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THE FRAT

MARCH, 1937



The Spotlight

By J. FREDERICK MEAGHER

DUNN-McNARY PLAN proves popular subject for discussion by the proletariat!!! Chi-first division, with slam-bang debate, gave American Deafdom its first say-so on merits of Congressional measure still awaiting approval of our masses and our leaders. My team branded it "bait"—insisting the Dunn-McNary Plan is innocent start of a movement to corral us like Indians on reservations; disfranchise and enslave us. Shaw's team hailed it the first serious step towards doing for deaf what Government has done for blind and other special classes; first step towards restoring the happiness ours before era of squawkies, radio, Goodyear-depression, and (un)civil service jackanapes. . . . Brand-new member, Woodrow Morris, bright young bird ups: "You old wrecks will all be dead soon; you gotta do something towards giving us Rising Generation the same swell chance in life you enjoyed when kids!" More I think of that remark, more it makes sense! . . . Chi-first plans to debate the subject all over—with new orators. . . . Bobs preceded debate with swell speech on "Mistakes of the Ages," which embraced most everything important except the time he picked Demaree's Cubs to lick New York's alleged-Giants. . . . That reminds me: "Will-lie" Myles, Deafdom's crack statistician—his baseball forecasts average better than Hughey Fullerton's—will shortly run his annual rating in this column. Watch for it.

THIS MONTH'S SURPRISE—In that "Mistakes" address, Bobs announced only 22 out of 500 NFSD sick and accident claims for 1936 were for mishaps at work—and previous years averaged around the same ratio. "That," hobbled Bobs' fingers, "is an Old Line Life 'mistake'; they mistook our 'expectancies,' and the mistake cost them five million in insurance and two million in assets."

IMPALED on pointed radiator-cap of 16-year kid's auto which hit him—like reporters' copy on editorial spike—Leon Laingor was killed right in front of his house. He was dashing to catch bus across the street to attend Jan. 2 installation of Akron division. Leon, certificate 300, was war-time treasurer of historic old 55—lovingly remembered by 350 far-flung fraters who then made gas-masks and balloons at Goodyear, afterwards scattering from coast-to-coast to perpetuate the gospel of Akron's fair-play fraternity. . . . In January Bob Fielder of NYC was called to Sing Sing, as official witness when four killers were electric-chaired. . . . Felix Kowalewski '37, star 135-lb. Gallaudet wrestler, has poem in February issue of Weird Tales mag. . . . Francis Higgins '36, is taking post-graduate course at Rutgers U. . . . Fanwood's band played at the Brooklyn vs. NY pro football game before 18,000 spectators. . . . Oppenheimer's latest best-seller is titled "The Dumb Gods Speak." Wonder if he ever met those Kansas City convention Grand Sergeants?

LATEST TREASURER'S TIP—For revenue, small but sure, auction-off at meeting those Christmas calendars and other oddments from distant divisions. Buddies from far-off cities

will be proud to prove their patriotism and love of auld lang syne. Chi-first knocked-down that Seattle Division calendar for 80c to an old Northwesterner.

THE FRAT goes "streamlined;" neat editorial-page starts column "Hash a la Mode" which reveals wheels-within-wheels. . . . Best boiled Division Notes are the dotted frat-o-grams (anybody can write news—but you sure sweat to reduce 500 words to 50). . . . Says one Los Angeles frater, out of work, was about to be bounced for dues-arrears; whereon Saxton Gilmore, well-off, gave him a job until he gets on his feet. . . . Houston Division has a Texas club—49 members paying monthly dues, which they will get back with interest just before our 1939 Toronto convention. . . . Scranton votes not to boil division notes; gives interesting reasons why. . . . Dallas votes otherwise—wants them boiled "if saving is passed on to subscribers." Seems some patient Texan figure-shark wasted three pencils calculating 5c monthly from 7,000 members leaves a profit for headquarters. Bright boy! But Editor footnotes there is no saving, considering the overhead; and reminds us FRAT was published at deficit for many years.

SCHOOLS—Eight Iowa graduates are studying in four different colleges or universities there in the tall corn country—but not one in Gallaudet College. . . . Minn. school athletic Ass'n does annual business of \$2,500—"handled by student-treasurer under strict faculty supervision." . . . California school, with compulsory education law, has "waiting list" of some 200 kiddies—because there is no room for them in Berkeley. . . . Supt. Riddle of our Alabama school is also speaker in his state senate. . . . Courses in auto mechanics at Hartford, Texas, and Mt. Airy—the latter also having two airplane motors used for dissembling and reassembling. . . . Okla. papers, reporting visit of legislative committee to "Pop" Blattner's school: "Committee realizes state colleges and universities and the like have an alumni to pull for them and help get appropriations, whereas such as this school for the deaf have to fight hard for the most meager necessities. Colleges should not have priority." That's the spirit; wish all states possessed the same sensible viewpoint.

CAGE—Fanwood's "Sportsmanship Brotherhood" set all-time high in deaf circles, when presenting our All-America basketball certificates, Jan. 20. Assisting were several hearing champions and other national sport notables, including the baseball clown Al Schacht. "Certs" were handed six boys from the three metropolitan schools, and from New Jersey, the National champion, by a real All-"American"—Carlisle Indian teammate of old Jim Thorpe. . . . Result: first annual invitational tourney sponsored by Kendall School, Jan. 23: Maryland, Kendall, W. Va., and Va. . . . Little Kansas installs electric scoreboard—how many schools have one? To get it in gym, boys had to remove those \$3,000 bronze doors—which have never been used. Doors were so big

and heavy, took a dozen boys to carry one narrow section. (That \$3,000 would have bought a small swimming-pool, instead; but politicians have funny ideas about \$3,000 bronze doors.) . . . Falke, Kansas' 6:2 All-America center, who almost sawed off two fingers in the carpenter shop last fall, is trying to play—using metal finger-tips. . . . We watch with interest. . . . Four years ago Indiana's Baxter lost a couple fingers on the buzz-saw, but played center with stumps heavily taped. Result was Indiana failed to finish 1-2-3 for first time in Central tournament history—yet next year, using the very same players, minus Baxter, Indiana won our first official National Deaf Championship tourney. "A chain (or team) is as strong as its weakest link" (or player).

PRESS—Catholic Deaf-Mute starts 38th year with interesting argument—strongly suggesting NAD or other national gathering debate and settle use of terms "dumb" and "mute." Debate on that would pack any convention hall; but chances are our NAD program committee will run true to form and ignore all debates in favor of highbrow "papers" which few listen to—and fewer read when printed!

PEN-PUSHERS—January Silent Missionary, listing 13 recent "hit" articles, mostly by educational big-shots, picks only two by deaf—both boys being non-teachers and non-Gallaudetians. Who? Well, since you are so nosey, Schwarzlose and Leisman. . . . Just opened my mail; find printed, itemized way-bill from Kansas City stamped "please remit." I rage in red wrath—until cooler survey reveals it only a "consignment of one chairmanship of July 1937 Pen-Pushers' Banquet; subject to approval, terms net-cash on delivery." Consignee is Fred Murphy, Pen-Pusher Prexy; billed to "Jimmie 'High-Light' Meagher, perishable." All right; just this once; so may the Pen-Pushers' Pow-wow prove a "high-light" next July. . . . Orchids of month go to our Rev. Warren Smaltz and his Penna Society for Advancement of Deaf—for compiling, printing and distributing a crackerjack Decalogue on the Deaf, or whatever it is called. . . . Detective Fiction Weekly of Jan. 2, story: "'Baby, I can take care of myself.' 'Yeah; like a deaf-mute at an auction-sale,' she snapped." We sure can; those swindling auctioneers can't jockey us smart deaf-moots into paying twice what an article is worth. . . . Jan. 23 Detective Weekly says Dick recognized his quarry in newsreel showing railroad station crowd; Dick then brought his office typist, who was deaf, to see film; typist "read lips" of the crook as he told companion his destination; result, detective picked up trail and arrested the criminal. Phooey!

SMOKER—"Fort Dearborn Massacre" during next July's NAD convention, should be a four-star Wow! . . . Except for Omaha '15 and Washington '26, Smokers have been too "samey"—and fastidious fraters fret for "something different." They will get it.

Notable Deaf Persons

By GUILBERT C. BRADDOCK

III. Albert Newsam

THE name of this deaf man is indelibly associated with the rise and progress of the lithographic art in America.

Albert Newsam was born deaf, in Steubenville, Ohio, on May 20, 1809. He never learned to speak more than a few words orally, and disliked the effort of speaking. He was orphaned at an early age, and brought to Philadelphia by a wandering beggar named Davis, who made use of the boy's deafness to solicit alms. He was discovered in the streets of Philadelphia by Bishop White, one of the directors of the newly established Pennsylvania Institution for the Deaf and Dumb. He was given a home in the Institution, and studied there from 1820 to 1826. His natural aptitude for drawing pictures was encouraged and developed: the state appropriating extra funds to furnish him with art teachers. Tales almost legendary (but apparently well authenticated) were told of Newsam's skill as an artist: for instance, how he drew from memory a picture of Steubenville, not knowing the name of his home town, and how this drawing helped in the end to establish his real name and identity.

After graduation, he was for one year monitor and instructor in drawing at the Institution. From 1827 to 1831 he was apprenticed to Colonel Childs, a leading engraver of Philadelphia. He took up lithography, and at twenty-two years of age was the best lithographic artist in the country. He made portraits of Chief Justice Marshall and other eminent men. The rest of his career was as chief artist in the Duval establishment in Philadelphia.

In 1833, after fame had come to him, he presented a set of valuable drawings to the Pennsylvania Legislature, in gratitude for the education he had received in the Institution. In 1834 he married a hearing woman, but the marriage was soon dissolved, and he never married again. In 1843 he made the design for the first Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet Memorial at Hartford. In 1855 he learned to paint in oil, and did a few portraits. In 1857 he was disabled by eye trouble, and in 1859 a stroke of paralysis ended his usefulness. He died November 20, 1864, in a private sanitarium near Wilmington, N.J.

Albert Newsam was dutiful in character, pleasing in his manner, agreeable in conversation, kindly disposed towards others, and a strict teetotaler. His biography was written in 1868 by Joseph Pyatt, a schoolmate, and several copies of the book exist.

DEATHS

January 7—Lillian Fuller, wife of Clyde Fuller, Oshkosh, Wis.
January 10—Josephine Janicke, widow of John Janicke, Saginaw, Mich.
January 17—Mary Bertrand, wife of Paul Bertrand, Providence, R.I.
February 1—Stella Stevick, wife of Elmer Stevick, Indianapolis, Ind.
February 8—Dorothy Henningsen, wife of Carter Henningsen, Chicago, Ill.
February 12—Eula Hetzler Yoder, wife of Otis Yoder, Angola, Ind.

