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THE TYPICAL AMERICAN AND THE WAR.

By Morton Denison Hull.

I know a young man who as a volunteer in the fighting service of the United States is now enroute to France. When he enlisted, he was asked a number of questions by one who loved him.

Did he realize what he was up against? Yes, he answered, he thought he did.

Had he ever thought of himself in the midst of the fighting?

Quietly the answer, Yes, he had.

How did he think he would feel in the actual fighting?

"Scared to death," came the answer with a smile.

Why, then, he was asked, did he wish to enlist before the draft age?

Because, came the calm response, though he hated war, there was no place where he could go and get away from it. Because it was his job, and he felt he had to go.

What was it that appealed to this young man with such compelling force that from its beckoning call no corner of the world could shelter him? It was the cry of liberty crucified in Belgium and France. It was the outraged feelings of a strong and chivalrous young man at the conduct of the German power. It was the growing fear that if the liberties of Europe were conquered by the jungle spirit of the Prussian monster, "the day"—the reckoning day would come for America as well.

He knew the sense of fear and was willing to acknowledge it. He knew the horrors he might face, but was willing to face them. His was the spirit to conquer fear in a righteous cause.

I like to think of this young man as typifying the attitude of the thousands of young men already "over there" or destined to follow them. I like to think of his attitude as typical of America in this war.

Shall we who are left behind fail to respond to the inspiration of their fine example?

They need our sympathy and our support, in the spoken and the written word, and more than all else the support which our money and our might can give. For that purpose our government is seeking huge sums of money, by way of taxes and of loans. Three billions of dollars are asked of us in the present loan. It is in truth as well as in name a liberty loan. To

subscribe to it is a privilege which we shall be glad to recall in coming days. It is however, an enormous sum and it cannot be raised by the subscriptions of a few. It will need the collective subscriptions, small and large, of millions of our people.

Surely our people will not fail to be numbered generously among them. Where our heart is there will our treasure be also. If our heart is in this war, our treasure must go with it. And our hearts must be in this war if we have the conscience and instincts of free men.

MORE LIBERTY BOND BITS.

The Grand Division has subscribed for \$5,000.00 worth of the Third Liberty Loan Bonds. This brings its total holdings up to \$10,100.00 in the three loans.

Divisions that have reported so far as to their subscriptions to the Third Loan are Cincinnati, Flint, Milwaukee, Holyoke, Boston and Albany. There must be others whose reports we look for to come in later.

Advices from all over the country denote too that individual members have subscribed most liberally. That's as it should be. As yet we are as individuals taking no other active part in this war, and as an organization we are carrying no war risks like other fraternals are, so we can and must give to the limit of our financial resources.

Philadelphia, 1918! Two months left.



ODDS ON THE FRAT DERBY.

By M. J. Matheis.

Ever see the betting ring after a horse race? Remember the frowning, sweating, cursing throng of losers, and the happy handful of fortunate winners around the bookmakers waiting to collect on their winning tickets? They received bona-fide "tips" from someone "on the inside," and had the nerve to play the tips across the boards.

First call for the Frat Derby. Five entries parade before the barrier. Purse, the 1921 convention. Track fast; weather, clear (no mud-slinging in Frat campaigns). Horses and jockeys are posted in the betting ring with the following odds:

Horse.	Jockey.	Odds.
Atlanta.....	Ross Johnson.....	3 to 1
Buffalo.....	Burt Bromwich.....	11 to 2
St. Louis.....	J. H. Cloud.....	5 to 2
Los Angeles.....	Kid Fisk.....	even
Memphis.....	Jay Todd.....	100 to 1

The jockey Todd on the filly, Memphis, is not the peerless Todd Sloan of two decades back. As an added entry the filly may finish fifth sometime after sunset.

Atlanta is too far South for a good summertime gamble (besides the effete East has had too many conventions, give some other section a win now and then).

Buffalo would ordinarily stand little chance, but "Snapper" Bromwich is said to wield whip and spur in a Garrison finish.

St. Louis-by-the-Missisip is a two-time winner, and with the indomitable Cloud's masterly handling of the reins would be an odds-on favorite were it not so fearfully hot down there in July and August. At that, wise betters are backing St. Louis for place or show.

Los Angeles is the favorite at even money by reason of the fact the far West has never, never won a Derby and luck must needs change sooner or later.

