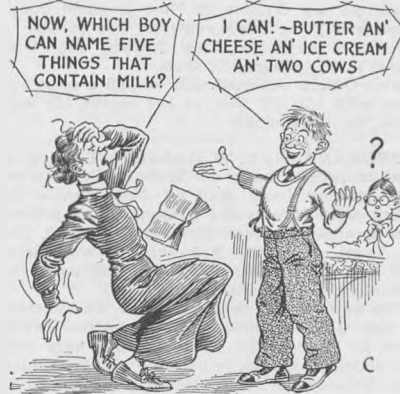
Don't forget our dinner and card party in honor of the fifth anniversary of the division on Saturday evening, March 20, 1937, at the Diplomat, 161st St., and Jamaica Ave., Jamaica, L.I. The price will be \$1.50 per plate. Bro. Wolgamot has charge of selling tickets, and those desiring to buy them via installments until \$1.50 is paid, are welcome. Reservations for tables may be made through E. F. Wolgamot, 33-11 82nd St., Jackson Heights, L.I., or with Ed. P. Bonvillain, 4545 48th St., Woodside, L.I.

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The Guest's Choice

Hotel Clerk: "Inside or outside room, sir?"

Guest: "Inside, I guess: it looks like rain."
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Congressional Integrity

Country Gentleman: "Here, hold my horse a minute, will you?"

Senator from Kentucky: "Sir, I am a member of congress."

C. G.: "That's all right, I'll trust you."
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The Diplomat

New Boarder: "I wish I had come here a week earlier."

Landlady: "That's very flattering, sir."

"Not at all. I'd rather have eaten this fish than than now!"
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Impossible

Prof: "Didn't I get my last haircut in this shop?"

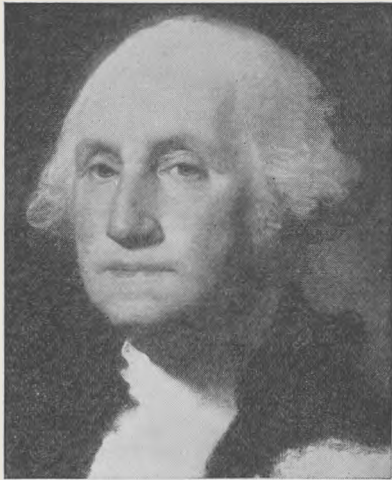
Barber: "I think not, sir. We've only been in business two years."
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That's Something!

"I come from a long line of fighters."

"Well, you've still got the line."
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—Abraham Lincoln.

MARRIAGES

July 18—Octave Sicotte, Jr., L'Anse, Mich., and Apolonia Rudnicki.
December 25—Asa Gatlin, Springfield, Mass., and Mary Timko, Roebeling, N.J.
December 26—Carl Hoshauer, Shillington, Pa., and Amanda Zerbe, Mohnton, Pa.

DEATHS

December 19—Julia King, wife of Daniel King, Springfield, Ill.
December 28—Mary Benfield, wife of William Benfield, Concord, N.C.
January 7—Theresa Beyer, wife of George Beyer, Seymour, Ind.

BIRTHS

August 2—Mr. and Mrs. William Schurman, Brooklyn, N.Y., a girl.
September 24—Mr. and Mrs. Norman Crawford, Flint, Mich., a son.
October 8—Mr. and Mrs. William Smith, Baton Rouge, La., a girl.
October 31—Mr. and Mrs. Orley Schooley, Peckville, Pa., a girl.
October 31—Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Clarke, Hartford, Conn., a son.
January 3—Mr. and Mrs. Harley Branstetter, St. Louis, Mo., a son.

ENGAGEMENTS

Harold Whitehouse, Springfield, Mass., and Ruth Sanger, Natick, Mass.
Hilbert Dunning, Cincinnati, O., and Harriet Wilson, Delaware, O.

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Attaining Good Health

Brain fag, that tired feeling, jumpy nerves and the various manifestations which are hypothetically designated auto-intoxication are generally best remedied or prevented by daily muscular exercise. What the tired metabolism needs is a little more oxygen, and the way to absorb that is by means of general exercise.



To Have and to Hold

YOU are well now and you want to remain well. Remember, therefore: Most illness is the result of misuse of the human machine, due to ignorance of the ways of right living. Even seemingly slight errors in personal hygiene may produce weaknesses opening wide the gates to disease.

Commonest among such errors is overeating, particularly overeating of meats, bread, potatoes and sweets. This leads to a clogging of the system and an overstraining of the digestive organs, which soon or late go on strike.

Then, at best, the self-poisoned, self-weakened overeater suffers from recurring dyspepsia. At worst he perishes from disease of the kidneys or some other organic disorder.

Fresh fruits and vegetables have the special advantage of containing mineral salts and other food elements essential to nutrition. In addition they tend to prevent constipation, the ally of disease.

Exercise is another prime preventive of constipation, besides being a protector of health in other ways. The man or woman who neglects daily physical exercise is literally inviting an attack of illness.

Effects of Overweight

THE eating of food in excess of normal requirement is largely a matter of habit. The more food one eats the more seems to be needed to satisfy the appetite.

Overweight, besides placing a burden of increased load on the vital organs, also causes a fatty degeneration of certain of these organs replacing the active glandular tissue with non-functioning fatty tissue. This change is most marked in the heart, liver and kidneys where loss of function is serious. It is well known that fat people do not have resistance to acute infectious diseases as do those who are of normal weight, and the death toll of pneumonia among the overweight is above the average.

One of the common diseases to which fat people are predisposed is diabetes. The percentage incidence of diabetes in the obese is much greater than among the thin due many times to overindulgence in food and particularly in sweets. Lack of balance in food is one of the underlying causes of obesity but by no means the only one. The life expectancy of the overweight is so definitely shortened by the presence of the excessive fat as to constitute a real danger.

Corners Up!

THE diaphragm beats a tattoo on the stomach when you laugh. Every time you let go a good hearty laugh this diaphragm pops up and down on your liver, and helps to drive away the very thing that gives you the blues—biliousness. Laughter is the best brand of pills on earth. Laughter strikes in when it comes from without and instantly comes to the surface when it starts from within. Laughter penetrates. You may laugh because you are happy, and you may be happy because you laugh. It is the one thing where the cause is the effect and the effect is the cause. Any man can be a millionaire of good cheer.

Prompt Sleep

SOUND living and generally good hygiene are also contributing factors to the courtship of Morpheus, he believes. Obedience to the first order, however, cannot be achieved by stubbornly declaring, "I will stop thinking!" One can stop it only as one might stop rowing or swimming when the intention is to float. Merely relax, mentally and physically. And this is an art which can be learned, he declares.

Although physical pain and mental discomfort or excitement tend to discourage sleep, the technic of dismissal and forgetting which can be learned will carry you off. This technic involves both the developing and the discarding of habits, and the habit of waiting until certain physical and mental tensions relax is an unnecessary one which must be abandoned.

Hot baths, warm drinks and reading are practices which may have certain benefits for the encouragement of relaxation, but they should be discouraged as unwholesome procedures. There should be no suggestions, no numbing process, no hypnotism in the method of securing sleep. Regularity in the hour of retiring should be the keynote.

WHEN ANGRY—DO NOT EAT

ANGER has much the same effect on the body that fright has. It draws the blood away from the digestive organs into the muscles and lungs and brain. If you eat when you are angry, the blood supply of the stomach at the time will probably be so poor that your meal will not digest.

National Fraternal Society of the Deaf

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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

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