JANUARY COLLECTIONS

Grand Division	\$ 32.96
Chicago No. 1	558.45
Detroit	175.95
Saginaw	23.38
Louisville	198.29
Little Rock	121.82
Dayton	127.17
Cincinnati	267.32
Nashville	80.87
Olathe	208.24
Flint	124.87
Toledo	123.98
Milwaukee	134.15
Columbus	273.54
Knoxville	65.05
Cleveland	199.12
Indianapolis	254.77
Brooklyn	675.93
St. Louis	286.65
New Haven	40.68
Holyoke	51.99
Los Angeles	311.16
Atlanta	105.66
Philadelphia	341.14
Kansas City	123.41
Omaha	195.42
New Orleans	266.21
Kalamazoo	44.58
Boston	194.87
Pittsburgh	123.59
Hartford	73.28
Memphis	61.36
Portland, Me.	74.75
Buffalo	124.48
Portland, Ore.	104.98
Newark	75.72
Providence	70.02
Seattle	167.61
Utica	213.96
Washington	198.61
Baltimore	91.86
Syracuse	144.38
Cedar Rapids	64.65
Albany	176.68
Rochester	101.81
San Francisco	188.83
Reading	423.34
Akron	69.28
Salt Lake City	36.70
Rockford	56.69
Springfield, Ill.	24.48
Davenport	53.59
Worcester	174.05
St. Paul-Minneapolis	117.23
Fort Worth	138.96
Dallas	101.95
Denver	42.13
Waterbury	115.60
Springfield, Mass.	42.18
Waco	64.81
Bangor	77.98
Kenosha	79.97
Birmingham	25.47
Sioux Falls	126.96
Wichita	104.62
Spokane	76.97
Des Moines	80.75
Lowell	92.74
Berkeley	90.03
Delavan	129.77
Houston	109.02
Seranton	89.29
Richmond	77.66
Johnstown	303.12
Manhattan	96.10
Jacksonville	33.37
Lewiston	83.47
Peoria	114.67
Jersey City	81.60
Bronx	119.24
Columbia	76.87
Charlotte	162.61
Durham	40.17
Dubuque	15.62
Grand Rapids	339.46
Toronto	28.70
Duluth	31.61
Canton	39.97
Faribault	72.85
South Bend	116.29
Council Bluffs	28.08
Fort Wayne	101.41
Schenectady	86.06
Chicago No. 106	53.38
Miami	84.31
Binghamton	20.86
Wilksburg	91.75
San Diego	46.40
Eau Claire	42.69
Sulphur	27.71
Vancouver	75.11
Westchester	33.85
Queens	49.28
Montreal No. 117	
Montreal No. 118	
Total collections	\$12,733.03

TREASURER'S STATEMENT FOR JANUARY, 1937

Balance and Income

Balance, Dec. 31, 1936	\$2,010,648.16
Division collections	12,733.03
Interest, mortgage loans	970.00
Interest, bonds	3,304.43
Property insurance premiums	166.80
Refund real estate operating exp.	1.77
Rents	3,995.43
Lodge supplies	13.75
Exchange on checks	2.40
Advertising in THE FRAT	8.00
Subscriptions to THE FRAT	1.20
Recording and registry fees	8.75
Sundry supplies	1.25
Total balance and income	\$2,031,845.02

Disbursements

Death benefits	\$ 3,916.00
Sick benefits	910.00
Accident benefits	295.00
Old-age income payments	69.72
Clerical services	200.00
Insurance Department fees	5.00
Investment expenses	2,000.00
Lodge supplies	52.74
Office expenses	85.89
Officers' and Trustees' salaries	787.48
Official publication	196.34
Postage	43.76
Printing and stationery	123.42
Property insurance premiums	132.80
Real estate operating expenses	2,953.46
Taxes on real estate	981.81
Total disbursements	\$ 12,753.42

Recapitulation

Balance and income	\$2,031,845.02
Disbursements	12,753.42
Balance, Jan. 30, 1937	\$2,019,091.60

TRUSTEES' REPORT

Ledger Assets, Jan. 30, 1937

Real estate	\$ 566,587.92
First mortgage loans	574,599.84
First mortgage bonds	245,445.73
U. S. Government bonds	105,565.70
State bonds	208,676.08
Municipal bonds	155,011.27
Canadian bonds	21,057.18
Bank deposits	187,194.77
Cash in Society's office	4,953.11
Total ledger assets	\$2,019,091.60

Balances in Funds

Reserve fund	\$1,769,342.60
Mortuary fund	115,516.16
Sick and accident fund	94,225.02
Accumulated interest	4,274.48
Convention fund	14,695.41
Indemnity fund	2,363.81
General expense fund	18,669.12
Total in all funds	\$2,019,091.60

JANUARY DISABILITY CLAIMS

M. F. Leblanc, Lowell	\$ 50.00
Jacob Elmer, Milwaukee	50.00
A. L. Koenigsthal, San Francisco	30.00
I. H. Marchman, Atlanta	45.00
Reubin Pois, Olathe	160.00
Lloyd Carrell, Grand Rapids	25.00
E. T. Nomeland, St. Paul	120.00
A. R. Barbaulo, Newark	20.00
Samuel Frankenheim, Manhattan	15.00
J. S. Stark, Brooklyn	20.00
Samuel Marcus, Brooklyn	30.00
*J. G. Frank, New Orleans	60.00
*J. M. Ruppert, Brooklyn	15.00
*W. E. Wilds, Columbus	45.00
W. P. Souder, Washington	50.00
P. J. DiAnno, Brooklyn	30.00
H. V. Skidmore, Bronx	30.00
W. C. Boynton, Philadelphia	10.00
*W. C. Zwicker, Boston	10.00
*Jacob Mendelsohn, Manhattan	30.00
*Chas. Spitaleri, Bronx	60.00
Chas. Russey, Jr., Chicago No. 106	15.00
L. A. Roth, Faribault	10.00
E. A. Briel, Buffalo	60.00
S. O. Miller, Dayton	105.00
George Karges, Milwaukee	45.00
*Andrew Hamant, Wichita	30.00
*C. C. Griffin, Cincinnati	45.00
Total for the month	\$1,205.00

*Denotes accident claims.

MARRIAGES

September 12—Thomas Reilly and Illene Brubaker, both of Kansas City, Mo.
December 27—Charles Bilger, Omaha, Neb., and Grace Mann, Guide Rock, Neb.
December 27—Max Green, Toledo, Ohio, and Sarah Marshall, Detroit, Mich.
January 31—George Pick, Chicago, Ill., and Ruth Gatte, South Bend, Ind.

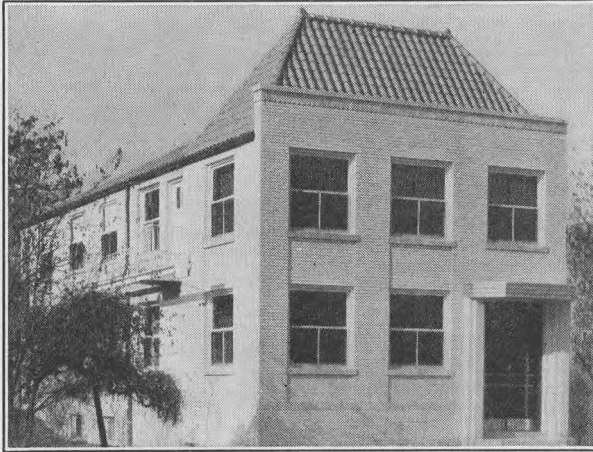
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FRANCIS P. GIBSON'S LAST MESSAGE: "CARRY ON"

MARCH, 1937

Hazards?

DURING the year 1936, the society paid out a total of \$22,780.00 in sickness and accident benefits, on claims presented by 514 members thus disabled.

Of this number, 386 were sickness claims on which a total of \$16,050.00 was paid, and 128 were accident claims for a total of \$6,730.00.

It will be seen from these figures that accident claims amounted to about one-fourth of the total.

Of the 128 accident claims, only 22 could be traced directly to accidents while employed at regular occupations; that is, could be classed as so-called industrial accidents. None resulted in death or permanent disability.

The remainder of this accident incidence was due to various causes. A large number of these accidents occurred at home or elsewhere, with falls predominating. A number of accidental disabilities were caused by being struck by automobiles or trucks.

Data gathered from our files show that during the past five years the number of so-called industrial accidents sustained by our members was:

1932	49
1933	29
1934	30
1935	14
1936	22

The number of claims submitted in each of these years has been about the same, averaging around 500 per year. The proportion of sickness to accident claims has also remained approximately the same each year.

It would appear from these figures that the deaf are not peculiarly subject to accident, as casualty companies prefer to believe. Out of some 7,000 members of the society, an average of only 29 so-called industrial accidents over a five-year period is a very small number, not enough on which to base the far-fetched claim that the deaf are "industrial hazards," and therefore not employable. These figures should in a measure prove the contrary to be true.

Battle On

THE legislature of Wisconsin now in session has before it a bill regulating drivers of motor cars. While we are informed that the proposed law has merit in many respects, in one it proposes to work injustice on deaf drivers.

From reports we have, the bill in its present form prohibits the deaf from driving motor vehicles.

The Wisconsin Association of the deaf is working to have this objectionable feature removed and has marshalled its forces and resources, under

President Leisman, to this end. It is to be hoped that the effort is entirely successful.

Twenty years ago the deaf of the United States succeeded in removing all prohibitions on deaf drivers of motor vehicles, in states where they existed by legislative action or by the whim and caprice of prejudiced officials.

But a new crop of legislators and officials have since that time come into power, Pharaohs who know not Joseph, and the old fight must be put on again. The deaf must be vigilant everywhere.

We have maintained that the deaf as citizens and tax payers cannot be denied the right to operate motor vehicles on the streets and highways they help to maintain. If lawmakers and officials claim deaf drivers are a menace to public safety, it is up to them to prove it. Prejudiced opinion will not do. They cannot prove it. On the other hand, the deaf have abundant evidence to prove that deafness in itself is not a bar to safe driving, that a deaf driver is no menace to public safety if he is otherwise competent in handling a car.

The deaf do not claim that all deaf people are competent to drive a motor vehicle, any more than that all hearing people are competent in this respect. But they will not stand for regulations that make deafness in itself a bar to the driving of a motor vehicle, a bar to the use of the public streets and highways, a bar to the pleasure and, in many cases, the livelihood of the deaf.

Doings in 1936

ELSEWHERE in this issue will be found the annual statement and valuation report of the society for the year 1936.

All interested members will do well to read them over carefully. Taken in their entirety, the statement and the valuation indicate that the society had a better year in 1936 than for several previous years.

The gross assets at the end of 1936 showed a net gain of \$84,739.61.

Total income in 1936 exceeded that of 1935 by \$17,734.55.

Disbursements for all purposes in 1936 were \$4,544.67 less than in 1935.