This thoroughbred "has everything" at any season of the year. Beaches galore; historic points; neighboring mountains clothed in snow—easily accessible by trolley; orange, lemon and walnut groves; scenery, scenery everywhere—the like of which the Garden of Eden never saw; sixty moving picture studios to visit; parks and lakes and lagoons and Venice the city of canals and gondolas; [Here follows a full column of statistics and rhapsodies and impromptu poetry about being "intoxicated by the spell of beautiful

Los Angeles," which we are regretfully obliged to omit, for lack of space.—Ed.]

But best of all is the cool ocean breeze which makes the climate cool and invigorating in spite of the brilliant sun—a clear sunny atmosphere the moving picture magnates declare is the best in the world, which is the reason they get out 80% of the world's film drama in and around this city of 650,000 souls.

Los Angeles 1921 is a good tip, given by an expert tipster. Not one game enough to come out here in 1921 will grumble—for there will be no losers.

WATERBURY DIVISION, No. 65.

Waterbury Division, No. 65, was installed at Waterbury, Conn., April 21, with Connecticut State Organizer Moran in charge of the installing ceremonies.

The Division starts out with the following charter members: William J. O'Connell, Michael F. Walsh, Jacob E. Marcella, Howard L. Backus, Edward H. Hine, Saverio Minnicuci, George E. Wells, Joseph Grady, Charles Bronson, Alfred G. Geron, Robert E. St. John, Philip Cossette.

Its officers are as follows: Edward H. Hine, President; Michael F. Walsh, Vice-President; William J. O'Connell, Secretary; Howard Backus, Treasurer; Saverio Minnicuci, Director; Alfred G. Geron, Sergeant; Joseph Grady, Charles Bronson, Philip Cossette, Trustees.

The evening previous the initial social event of the Division was given—a dance at Garden Hall which was most successful and the proceeds therefrom will be a nice nest-egg for the local fund.

Many visiting fraters were present at the dance and installation, among them being Brothers Greenough, Burdick, Haggerty and Finnegan of Holyoke Division, Smith, Fancher, Blanchard and Frank Cossette of Hartford, Stevenson, Moran and Bakos of New Haven, Berrer of Portland, Me., and Rock of Boston.

The new Division will meet on the second Saturday of the month, at Garden Hall.

TO DIVISION SECRETARIES.

Call your delegate's attention to the Philadelphia hotels' notice.

You must carefully examine each application going through your hands and see that it is properly signed, completely filled out, has correct birth date, and is written in the applicant's own hand writing. In short, be on your job in these matters. If they are not right there's no end of bother for all concerned. Read the instructions at the top of the first page of the applications, and see that the applicants do too.

We believe there are other sons with the colors than are listed on our honor roll—sons of our members actually in the service—and we want to have them all. Help us to get them.

SHOW YOUR COLORS.

We are not all able to hang service flags in our windows, but we can put Old Glory there and alongside have the Liberty Loan and Red Cross posters that denote we have done our bit for those kindred causes.



I understand the members are divided in two camps regarding the sick and accident benefit provisions.

One camp favors a continuance of the present method. The other camp wishes the weekly benefit increased to \$7 for a stated number of weeks. This would necessarily entail a raise in the monthly premium—which many members would be unable to afford, since the raise in wages has not kept pace with the increased cost of living.

Why not compromise?

Why not divide the sick and accident membership into classes A and B? Class A to operate as at present—35 cents monthly, \$5 per week for not over ten weeks a year. Class B—to consist of those who desire it—say 50 cents a month, \$7 a week for ten weeks, or any arrangement that may work out.

This would work a hardship to none and would satisfy everyone.—From a member whose accompanying letter was misplaced.

Shall Women Be Admitted to the Society?

One of the logical questions to be taken up at the coming Convention at Philadelphia this summer will concern the admission of fair femininity.

Ever since The Forum was launched last July there has been considerable discussion on this question. Opinions have been varied far and wide, and scattered as rapidly as a batch of monkeys chasing each other in a zoological garden.

Being a delegate myself I realize that the question has to be weighed with caution, and therefore kept close tab on it in The Forum. After mature deliberation I have come to the conclusion that there has been too much prejudice against women.

I am in favor of admitting deaf women to membership in the N. F. S. D. because they have been, and always will be, big factors in its upbuilding. Here in Utah women have the right of the ballot and are respected and honored equally with men. Consequently Utah prospers.