Surplus in the death and the sick and accident benefit funds together, over reserve requirements and all other liabilities, shows a gain of \$56,730.89 over 1935.

The ratio of assets to liabilities in these funds was 131.56%, a gain of 2.42%.

Interest and rents received in 1936 exceeded those in 1935 by \$29,970.14.

A total of 514 sick and accident claims were paid in 1936 against 539 in 1935. The amount of these benefits was \$10,075.00 less than in 1935.

In this connection, it should be stated that in 1930 the sick and accident fund showed a gain in that year

of \$8,575.86. In the succeeding five years it showed an annual loss:

1931 — Loss.....	\$ 5,096.36
1932 — Loss.....	12,111.95
1933 — Loss.....	1,208.10
1934 — Loss.....	1,778.41
1935 — Loss.....	1,474.39

In 1936, for the first time in the past six years, the sick and accident fund showed a gain of \$4,625.79.

A total of 86 death claims were paid in 1936 against 69 in 1935. However, the amount expended for these benefits was only \$1,556.89 more than in 1935. A large number of these benefits were on the lives of paid-up members who held comparatively small amounts of insurance.

The ratio of net to expected mortality was 57.39%, an increase of 6.53% over 1935. The number of deaths per thousand was 12.49 against 9.13 in 1935. However, our mortality ratio still remains low, a little more than half of the expected.

Insurance in force shows a small gain of \$7,624.55 over the previous year.

A total of 248 new members came in during 1936. The number of deaths during the year was 90, and lapses without paid-up insurance 50, making the net gain in membership 108. This is a very small number and our drive is now directed toward increasing the net gain in membership.

From 1921 to 1936 inclusive, the society has waived a total of \$190,662.66 in mortuary dues of its members, which in effect has been payment of dividends to them. At 4% interest, this would make a total of \$247,878.88 foregone by the society in this manner.

Since date of organization, the society has paid \$606,729.78 in death benefits and \$413,623.42 in sick and accident benefits. This makes a total of \$1,020,353.20 in benefits paid our members and their beneficiaries.

Data on Drivers

IN THE near future, the Home Office plans to start gathering data on deaf drivers of motor vehicles in the United States and Canada. This information is badly needed for several reasons.

Two decades or so ago, some data in this line was gotten together by individual effort, and while it served its purpose at the time, it was not complete.

Now that new proposals are coming to the fore in legislatures and elsewhere, seeking to reduce the death and injury toll of the automobile, so-called handicapped individuals are being singled out for special attention and specific mention in barring them from the privilege of driving cars. The deaf are generally included in this group.

Then there is the long-standing attitude of the casualty insurance companies which makes it difficult if not impossible for a deaf car owner to obtain liability insurance.

Also, the deaf themselves want authentic data on this matter, that will go a long way toward proving what

they already well know, but which they often have difficulty in readily demonstrating: That a competent deaf motor car driver does not add to the hazards of other motorists or pedestrians, that he is not a menace to public safety.

There are other reasons, but these will suffice.

We shall try to make a complete canvass of this country and Canada, operating through our Divisions and

others to obtain the desired information. This will later be made available to the public. When plans are completed for making the canvass, we ask the whole hearted co-operation of Division officials and others in the effort to get data that we believe will be well worth while. In the meantime, we shall be glad to receive suggestions from all who are interested as to specific information that should be asked for, when blanks are sent out.

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
Jacob Goldstein	Los Angeles	2
August Herdtfelder	Baltimore	2
Roy Hiatt	Indianapolis	2
Charles Russey	Chicago No. 106	2
Charles Spitaleri	Bronx	2
Charles Whisman	Indianapolis	2
Raymond Whitlock	Wichita	2

Seven added starters this month. They say seven is a lucky number. But we're not stopping with just seven. We expect seven thousand added starters before many moons. The leaders up in front had better keep in stride. The lads behind will begin coming up fast. All are humdingers. Watch their smoke.

The 1937 Derby is going to be one grand FREE-FOR-ALL. Come on, boys. Don't be bashful. Show your speed.

DIVISION NOTES

March

2. Party	Saginaw
6. Social	Newark
6. Basketball	Philadelphia
6. Bingo party	Albany
6. Card social	Buffalo
6. Social	Kansas City
6. Movies	Kalamazoo
6. Whist social	Boston
6. Bingo party	Rochester
6. Social	Akron
6. Social	Denver
6. Party	Wichita
6. Party	Des Moines
11. St. Patrick party	Council Bluffs
12. Entertainment	Chicago No. 106
13. Card party	Jersey City
13. St. Patrick party	Schenectady
13. Fat stock show—Liar's contest	Fort Worth
16. Social	Houston
20. St. Patrick party	Seattle
20. 33rd Anniversary social	Dayton
20. Movie show	Toledo
20. St. Patrick party	San Francisco
20. St. Patrick party	Salt Lake City
20. Dance	Dallas
20. Spring frolic	Westchester
20. St. Patrick party and movies	Peoria
20. St. Patrick party	Springfield, Mass.
26. Social	Birmingham
27. St. Patrick party	Dubuque

April

3. Vaudeville show	Detroit
3. Spring social	Scranton
3. Contest party	Syracuse
3. Lecture	Utica
3. April shower	Albany
3. Initiation	Columbia

9. Vaudeville	Chicago No. 106
10. 2nd annual banquet	Toronto
10. Initiation night	Springfield, Mass.
10. Social	Dayton
10. 24th annual banquet	Memphis
17. 20th anniversary costume ball	Worcester
17. Annual party	Portland, Me.
17. Anniversary social	Baltimore
24. Dance and entertainment	Holyoke
29. Lecture and stage show	Toronto

May

1. Prosperity	Waterbury
1. Annual banquet	Toronto
15. Aux-Frats	Cleveland
29. Annual ball	Providence

FARIBAULT (Toivo Lindholm)—Albert Swee, chairman of the Entertainment Committee of this Division, wants all and sundry to lamp the program he and his henchmen have cooked up for the year, namely:

March 13, smoker and initiation of new members; April 3, basket social; May 8, homecoming frat party, followed by a croquet tournament on the morrow; August 15, picnic at Cedar Lake; September 4, a play; October 30, Halloween Party; December 11, Gallaudet social; December 23, Christmas party; December 31, Watch party; and February, another smoker.

Paste this program in your hat and be sure you wear it the year out, hot or cold, rainy or shiny. If your ears freeze in cold weather, get one of those pairs of the new-fangled ear-muffs. In summer you'll need the hat to hide your bald pate, or graying hair.

KANSAS CITY (By Fred R. Murphy)—After an absence of several years our division is back in the down town district again. The Retail Grocers Hall, 912 Grand avenue, has been secured for meetings and socials

and it is hoped that this more convenient location will serve to bolster up attendance at coming social events—to say nothing of regular meetings.

A move is under way to form an auxiliary. So far the interest shown has been encouraging. The value of an Auxiliary cannot be over-estimated, and if ALL the wives of Frats enter into it with the right spirit it will result in many good benefits to the local division.

Brother Sexton, KC's convention chairman, after valiantly withstanding the onslaughts of the convention throng without a scratch, has finally met his master. And this, brethren, is nothing more than a tiny, microscopic being—the "flu germ." At this time he is confined to bed, and we have it that he is convalescing nicely.

Brother Morgan is the proud—no, we didn't mean to say proud papa—possessor of a new Chevrolet.

We understand that Bro. Rattan—"Silent" Rattan—has been in town some time, but so far has not shown up among his deaf friends.

Joe Purpura of Omaha was a visitor at the January meeting.

There's a lot to be done this year, boys. How about some new members? Get busy!

SPRINGFIELD, MASS. (Arthur P. Gunther)—The turnout at the Penny Sale Party on Jan. 23 may have been a small one, but everybody had an enjoyable evening. Mrs. Clarence Dexter and Mr. and Mrs. Asa Gatlin, our most recent newly-weds, had most of the luck. Congratulations and thanks are again due to Bro. Brown, who managed the affair splendidly.

Plans are being made for a St. Patrick Party on March 20 and the chairman will be no other than Bro. Haggerty, and Brothers Woods and Rogers will assist him. It promises to be a unique affair, and the admission fee will be only 25 cents, as usual. So be sure to come.

April 10 is the date set for our big Smoker at the Melba Temple, 347 Worthington St. There will be about 2 hours of movies and an initiation ceremony. Beer, sandwiches and cigars will be served. Let me tell you that it is going to be worth much more than one dollar—the admission fee. Many tickets have already been sold, and 150 tickets will be the limit, so you'd better hurry and get yours. Once again Bro. Brown has been appointed to manage the smoker, and Bro. Haggerty will take charge of the initiation ceremony. Of course only N.F.S.D. members will be admitted. For tickets and further information write to Alex Brown—218 Island Pond Rd., Springfield, Mass., and be sure to enclose money for the ticket.

After the regular meeting on Feb. 6, Bro. Woods gave a good talk on the fact that the insurance companies are still refusing to insure cars of the deaf in Mass., and suggested that it was time we do something about it. Bro. Ascher also gave an impressive talk on this subject, and as a result we formed "The Western Mass. Auto Civic League of the Deaf," and the chief purpose of this association will be to fight for the rights of the deaf to get insurance for their cars. Another purpose of the association will be to employ a good lawyer on a yearly salary to help fight for the rights of the deaf to use the highways.

It is hoped that the deaf throughout the state will get interested, and unite in forming a strong state-wide association.

We have elected a temporary executive board, and as for dues, those who have cars will pay 50 cents monthly, and those who have no cars of their own will pay 25 cents monthly.

For particulars, write to Sec'y-Treas. Willard H. Woods, The Evening Union Composing Room, Springfield, Mass.

Numerous articles about deaf drivers have been published in the local papers of late. The deaf have found a good friend in State Registrar Frank A. Goodwin, who has already made appeals before the state board of appeals to allow the deaf to have the right to get insurance for their cars and to use the highways, and stated that if there is any one group of drivers safer than any other it is deaf drivers.

DETROIT (By A. A. Stutsman)—The Division has received word from Akron Division No. 55, that it will send its 15-player troupe here and present the play entitled: "SAFETY FIRST," on April 3. It is going to be a fine treat for every deaf person, and should not be missed. The same troupe has played the piece in 4 or 5 different cities, always with reports that it brought down the house. The hall of the American Legion Auditorium on W. Lafayette Ave. will be the scene for the play. Mark April 3 on your calendar, and tell your friends about it.

The attendance at the February meeting was larger than for some time. Nathan Henick, of Lansing, was a guest that evening. He gave a short talk for the good of the order which was much appreciated. He was taking advantage of the closing by the strike of the Lansing plant by going with his wife to Toledo, O., for a visit with their relatives.

Bros. Martin Halm and Eugene Rousseau are reported to be on the sick list.

Bros. Ben J. and Ralph Beaver were called to Illinois on January 31, to the death bed of their brother. They did not tarry long, but returned here after the funeral.

We hear that we will have two, or perhaps three, more members by transfer from outside divisions soon. We are hoping to learn who they are, or to receive them in person at our next meeting.

Otto Kader, of Decatur, Illinois, is visiting John Kader, his brother, here. Otto lost his job in Decatur due to the improvement made on the Linotype which consequently requires less human labor. He is looking around here for a job. It is hoped that it will not be long before he finds something.

The Division will enter a team in the Great Lakes Bowling League tournament to be held here on April 17-18. It will consist of a second string of men, as the best men already belong to another club which entered the list long before the Division did.

The summer may not be around the corner for some time yet, but the Division has already booked July 11 as the date for our boat excursion to Put-In-Bay, Ohio. Edward MacMullen is chairman.

BRONX (By Charles Spitaleri)—Our new headquarters at the Arcade Building, selected by Pres. Rubano, were beyond our expectations. Many were the words of approval by the members who packed our first meeting there on February 12. Our appreciation goes to him for securing such a comfortable meeting hall for us.

There are several plans in the offing to boost our Division this year. Cannot let the cat out yet. Watch for further news.

Our condolences are extended to Bro. Lykes upon the passing away of his dear mother last November 30.

We have now a pair of "Heintz's" in our midst. The younger brother of our veteran Joseph has at last consented to join our Division. Welcome, Frank.

Secy. Kruger of No. 87 boasts that his Division is out to enlist about 150 new members this year. The writer could bet they won't have one tenth that number. Our Division is also on the lookout for prospective members, and will secure as many eligible applicants as they can. Do not forget, Bro. Kruger, that competition will be very keen in the Metropolitan area. The other nearby Divisions have the same ideas to bring home the bacon. Your prediction is easier said, than done. If you really can accomplish what you prophesied, then I will eat my words. No hard feelings here. Wish you luck to accomplish the unbelievable wonders you are aiming at.

Paste this in your note book. Your Division Secretary's new address is 336 E. 107 St., N.Y.C.

SEATTLE (By N. C. Garrison)—No. 44 voted at the February meeting to start the ball rolling for the purpose of buying a movie projector. This, with the Aux Frats getting a good start, is expected to put the local Division back on the map and cause increased attendance and membership. As the old saying goes "all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy."

In "Coming Events" of the February FRAT ye scribe had the local Division down for a Halloween Party on March 20. If that don't get a "rise" out of the fighting Irishman, Jimmy Meagher, ye scribe is ready to quit as a failure.

The appointment of Bro. Bodley as Deputy Organizer meets with general favor, and we are pulling for him to bring in at least a dozen of the boys who have been putting off "till a little later."

Vice Pres. Jensen is worthy of a medal and citation as a shining example to local members who do not attend regularly. He drives 130 miles for each meeting and during the recent snow he came through on time with 12 inches or more of snow on the ground.

Stanley Stebbins has secured a much better position in Everett, and has moved his family to that city.

SYRACUSE (By H. C. Merrill)—At its meeting February 6 the Division appropriated ten dollars for the relief of Fraters in the flooded mid-west.

Brothers Woodworth (Division Secretary), Pabst, and Conley are now the Sick Committee, with Bro. Lee as Chairman of the Program Committee.

Gilbert Maxson, who died last January, was a one-time Frater, a member of the Rochester Division. Unfortunately he let his policy lapse before he had been a member for three years, and there was nothing due thereon, when he was called to the great beyond. Sincere sympathy is extended to his widow, whose two deaf daughters are married to Bros. William Shaw and Harold Larkin of the Utica Division.

Teddy Hofmann, after being on the sick list for a couple of weeks, has returned to work in the machine shop where he is employed. He is a skilled machinist, and tool-maker, capable of doing intricate and delicate work.

Tom Hinchey is displaying considerable interest in bowling. With a little more practice, he may develop into a capable kegler, and it is possible that he may be able to make the team that goes to the Tournament in Detroit in April. Little Rob Conley is another aspirant in this direction.

OMAHA (By Robert W. Mullin)—Bro. Sinclair is arranging a St. Patrick party at Hotel Rome on the eve of March 13 (Not Friday). A big surprise is promised for all, and the prizes are rather generous. Bro. Sinclair is a rare bird for treats. Makes one feel at home. And the tickets go at two bits. Worth it.

Bro. Bilger, who surprised every one with his recent marriage to Miss Grace Mann on December 27, was, in turn, surprised with a big shower at his home on Jan. 23. These newlyweds converse by lipreading smooth as satin, but when the lights go out—we wonder. The Bride, though not deaf, takes to us like a duck to water and a joyous evening it was.

Proof that hard work never hurt any one is on Bro. Rabb, hale and hearty. Makes lots of dough at Petersen's Bakery. Never known to come home with the milkman. Beats the Rockabye Babe Ballads.

CHICAGO NO. 1 (By Thos. O. Gray)—In answer to many queries regarding the Secretary's address, members can locate him by directing their mail to P. O. Box 293, Oak Park, Illinois. Sick Committees take notice, and copy this address for future use and avoid delay.

Bros. Shawl and Rensman are chairmen of the "Superb Floor Show" to be given by All Chicago Silent Stars April 3, at Hotel Sherman Night Club. There will be plenty of drinks and refreshments, with plenty of space for dancing. The admission price is 40 cents but reserved seats are extra. The money derived from this entertainment will go into the Smoker fund. Here is an opportunity for all Frats and friends to see a good entertainment.

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We noticed some comment regarding the cost of printing the FRAT in Bro. Hill's Dallas Division column. We believe that the FRAT as it is now is niggardly enough in appearance without further reduction in its allowance. What we really need is "Safety Talks," to make our Divisions safety conscious. Look at the monthly accident list, nearly \$9,000.00 a year [last year \$6,730—Ed.] spent on benefits which could be very much reduced. The ratio as it now stands is too high, judging by the reputation of the deaf for being good risks despite their affliction. Besides, we have bemoaned the fact liability insurance companies refuse to insure deaf auto drivers. Don't kid yourselves into believing the liability insurance companies do not read THE FRAT. They do!

Many of our Divisions have members who have been members for 5, 10, and even 20 years and gone through these years without drawing either sick or accident benefits. They are the kind who are alert to avoid accidental injury. Manufacturing corporations have special "Safety First" meetings every week to keep their employees safety conscious. If the Divisions were to take up the subject the same as they do, a surprising reduction in the number of accidents would result, and a substantial saving for the Division treasury.

Baa! Biff!! Bang!!!! Whang!!!! Beg pardon, brothers, the noise! It's Pa goat out in the barnyard bawling the barn door. He's getting in condition for Division No. 1 and Division No. 106's Grand Smoker July 30, 1937. Call it a "smoker" if you will, but in Pa goat's vocabulary it is smoke from the sole of the candidate's trousers. Better be around at the above date if you want to see how Chicago tans their hide. There will be an added attraction—Stag Style.

We will have a movie entertainment after the business meeting on March 5 with Bros. Massinkoff and Shawl as managers. The best films obtainable will be shown, and the price is only 10 cents per individual. All members and their friends should attend as this is a treat which will not again be had for a long time.

CHICAGO NO. 106 (By F. L. Bush)—At the last meeting the matter of moving to another hall was discussed, but finally it was voted that we retain the present hall for the time being. A suitable and convenient location and hall will be our main objective in the future.

The fireworks are on, lit by Bro. Russy, Jr., who has collared into the Order two new members by the name of Steve Rechoris and Frank Scott. Congratulations. We are looking forward earnestly to still further additions to our family.

Now it is a bachelor's loss to a benedict's gain in Bro. Pick's case, for he sneaked away from our brethren last January 31 and got married to a South Bend girl whose name the writer hasn't learned. Congratulations, Bro. Pick.

Our Division's condolences to Bro. Henningsen, whose wife passed away February 8 after a prolonged illness. The floral offerings were many and beautiful.

Chairman Rensman of our smoker committee and Chairman Shawl of Division No. 1 are preparing a big vaudeville show to be given on April 3 at Hotel Sherman for the benefit of the smoker fund. A good time for all is anticipated. Watch this column for details about our gigantic Monster Smoker to be held during the N. A. D. convention this summer. It is about time that we get together lassoing in newcomers and feed the goat for our red letter night.

After the last meeting a card party was given with a good-sized crowd. The names of prize winners were not disclosed, due to the fact that the writer left shortly after the meeting working on the night shift. The next card social is scheduled for March 8. A small admission will be charged. Bring your friends. The larger the crowd the merrier.

If you happen to be in the neighborhood of Madison and Clark Sts., any Monday evening, look up 70 W. Madison, get off at the third floor, and you are there, seeing plenty of action as our Division's team is competing in a bowling league which is composed of six 5-man teams. Root for your team. The league will be represented in the Great Lakes Deaf Bowling Tournament at Detroit in April. A large crowd has been seen Mondays ever since the league started functioning. Come and boost our team. Admission free.

PROVIDENCE (By W. E. Cullen)—Notice is hereby given that our annual Ball will be held on May 29 at the Narragansett Hotel, the same hotel in which we gave such a fine affair last year. Pres. Cohen is again chairman of the steering committee and he hopes for a greater crowd and a better time than last year, which is a big promise. Keep an eye on the few lines allowed to Providence in coming numbers of THE FRAT between now and May.

Our Ladies held their annual banquet in Cobbs on Jan. 16 and had a bang up time, so we hear. Their husbands and boy friends not being admitted to the affair, we had to rely on the gossip of the waitress at Cobbs.

The Ladies gave a whist party at our February meeting, which was successful in a financial way, (yours truly helping count the coin, can vouch for it). Arrangements were in charge of Mrs. Vera Ruckdeschel.

Our boys will have to get together soon and have a few parties between now and May if they want to keep in step with our ladies. They may be bossing the division if we lag.

WATERBURY (By F. C. Cossette)—Brother DiLeo announced at February meeting that there will be a Prosperity Social held at Liberty Hall, 305 Bank St. May 1. He has been elected chairman, and promises, with the aid of two veterans in the persons of Bros. Wenslowes and Backus, that there will be several surprises with plenty of fun. Brothers and friends, please bear that date in mind and wait for full details later.

A visitor at our February meeting was the Rev. J. Stanley Light of Boston Division. Upon the good of order, Rev. Light gave us a good lecture and some advice, combined with jokes, as he always has done at our meetings in the past. Noisy applause was given him. Bro. Light, you are welcome to our meetings at any time.

Bro. Rosso of Torrington, who was sworn in as new member at our February meeting, is a very pleasant looking chap and we are glad to add him to our roster. Bro. Todd was the endorser and we expressed thanks to him.

To members of Waterbury Division: You all are urged to attend the March meeting for there will be important business to settle. Please remember this March 6 meeting.

SAN FRANCISCO (By H. O. Schwarzlose)—Our first meeting at the new hall was a decided success. Only a few were absent, due, no doubt, to the weather. After the meeting, a Valentine Whist party was given. Bro. Kleinfeldt came out with first prize, Mrs. Denton, second and Ed. Hoffman, third.

All members have expressed their delight with our new headquarters. Non-members are invited to attend after meetings and visit the new quarters. Take car No. 9 from Ferry. Get off at 16th and Valencia Sts.

The membership committee lost the chance to snare S. Brodie. He had signed an application for the Organizer, but before he could be examined he was transferred to the Sacramento branch of his company. We urge him to join No. 53 as a non-resident.

Charles Le Clercq has returned from his trip to New York, bringing greetings from the various Divisions he visited. His account of his trip to Chicago and visit at the Home Office was heartily applauded.

Bro. Ed Lilley, who came to San Francisco for a vacation during the holidays, was called home in a case of need and his vacation was put off. He returned Feb. 1 and meant to take in the February meeting, but was again called back to Merced. He makes his home with his Uncle, Dr. Silley, Deputy Coroner of Merced, and takes care of the large estate.

The photo of the Home Office shows a very nice looking building, of which we may be proud.

Div. 53 will hold a St. Patrick's Party on Mar. 20. Don't forget the new address. All welcome.

LOS ANGELES (By J. A. Goldstein)—A full account of the 27th Anniversary Banquet of our Division, held on January 16, was given in the Silent Broadcaster and the Deaf Mutes' Journal; so 'twould be "useless repetition" to repeat same herein, when space is at a premium. Suffice to say that the event was above par in every respect; that those partaking in the program,—Mesdames Verburg, Himmelschein, Terry and Elliott, and Bros. Gilbert and Willman all did themselves proud; especially La Elliott, whose rendition of The Star Spangled Banner, should have been greeted with a clash of cymbals and a roll of drums. The thanks of the Division are extended to the committee in charge, viz: Bros. Peterson (chairman), Rosenkjar, Genner, Rasmussen, Woodley and Pope.

Pres. Elliott called a meeting of all the present officers and committees to discuss and map plans for the ensuing year. This is in accordance with the policy initiated the year before, with what good results everyone already knows. It is hoped even better results will be obtained this year. Brothers to the fore—and lend a hand!

Bros. Turner, Zenk and Greenberg have all purchased new cars; Turner trading in his new 1936 two door Chevy sedan for a four door Chevy with all the trimmings, fog-lights, etc., Zenk got a Willys 1936, and Greenberg a four door deluxe Oldsmobile sedan. He ran his old Dodge ragged chasing after new members, but that 15 bucks he got in THE FRAT Derby helped some. Uh, huh!

We believe the news items from the Divisions are just as necessary and interesting as, well, Meagher's Spotlight. Boil 'em down by all means, but don't knife the vital parts. For ourselves, we have tried to be as brief as possible, enumerating such things which we believed would be of interest not only to our own Division, but to others as well.

LOWELL (By Colin C. McCord)—Lowell Division started the year 1937 with newly elected officers. It is the first elected office that our President Andrew Kiela of Lawrence ever held in Lowell Division. Here is hoping that he would make good with his office.

The Lowell bowling team made a trip to Lawrence on Saturday, Jan. 16 for a bowling match against Lawrence Silent Club team, which beat our team by 43 pins. The return match will be at the Rex Bowling Alleys in Lowell later in February.

Bros. B. McMahon, Romeo Jutras of Montreal Div. 117 and the writer attended the whist party under the auspices of the Lawrence Silent Club on Saturday evening, Jan. 30. There appears to be good prospects of new members for Lowell Div. from the Lawrence Silent Club.

Bro. Romeo Jutras of Montreal Division 117 is now residing with his brother in Lowell, looking for a job. He has hopes for a transfer to Lowell Div. from Montreal Div. 117, if he finds a position.

Stephen Henry, formerly of Lowell, has secured a position in Boston with his uncle and his absence from regular meetings will be missed.

Lowell Division's social committee will hold a crazy whist after the regular meeting in our meeting hall, 84 Middlesex St. on Saturday, March 13. Chairman McCord will have charge.

Bro. Lawrence Donovan, well known in New England, is still at Tewksbury State Hospital. He would be pleased to hear from his old friends through letters.

PHILADELPHIA (H. J. Cusack)—The annual Frat Frolic turned out just as the committee said it would—one grand success. The committee left no stone unturned in making it the outstanding event of the year. They even

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went as far as securing a larger ballroom, a larger orchestra, bigger prizes, and they even raised the admission price. And I'll be darned if they didn't pack them in. Out of the throng—there were about 450 present—I espied Bros. O'Rourke, of Boston; Higgins and Davidson, of Jersey City; Dondiego, of Trenton; Nicols, of Washington, and a lot more too numerous to mention from New York and Baltimore and other places. Our hat's off to that hustling committee headed by John E. Dunner.

The Division's basketball team scored a 41-37 victory over the Ephpheta Club of New York recently. The New Yorkers pay us a visit on March 6th. The game, to be played on the Gilpin Hall court, will be preceded by a preliminary game between the Frats' second team and a quintet composed of colored lads.

Bro. Jimmy Foster wants us to tell everybody he is not riding 'round and 'round in a V-8. Here it is, James.

The Division's sympathy is extended to Mrs. Charles Partington on the death of her husband. Condolence is also extended to Bro. Armor on the loss of his father; Bro. Westerhood, on the passing of his sister.

QUEENS (Ed P. Bonvillain)—Brothers, now is the time to buy tickets to our dinner and card party in honor of the fifth anniversary of the division, to be held in a private banquet room of the Diplomat, one of the leading restaurants in Jamaica, L.I., 161st Street and Jamaica Ave., on Saturday evening, March 20, 1937. You can easily reach there by the B.M.T. or L.I.R.R. trains, busses and trolley cars.

The days are getting nearer and nearer toward March 20. So don't delay to order some tickets for yourself, wife and friends before it is too late. Act now! A big crowd is expected to attend.

Price, \$1.50 a plate and the reservations for tables may be made through Bros. E. F. Wolgamot or Ed. P. Bonvillain on or before March 13. Please bear in mind that the reservations for tables must be returned not later than March 13.

Dinner will start at 7 p.m. and the card party will take place immediately following the dinner. Cash prizes will be distributed to the winners of the card games. There will be good music and dancing. Delicious food, will be served including good liquor.

Come, brothers and friends. Let's be merry, eat and drink, and sing together the tune of "Hail, Hail, The Gang's All Here."

On Saturday evening, March 13, our monthly card social will be held at the Y.M.C.A. building. Don't fail to come, you will regret it if you pass it up. Come one and come all!

Bro. Taplin is having two weeks' vacation at Miami, Fla. He arrived there by plane. On his return home, he ought to have a nice coat of sun tan and tell us boys about the pretty southern belles.

President Harry A. Gillen urges all the members to show their fraternal spirit and do their duty to attend the meetings regularly. We hope for a better and larger attendance at the meetings, with the cooperation of the members to keep our division on the map. Do your duty!

BROOKLYN (By W. Renner)—Brooklyn Division No. 23 held its February meeting last Saturday evening at Odd Fellows Hall, with an attendance well over the 100 mark. Quite a good deal of new projects were proposed, looking way ahead into the future—one being to observe the Division's 30th anniversary two years hence, and another was the formation of a "Toronto Club." Plans were also started for another summer frolic at Luna Park next August. In the meantime the arrangement committee were hustling around with final details for the Division's yearly gala event in the form of an entertainment and ball at the Hotel Pennsylvania on Saturday the 13th at which time this issue of THE FRAT will be on the press. From indications, it appears the affair as usual will be the crowning attraction of the social season hereabouts, as the hotel is so conveniently located in the heart of the city. Being the largest Division of the N.F.S.D. may have its advantages, but there are some disadvantages as well. Odd Fellows Hall, where the Division has had its headquarters for years, may be closed for non-payment of interest and taxes, necessitating moving to new quarters, but good ones in the borough that are large enough for No. 23 are asking too high figures for rent. Another thing is that large attendances are sometimes unwieldy, the long rows of seats putting those in

the rear too far away from the platform for eye comfort, which tends to make the Fraters indulge in social conversation with those nearby, leaving the business to be transacted by those in front seats. The president's gavel is quite ineffective, so frequent dousing of the ceiling lights is the rule. But in spite of all, the Division gets along pretty well, and there is always a long line waiting to pay their dues and assessments to the treasurer, a good percentage of which eventually goes to headquarters to further swell the coffers of our splendid two-million dollar fraternal organization.

BALTIMORE (By George M. Leitner)—Baltimore Fraters enjoyed on January 30 a party which can be held only in these parts. More than 100 gathered at Gehb Hall for the Division's oyster supper, and thousands of the succulent Chesapeake bivalves were served in all styles, raw, stewed, fried and pan-fried. Of course there were all the trimmings, cole slaw, potato salad and the rest.

When all had their fill, Bro. August Wriede, chairman of the affair, called attention to the fact that there probably were many Fraters in distress as a result of the Ohio River floods, and suggested that those with full stomachs might do a bit to aid them. Contributions of \$11.00 were forthcoming and the money was turned over to the Red Cross for flood relief the following day.

Rozelle McCall has turned in his old car and acquired a 1937 model Ford. On one of his first trips to break in the new wagon he took his aunt, Mrs. George M. Leitner, his niece, Augusta Wriede, Miss Helen Skinner, Mrs. McCall and his daughter Maureen to Frederick, where all visited the Maryland School for the Deaf.

Leroy Amberg is another of the Baltimore colony who sports a new auto. He now drives around in a Plymouth.

To spur No. 47's basketball teams, Raymond Kauffman has posted a handsome trophy for the annual contests between the Division's fives and the athletes of the Maryland School for the Deaf. The team victorious in three successive seasons will have the trophy permanently. The trophy, mounted on an ebony base encircled in silver for the engraving of records, portrays players intercepting and tossing the ball.

The Division team, in its first match, lost a hard-fought contest to the Gallaudet Reserves on February 4, 14 to 12. The game was played in The Johns Hopkins University Gymnasium as a preliminary to the Hopkins-Gallaudet clash which the deaf lost by a 52 to 19 score.

HARTFORD (By E. J. Szopa)—On January 9, before the meeting started its regular routine, Pres. McMahon appointed Harry Fancher as Installing Officer, who then swore in the newly elected officers. After the meeting was adjourned, we had a spread prepared by Robert Wilson, Chef, and his kibitzing cooks, Bros. Silverman and Luther. What grub! Sandwiches (3 kinds); salted peanuts, mints, cakes; hot and cold drinks. They must have been wholesome for nobody had any after-effects at all.

Harry Fancher has his chest puffed up with pride, for his son has landed an excellent position as assistant engineering draftsman in the Bureau of Air Commerce, Washington, D.C. Appears to be a chip off the old block, as he probably inherited a taste for mechanical engineering from his father, a first class toolmaker.

MANHATTAN (By A. Kruger)—The banquet in celebration of the 15th anniversary of the inception of the 87th link in the great chain of the N.F.S.D., the greatest organization "of, for and by the deaf" in existence, held at Cecil's on Jan. 16 is now history. An exceptionally joyful banquet it was, and the committee, consisting of Bros. Lubin, Schwartz and H. Peters deserves some back-slaps. Bro. Lubin was toastmaster in his usually masterly way, and he is to be congratulated in making the banquet lively by his way of introducing the speakers between courses of feasting. The meal was tops, fit for the most fastidious king. The most interesting of all was that exactly eighty-seven—the lodge number of our Division—sat around the U-shaped tables. A full account of this function written by Ye Columnist can be found in a previous issue of DMJ. Yes, the evening was a success, but it is regrettable to state that only three of the eight past presidents were there. However, it is the greatest hope of us all that all of the ex-wielders of the gavel will attend our next banquet, so that they will be

able to give our "baby" members a history of our Division and the N.F.S.D.

We are glad that the custom of having banquets at intervals of five years has been made possible. These banquets undoubtedly bring the old fraters and the younger brethren together and bring about a contact that cannot be got in the meeting room. And what is more, the youngsters can learn more about our Division and the N.F.S.D. at one banquet than during five years of contact at business meetings. Therefore, it is to our advantage to hold these banquets every five years. Let's continue the tradition. If so, then the banquet hall doors will open again and wide in January, 1942, and we'll be seeing you again then.

To the Grand Fraters: It was with a great deal of pleasure that we have noticed in the last issue of THE FRAT that our own N.F.S.D. now has its holdings in cash and securities of over two million dollars, and genuine pleasure indeed, and hence heartiest congratulations! More power to you! Bro. Sturtz would like to know if you could help us celebrate this achievement by supplying us a keg of beer. Yes, he meant it. Say, how about it? (Sorry, Oak Park is dry, no beer available.—Ed.)

MEMPHIS (J. A. Todd)—We will have a banquet commemorating our own division's 24th anniversary, Saturday evening, April 10, which is not far off. Morris Campbell being the chairman, is seeing to it that all resident members of this division are making the necessary preparations for it, and we can now look forward to its being a success.

The place for the banquet has not yet been decided, but will be announced in the next issue or made known by mail. We take no risk in asserting that the banquet will be brim full of pep, and swearing that everyone will get his money's worth of entertainment! It will be open to both ladies and gentlemen. What more can you ask? Also we do hope that the weather man will be good to us. So start planning now to be with us!

Best congratulations from us to Little Rock Division, No. 5, of the N.F.S.D., for its 32nd anniversary for which they had a banquet Feb. 13. About 12 of us had planned to go over there with our stomachs empty, but to their and our disappointment we could not go, due to the terrible flood which closed the 145-mile highway from Memphis to Little Rock, and the trains leaving here in the afternoon would not get us over there in time for the de luxe culinary spread. Sorry! But maybe we will have better luck next year.

ROCHESTER NO. 52 (By Elmer J. Kuder)—On February 6, after the meeting, there were surprises for every one. Herbert Altemoos sprang a surprise package social in which all attending it were given a number and claiming their packages, were soon having a time like on a Christmas morning. The games were also full of surprises. The committee received perhaps the biggest surprise of all when an unusual sized crowd gathered for it.

More deaf people are taking interest in the

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many affairs put up by deaf organizations now than ever. They like to play games that are also popular at public places and in hearing organizations. There has been a keen interest shown by the deaf men in their bowling leagues, which are growing in size and popularity.

During the influenza epidemic here the members have stood it well. Only two or three of them have had slight attacks. Our hospitals have been filled to capacity with flu cases lately.

JERSEY CITY (By C. T. Hummer)—Somewhere in THE FRAT will be found a standing advertisement of the Jersey City Division's coming banquet to commemorate the 15th anniversary of its birth. Chairman James Davison, who heads the committee, is known as a tireless worker and is one brother who always strives to give those who grace the occasion with their presence more than they expect in entertainment. . . . He intends to make the event stupendous and outshine all events of the past. . . . Neither pains or expense will be spared to attain his object. . . . Saturday evening, May 29 was selected as an appropriate night to celebrate, although the Division was organized in June, and also in order to give those who attend the affair, Sunday and Monday to enjoy themselves wherever their fancy leads. . . . Cut out the adv. and paste it in your hat lest you forget the event. . . . More anon.

COLUMBUS (By E. J. Kennedy)—One of the most important motions made at our last meeting was one to draw \$100 from our fund for the flood sufferers in Huntington and Portsmouth areas. It is understood, of course, that Frat members and the deaf in those locations are to be considered first and what is left, if any, is to be used wherever the Red Cross sees it is most needed. We hope that some of the other Divisions, that are able to, will follow our example, for no doubt there will be suffering in these areas for some time to come.

The social following our last meeting was one of the best we have had for a long time, and was attended by one of the largest crowds we have had. The feature for the evening was a movie starring Lon Chaney in "Flesh and Blood." Credit for getting the picture goes to Bro. La Fountain, and he has promised us some others. We know they will be good for he is a good picker.

Rev. Bro. Fletcher of Alabama was one of our guests at the last meeting and gave a short talk. We hope he will be with us again sometime and that he will stay longer.

Bros. Conkling and Taylor of the Dayton Division were with us also, and "Conk" as per usual had his stogie with him throughout the meeting. No, it wasn't lighted.

We must not forget to mention our Mid-Winter Social. It was a huge success. We mention this especially because Bro. Rice was in charge and because he had hesitated about accepting the responsibility of chairmanship. It was his first venture and judging from the result of the affair we feel sure that it won't be long before he will be asked to take charge again.

Harry Romoser has just returned from a month's sojourn in Florida. The trip was made by auto. At the meeting he gave a long talk about the trip and it was most interesting. He saw Dr. Patterson and the Corys while in St. Petersburg, and brought their best wishes back to Columbus.

BOSTON (By D. McGregor Cameron)—A letter, expressing the Division's appreciation on his stand regarding the deaf and the automobile, was sent to Frank A. Goodwin, Registrar of Motor Vehicles for Massachusetts. He declared at a recent hearing on the auto compulsory insurance law before a legislature committee, that the deaf are the best and safest drivers. Mr. Goodwin has been a staunch friend of the deaf-mute driver, and his attitude has been quoted by commissioners in other states, even in far off, British Columbia, Canada. It is to be hoped that all Divisions in this state and other deaf-mute organizations will write him to show that we are mindful and grateful for his efforts on our behalf.

William Hill has organized a bowling team of members of the Division. Although he lost his first match, one with the Silent Club team, which was composed largely of frats belonging to the club, he insists he has the material which with a little more practice will make a corking good team. He has already quite a few matches booked and we are rooting for him to bring home the bacon.

The truth of statistics which show that the rate of births in a community is a barometer of its business conditions is borne home to us. With the pick up of business, there have been arrivals of additions to the homes of Brothers Timpani, Feinstein and Bachner. We offer our congratulations to each of them, but brothers, next time please don't forget the cigars.

The committee in charge of the banquet celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Division's organization announces it has decided on Oct. 23 as the date and the Hotel Bradford will be the scene of the affair. Chairman Battersby is withholding details until a later date.

The 1937 social season will start rolling with a whist party immediately after meeting in March at 4 Boylston Place. The annual free affair to members will be in the form of a smoker at the July 3 meeting. Division will meet early at 6:30 p.m. on both occasions.

SAGINAW (By Harry Dundas)—The meetings of Saginaw Division are held in the basement of the home of Brother Dundas on the first Saturday of each month. The basement is just like a living room. One ornament is a photo of the late Grand President Gibson.

Harry Dundas, this month, will complete 25 years of work in the barber shop where he is employed. In addition to this, he has had around 10 years' work in Detroit and other places.

CINCINNATI (L. J. B.)—Much has been written of the greatest flood of the century that has devastated Cincinnati and other Ohio river towns. While this city and the adjoining lowlands were badly flooded, the greatest devastation appears to have been done along the river from Bromley, Ky., at the west, to Bellevue and Dayton on the east, including Covington and Newport in the central part of this area. The worst damage was probably at Bromley and Dayton. No words can describe the destruction adequately. As far as the writer knows, there were only two frats who lost everything. Among those meeting with losses were Henry Reeves and Leslie Honicon, and George and Robert Barrowcliff. Our division has helped these members to some extent.

Because of the flood, our proposed anniversary banquet on February 20 has had to be postponed indefinitely.

CLEVELAND (By Robert Young, Jr.)—An eye infection has kept me at home, but from what news I gathered I learned that only two new members were sworn in at the February meeting. The two new recruits were George Hopton and John Bender. Every indication points to a much larger army next month, which may turn out to be another repetition of that never to be forgotten record breaking January enrollment.

The recent Valentine Social held at the new hall on Prospect Ave., drew a capacity crowd, according to Chairman Frank P. Harrison. The

committee, composed of Bros. Callaghan, Smolk, Judd, Griffin, Rosenmund and Turvey, were the mainstay behind its success. The play was entitled "The Mail Bride," with Mrs. F. Harrison and Elmer Rosenmund as the Mollycoddle sweethearts, with F. Faulhaber playing both the part of cupid and the minister, was a scream throughout.

In the last issue no mention was made of the two hustlers who help admirably in obtaining new members. As Red Grange had his Britton, so E. Rosenmund had his Bros. Callaghan and Judd, who did much in paving the way for new prospects.

The long awaited gigantic Smoker has been postponed to May 1 so as not to interfere with the bowling preparations for the coming tournament that has had this city cockeyed since it captured the coveted cup. Besides, as stated by Chairman Meade, it would give them plenty of time in taking some of the steam out of the grandson of Billy Whisker, whose temper has already risen to a dangerous point at the delay in turning him loose among the new members that are to be his victims. The place as yet, has not been decided, but it is to be hoped the next issue will have full details.

The Frats formidable bowling quintet is beginning to mature. Brother Rosenmund has added the youthful Thomas Janosek to the roster, and with this new addition there will be keen competition between the Champion Sphinx Club team and the Local Frats.

WORCESTER (By C. A. Morrison)—In answer to the appeal of the American Red Cross for funds to aid in relief work for the flood victims of the Mississippi and Ohio rivers, the division voted them a sum of money. We sincerely hope that all divisions located in the flood zone came through successfully.

Only a small crowd of members attended our January 16 Smoker. Those who did attend enjoyed themselves watching Kozik, the Man of Mystery, do his stuff. Billy the goat, did himself proud putting Bros. Edgar Davis and Sulo Aalto through their paces, but was plenty peeved because another candidate for his services did not show up. Get busy, boys, and enter the 1937 derby. Even if you don't win a prize, you get the endorser's fee. Maybe another good time will keep our goat happy.

Nice, new, improved cover on THE FRAT! We don't need glasses to find it now. The Grand officers are surely trying to please us.

April 17 is the date, Redmen's Hall, Day building, 306 Main St., is the place of our 20th Anniversary Costume Ball. Prizes will be awarded, so come in costumes. Also there will be a fox trot contest. Watch for our circulars. Bart Burns heads the committee.

It has come to the secretary's notice that some have failed to notify him of changes in addresses. It is for your own interest as well as the division's that on changing address you should give your new address to the secretary and treasurer.

SCRANTON (By H. B. Young)—Hie, Fraters! Have you noticed that the Treasurer's Balance as of Dec. 31, 1936, given on page 3 of the February FRAT, now puts our N.F.S.D. in the two million dollar class? Boy! We sure did forge ahead fast in 1936, didn't we? A wonderful Home office building acquired, and now the books closed for the year with, to be exact, a \$2,010,648.16 balance. Ain't it a grand and glorious feeling?

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Take it from us, folks, the Quintuplet Social staged by our Ladies on Feb. 6, was something extra—extraordinary, both as to entertainment features and the neat profit which has been handed over to our men folks to enrich our Reserve Fund. The general chairman, Mrs. H. B. Young, had her able assistants, Aux.-Frats Drolsbaugh, Lloyd, Morgan, O. L. Clark and Gentile all dolled up in skirts and cute little bonnets of crepe paper in the pastel shades to represent the Quints. Dr. Dafee was ably represented by Sid Armfield. Did we have fun? We'll say we did, especially when the men folks tried their best to imitate babies enjoying an "all day" lollypop. Yeah, Folks, if you weren't there you sure did miss an evening of care-free fun and laughter. May we have more of them? Many thanks, Ladies.

Bro. Burwell promises a good time at the social under his management, April 3. So don't forget to trek to Washington Hall that evening.

ST. PAUL-MINNEAPOLIS (By J. J. McNeill)—Rev. George Flick, of Chicago, made a visit with us at the Club house on the 16th of January, and in the evening gave a talk to a large crowd. He was looking fine, and was very happy to meet many of his old friends. Come again.

Charles Winters and his brother made a flying trip to Fulton, N.Y., to attend the funeral of his older brother, who died from a skull fracture, caused by slipping on street and head hitting the curb. He was a school mate of Grand Sec'y Kemp at Rochester, N.Y. school and was in the cafe business here with his sisters for a long time and now is retired.

DUBUQUE (By Barney Data)—Last October, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Roth had a Hallowe'en party at their home for the Fraters. James Dorman was chairman of the affair, and we had a most enjoyable time playing old time games.

This was followed by a supper, also at Bro. Roth's home, on Nov. 14, after which "500" and bunco were played.

Otto Schnoor gave the Frat's the usual Christmas party at his home on the evening of Dec. 19. Guy Wright was his assistant. They distributed toys to the kiddies, also bags of nuts, candies and fruits, after which the elders repaired to their card tables.

John E. Standacher invited all to a party at his home on Jan. 30, where we contested for prizes, after which we played cards. We always have a swell time at his home. Thanks, Bro. Standacher.

A Stag party is scheduled for the Bernard Data home, Feb. 13. A good time is anticipated by the boys.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL. (By J. G. Otto)—Our division voted to contribute \$5.00 toward the Red Cross flood fund.

Our division passed its twentieth anniversary last December without any celebration, due to many cases of sickness and inclement weather.

William Ruby is proud of a 19-jewel gold watch with his name and "1898" engraved on the back, given by the Hummer Plow Co., Montgomery Ward & Co. branch, where he has been working for 39 years. He was one of 14 employees out of 1,000, to get the presents and bonus. Three other deaf employees there got a Christmas bonus.

A picnic will be held on Decoration Day, Sunday, May 30, at the State Fair grounds, and in the evening the visitors will be given a treat by our entertainment committee. All proceeds will go to the local I.A.D. fund, as the state convention will be held here in 1938. Frat smoker is also to be held.

AKRON (By F. X. Zitnik)—At the February meeting of our Division it was unanimously decided to have after the meeting socials each month, in a room adjoining our meeting place on the 5th floor of the Pythian Temple, 32 S. High St., where our wives and friends can gather and amuse themselves until the meeting will adjourn, then we will join them and have a general good time until midnight. The socials will be free to all, sandwiches and soft drinks will be sold at moder-

ate prices. Program for the socials will be published each preceding month in the Division Journal.

The joint Cleveland-Akron-Canton picnic this summer is again a reality. Chas. R. Ewing was chosen to head the local committee, he is well known for his hustling ability, so we can start preparations for one great play day, of, and for, the Deaf in Ohio and vicinity. Date and place will be announced later.

The flu and other seasonal ailments are taking their toll among our members. Quite a number of them are under the weather, and the doctors are reaping a good harvest. Do we again have to remind the folks that it pays to have your Frat dues paid?

Geo. Barron was appointed our new Deputy Organizer. No need spilling to much ink about it, for we all know what he can do, and if all of us will do our part and talk of the advantages of joining the N.F.S.D. to our friends, we can soon have as many new members waiting to get acquainted with our goat as the Cleveland Division did recently.

TOLEDO (By S. G. Henry)—We note that our Society has reached the \$2,000,000 mark in funds, and also that headquarters owns a new office building, and has over 7,000 members. Let us congratulate our grand officers, whom we elected for their honest work. We are still hoping for more members for 1937.

Our Division is going to have its thirtieth banquet in June at a down town hotel or grill, which will be chosen later. Louis Blum will be chairman, assisted by Frank Neal and Bert Tussing.

Toledo deaf are forming the Toledo Silent bowling league at the Interurban bowling alleys. Four teams, under Captains Clinker, Leffel, Jenkins and Schlosser, meet every Sunday. About two teams will be chosen from the best bowlers to compete at the Detroit tournament. L. Clinker is president, Robert Shimp, Vice President, and James Parker, Secretary. On Feb. 27, L. Clinker will be in charge of a social in a West Toledo hall for a benefit fund to pay their expenses to the Detroit tournament.

After our last meeting at Kapp Hall, Mrs. Bert Tussing of the Auxfrats, addressed the members about forming a sewing circle, to prepare for a bazaar next year.

The Auxfrats were organized two years ago. Their object is to help our members in raising funds and in taking care of their own needs. Mrs. Bert Tussing is president, Mrs. Edward Hetzel, secretary and treasurer, and Mrs. Augustus, Mrs. Tussing and Mrs. Prospek are the sick committee. Mrs. Tussing choose Edward Hetzel, Elmer McVicker, and W. Morrison as Trustees.

The new officers took charge of a movie show in Kapp Hall on Jan. 16, for which the U. S. Navy provided movie reels dealing with navy life. A good crowd was present, and admission was free.

Max Green passed cigars to members at our lodge meeting, celebrating his wedding to Sarah Marshall of Detroit, Mich. He received lots of congratulations.

ST. LOUIS (By C. H. Fry)—Wm. H. Schaub, who has worked for the Frisco R. R. for over 30 years, was recently given a white pass by the company. This pass is given to all employees who have worked for the company 30 years.

At the December meeting our division voted to give a gold Frat pin to retiring President Toma, and to all succeeding presidents at the completion of their term of service.

Our New Year's Watch party this year was so much of a success that the division has voted to stage another next New Year's Eve, when we will expect an even bigger crowd.

Toronto Speaks

By DAVID PEIKOFF

IN A circular letter mailed the latter part of December, to all frat Divisions, an invitation was extended to them to advertise in our Souvenir Programme to be published in connection with the Combined Lecture and Stage Show to be held in Toronto's largest auditorium, Massey Hall, in April—proceeds to go to the 1939 Convention Fund.

While quite a number of divisions have accurately gauged our unusual aim in this undertaking that warrants the united support of Fraternity, others are wondering if we are only giving rise to a racket that in the end may prove a detriment to the progress of the N. F. S. D.

It has been a growing practice in recent times for a local convention committee to solicit assistance through advertisements, etc., in programs from other divisions when it is contended that efforts could have been localized or confined within the state where the convention is to be held. This idea of cooperation on a national scale is open to much pro and con debate. However, response to request for aid is always voluntary and never coerced—which fact can be said to rob this movement of an implication of a racket.

The Toronto Convention Committee, proud of the honor to play host to 5,000 delegates and friends that are expected to come our way in 1939, stands fully prepared to bear the brunt of money-raising activities. We have hustlers and result-getters on our committee.

However, on account of unusual circumstances surrounding the Combined Lecture and Stage Show enterprise in April, we have a just claim on cooperation from other divisions.

The driving impulse of this affair is to arouse the interest of the hearing public in the deaf people who are badly underrated in our province. The visit of Dr. Percival Hall of Gallaudet College in our midst will be timely as he is a forcible public speaker. The stage play which will be skilfully interpreted by Mr. Edwin G. Peterson of Saskatoon should leave lasting impression upon many people who have nothing but abysmal ignorance of the capabilities of the deaf. The publication of a Souvenir Programme containing pertinent articles from the pens of eminent educators of the deaf will be in keeping with the ruling aim to wake up the populace. On top of all these newspaper publicity will add effectiveness to our campaign of enlightenment.

Once we leave the right impression upon the Great Public, we can then expect heavy patronage at our subsequent affairs. By keeping the N. F. S. D. constantly in the eyes of the public, the value and necessity for hesitant prospects to join will be enhanced, re-

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sulting in increased membership of tyros and come-backs.

In order to have more time for thorough preparation the date of this Combined Lecture and Stage Show has been changed to Thursday, April 29, 1937. The second annual banquet will follow on Saturday, May 1.

Our Committee wishes to thank those numerous divisions who have already rallied to our support and hopes that others who are in the doubt column will reach a decision to jump into our band wagon. The more divisions advertising in our booklet the more powerful will our argument to the Toronto populace become that the entire Fratdom is interested in our 1939 convention. This should have great effect in developing actual interest of the hearing people in our future public entertainments.

JANUARY DEATH CLAIMS

Paid to Leah M. Morris, Little Rock, Ark., for death benefit of Ulysses G. Dunn, certificate No. 979-C, deceased Dec. 28, 1936, \$692.

Paid to Mary Elmer, Milwaukee, Wis., for death benefit of Jacob Elmer, certificate No. 4781-C, deceased Dec. 19, 1936, \$500.

Paid to Marie E. Laingor, Akron, Ohio, for death benefit of Leon J. Laingor, certificate No. 300-D, deceased Jan. 2, 1937, \$500.

Paid to Martha A. Hartman, Louisville, Ky., for death benefit of Robert F. Hartman, certificate No. 1263-C, deceased Dec. 23, 1936, \$1,000.

Paid to Alicia A. Partington, Philadelphia, Pa., for death benefit of Charles Partington, certificate No. 1583-C, deceased Jan. 3, 1937, \$250.

Paid to Sadie Goldstein, Brooklyn, N.Y., for death benefit of Samuel Goldstein, certificate No. 5599-C, deceased Dec. 28, 1936, \$170.

Paid to George Hanson, Guardian, St. Peter, Minn., for death benefit of Fred Peterson, certificate No. 5097-D, deceased Oct. 27, 1936, \$804.

OBITUARY

CHARLES PARTINGTON, 79, of Philadelphia Div. No. 30, died Jan. 3, 1937. He joined the Society Feb. 1, 1913, and held certificate No. 1583-C.

JOE RODIE, 32, of Indianapolis Div. 22, died Jan. 18, 1937. He joined the Society Sept. 2, 1923, and held certificate No. 8992-D.

PATRICK NORTON, 67, of Chicago Div. No. 1, died Jan. 21, 1937. He joined the Society Dec. 1, 1913, and held certificate No. 1822-C.

DAVID G. WHITE, 72, of Portland Div. No. 41, died Feb. 1, 1937. He joined the Society Aug. 1, 1911, and held certificate No. 1194-A.

ADRON T. HENRY, 71, of Delavan Div. No. 80, died Feb. 5, 1937. He joined the Society Aug. 1, 1919, and held certificate No. 4571-C.

CARL H. KNOKE, 56, of Indianapolis Div. No. 22, died Feb. 19, 1937. He joined the Society March 1, 1910, and held certificate No. 888-E.

COME BACKS

Cincinnati—Rodney Bradley.
Columbus—Perry McMurray.
Los Angeles—John Davis.
Boston—Carmine Nazarro.
Pittsburgh—Samuel Frank.
Vancouver—Homer Humphrey.

BIRTHS

September 5—Mr. and Mrs. Louis Rosensweet, Brooklyn, N.Y., a girl.
November 30—Mr. and Mrs. Louis Saracione, New York, N.Y., a girl.
December 8—Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Timpani, Chelsea, Mass., a boy.
December 16—Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wilson, New York, N.Y., a girl.
December 22—Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Courter, Des Moines, Ia., a girl.
December 31—Mr. and Mrs. Harry Metcalfe, Berkeley, Cal., a girl.
January 8—Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Feinstein, Boston, Mass., a girl.
January 19—Mr. and Mrs. Fred Harrison, Hartford, Conn., a girl.
February 1—Mr. and Mrs. Larkey Salter, High Point, N.C., a boy.
February 4—Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Bachner, Roxbury, Mass., a girl.
February 9—Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Slipakoff, New Orleans, La., a girl.

Annual Statement

For the Year Ended Dec. 31, 1936, as Made to State Insurance Departments

BALANCE from previous year.....\$1,901,887.03

INCOME

Membership fees.....	\$ 496.00
Mortuary assessments.....	73,566.38
Sick and accident taxes.....	23,885.30
Convention taxes.....	4,049.08
General expense taxes.....	16,255.01
Recording fees.....	97.75
Total from members.....	\$ 118,349.52
Payments refunded.....	105.26
Net from members.....	\$ 118,244.26
Interest mortgage loans.....	34,247.09
Interest bonds.....	20,347.66
Interest banks.....	86.39
Gross rents.....	36,244.34
Lodge supplies.....	86.35
Indemnity fund premiums.....	510.44
Mortgage fees.....	2,579.25
Exchange on checks.....	29.80
Refund officers' expenses.....	37.22
Advertising in FRAT.....	45.00
Subscriptions to FRAT.....	20.00
Property insurance premiums.....	1,388.36
Sundry supplies.....	6.00
Refund mortgage expenses.....	1,409.97
Increase in book value real estate.....	24,956.03
Increase in book value bonds.....	36.75
Total income.....	\$ 240,274.91
Sum of balance and income.....	\$2,142,161.94

DISBURSEMENTS

Death claims.....	\$ 44,440.00
Sick and accident claims.....	22,780.00
Old age payments.....	953.62
Benefit after age 70.....	40.00
Total benefits.....	\$ 68,213.62
Salaries of officers.....	9,450.00
Salaries office employees.....	2,660.00
Traveling expenses.....	22.54
Insurance Department fees.....	1,041.40
Rent.....	1,912.50
General office maintenance.....	1,178.07
Printing and stationery.....	250.25
Postage.....	866.14
Lodge supplies.....	106.34
Official publication—FRAT.....	2,316.34
Convention expenses.....	166.19
Legal expenses real estate.....	3,104.13
Furniture and equipment.....	843.22
Taxes, repairs, etc., real estate.....	15,289.25
Property insurance premiums.....	2,926.94
Surety bond premiums.....	33.74
Title costs, permanent improvements, etc., on real estate.....	21,122.01
Organizing expenses.....	80.00
Decrease in book value bonds.....	931.10
Total disbursements.....	\$ 131,513.78
BALANCE Dec. 31, 1936.....	\$2,010,648.16

LEDGER ASSETS

Book value real estate.....	\$ 557,659.41
First mortgage loans.....	567,074.84
Book value bonds.....	715,755.96
Cash in banks and office.....	170,157.95
Total ledger assets.....	\$2,010,648.16

NON-LEDGER ASSETS

Mortgage interest due and accrued.....	\$ 11,976.69
Bond interest accrued.....	6,935.17
Rents due.....	382.50
Assessments collected and due.....	184.15
Gross assets.....	\$2,030,126.67
Book value bonds over market value.....	108,768.21
Total admitted assets.....	\$1,921,358.46

LIABILITIES, RESERVE AND UNASSIGNED FUNDS

Death claims not completed.....	\$ 3,871.23
1936 S. & A. claims reported in 1937.....	1,170.00
Assessments paid in advance.....	1,025.79
Death benefit reserve.....	1,362,810.28
S. & A. benefit reserve.....	64,396.43
Unassigned funds.....	488,084.73
Total.....	\$1,921,358.46

EXHIBIT OF CERTIFICATES

	No.	Amount
Certificates 12-31-35.....	7,106	\$4,802,578.25
Written 1936.....	248	159,000.00
Increased.....	—	23,480.00
Totals.....	7,354	\$4,985,058.25
Deaths, lapses, decreases.....	140	174,805.45
Certificates 12-31-36.....	7,214	\$4,810,202.80
Deaths 1936.....	90	47,216.23
Lapses.....	50	25,500.00
Decreases.....	—	102,089.22

EXHIBIT OF DEATH CLAIMS

Claims unpaid 12-31-35.....	4	\$ 1,215.00
Claims reported 1936.....	90	47,216.23
Totals.....	94	\$ 48,431.23
Claims paid 1936.....	86	44,440.00

Balance.....	8	\$ 3,991.23
Scaled down.....	—	120.00

Claims unpaid 12-31-36.....	8	\$ 3,871.23
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EXHIBIT OF S. & A. CLAIMS

Claims incurred 1935.....	67	\$ 2,805.00
Claims reported 1936.....	447	20,295.00

Totals.....	514	\$ 23,100.00
Claims paid 1936.....	506	22,780.00

Claims rejected.....	8	\$ 320.00
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EXHIBIT OF OLD AGE AND OTHER CLAIMS

Claims reported 1936.....	147	\$ 993.62
Claims paid 1936.....	147	993.62

Valuation Report

For Year Ended Dec. 31, 1936

Funds

Death benefit fund.....	\$1,795,475.55
Sick-Accident fund.....	88,515.66

Total benefit funds.....	\$1,883,991.21
Expense funds.....	37,367.25

Total admitted assets.....	\$1,921,358.46
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Liabilities and Surplus

Death benefit reserve.....	\$1,362,810.28
Sick-Accident reserve.....	64,396.43
Death claims payable.....	3,871.23
S. & A. claims payable.....	1,170.00
Advance assessments.....	619.69
Advance S. & A. taxes.....	216.75
Surplus death benefit fund.....	428,174.35
Surplus S. & A. fund.....	22,782.48

Total liabilities and surplus benefit funds.....	\$1,883,991.21
Net expense fund.....	22,947.40

Net convention fund.....	14,230.50
Advance expense taxes.....	151.48
Advance convention taxes.....	37.87

Total liabilities and surplus all funds.....	\$1,921,358.46
Ratio assets-liabilities.....	131.46%

Ratio net-expected mortality.....	57.39%
Interest rate benefit funds.....	2.50%

Valuation report attested by Actuaries E. D. Brown, Jr., of Chicago for the United States, and Fackler & Breiby of New York for the Dominion of Canada.

NEW MEMBERS

Chicago No. 1: Maston Webster, Jr. Charles Sullivan Dayton: Raymond Beekman Cleveland: Max Ellis Abe Saslaw Paul Pastor Indianapolis: George Rushton Lowell Cooper Lewis Hirschy Los Angeles: Charles Vickers Will Fiedler Kalamazoo: Harley Cox Boston: Frank Alves	Hartford: Joseph Marino Washington: John Goodwin Baltimore: Norman Rothman Denver: Ernest Kizer Wichita: Thomas Pratt Johnstown: Francis Kirsten Bronx: Frank Heintz Chicago No. 106: Steve Rechtoris Frank Scott Binghamton: Gordon Brainard
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THE GET-ONE DEGREE

Chicago No. 1—Cornelius Den Dekker.
Dayton—Alby Peterson.
Cleveland—Elmer Rosenmund (3).
Indianapolis—Roy Hiatt (2), Charles Whisman.
Los Angeles—Joe Greenberg, Jacob Goldstein.
Kalamazoo—John Cordano.
Boston—Ernest Cretau.
Hartford—Edward Szopa.
Washington—Gerald Ferguson.
Baltimore—August Herdtfelder.
Denver—Howard Kilthau.
Wichita—Raymond Whitlock.
Johnstown—Ernest Brookbank.
Bronx—Charles Spitaleri.
Chicago No. 106—Charles Russey, Jr. (2).
Binghamton—Mahlon Hoag.

National Fraternal Society of the Deaf

GRAND DIVISION OFFICERS: President, Arthur L. Roberts, 433 So. Oak Park Ave., Oak Park Ill.; 1st Vice Pres., Frederick J. Neesam, 130 S. Third St., Delavan, Wis.; 2nd Vice Pres., John T. Shilton, 202 Dalhousie St., Toronto, Can.; 3rd Vice Pres., Edward S. Foltz, 426 E. Santa Fe Ave., Olathe, Kans.; 4th Vice Pres., James N. Orman, 1050 W. College Ave., Jacksonville, Ill.; Secretary-Treasurer, Charles B. Kemp, 433 So. Oak Park Ave., Oak Park, Ill.; Asst. Secretary-Treasurer, L. S. Cherry, 433 So. Oak Park Ave., Oak Park, Ill.; Trustees: Chairman, George F. Flick, Harrison M. Leiter, Washington Barrow, 433 So. Oak Park Ave., Oak Park, Ill.

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