There is positively no harm in admitting women if they are governed by competent management.

Admit them under separate organization; allow them to establish divisions of their own. Charge the regular initiation and medical fees. Allow them the same premiums, rates, and amounts of insurance as at present. Grant them sick and accident benefits with rules governing their sick benefits slightly varying. Let them elect their own officers. Let them run their own divisions in accordance with the laws of the Society. Allow them the privilege of sending delegates to the conventions—with the distinct understanding they shall not be candidates for Grand Officers. If the above provisions are not

at variance with state insurance laws, then what better arrangements can be made? [They are not.—Ed.]

One brother says: "Let us make them feel the N. F. S. D. is for their good." Amen to that; and let no one amen(d) it with a bothersome "but."

Remember, brothers, how hearing life insurance companies have discriminated against us for years and years? "A Square Deal for the Deaf" is the watchword on which we have grown and prospered. The women are deaf. Have we accorded them a "Square Deal?"

Yet *they* have given the Society more than a square deal already. Have they not labored long and without thanks to get husbands, brothers and friends to join and to pay their dues promptly; have they not always been inconspicuous but invaluable aides in the social life; have they not directly and indirectly contributed a large part of the sums which pay the expenses of us delegates from all over the Nation? We prate about the square deal until we grow red in the face, yet what kind of a square deal will we be dealing out at Philadelphia if we vote to disown the kindly, unselfish friends who helped send us there? "Consistency, thou art a jewel!"

A few years ago woman was considered a chattel. Then colleges admitted her on equal terms. Next states began to grant her the suffrage. Now we are sending her to Congress; in Russia they are sending her to war. Woman everywhere is taking her place as the comrade and co-worker of man—his equal everywhere except in the councils of our insurance society organized to grant *all* the Deaf a "Square Deal."

Another brother says: "I am willing to pay from 10 to 25 cents per month for the dear wife," and keep her out of the Society's business. How about the other girl?

Nowadays a \$100 death benefit will not give the dear wife a decent burial. It is nothing less than crass criminality to contemplate a good woman being worth a mere burial. There are countless other women who are self-supporting and would be only too glad to join our Society. Statistics show women are good risks—at times even better risks than the lordly male. What has the N. F. S. D. to lose?

Nothing.

In fact it has everything to gain. The fundamental principles of successful management as practiced so successfully by the Grand Officers would foster the growth and gain of the organization by letting down the bars and enlarging the brotherhood and sisterhood service, symbolized by the name of "Fraternalism."

Think it over.

Only two months to Philadelphia.

St. Paul says: "It is a wise man that bendeth down his ear and listeneth to the advice of his wife." Think it over: talk it over: then think some more. We vote at Philadelphia.—M. J. Matheis, Salt Lake Division.

May payments are about due.

BIRTHS.


To Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McNeilly of Lynn, Mass., on December 12, a boy.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Grant Daniels of Sioux Falls, S. D., on January 30, a boy.
 To Mrs. and Mrs. Peter Doodson of Philadelphia, on February 6, a girl.
 To Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Harmeyer of Cincinnati, on February 26, a girl.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Alexander McGhee of Philadelphia, on March 8, a boy.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Abbott of Springfield, Mass., on March 9, a boy.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Sam O. Henbacher of Indianapolis, on March 17, a boy.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Joseph R. Gabriel of New York City, on March 23, a boy.
 To Mr. and Mrs. John Frank Jezewski of Milwaukee, on March 28, a girl.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Ivor M. Friday of Detroit, on March 28, a girl.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Sol Goldberg of Chicago, on April 8, a girl.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Ray Bingaman of Cincinnati, on April 8, a girl.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Morris Weiner of New York City, on April 15, a boy.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Horace B. Walters of Detroit, on April 16, a boy.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Henry Scherer of New York City, on April 20, a girl.

DEATHS.

February 14, at Porter, Okla., the wife of Burford D. Hudson.
 February 17, at Boston, the wife of Edwin C. Frisbee.
 March 28, at Castana, Iowa, Pansy, daughter of W. E. Kesterson.
 April 3, at Boston, Mrs. Estella Babbitt, widow of Henry C. Babbitt.
 April 14, at Lima, Ohio, Ernest, eldest son of Robert Hartman of Louisville.

MARRIAGES.

George Blackhall and Miss Margaret I. Bracken.
 Louis P. Pagley and Miss Clara A. King.
 December 25—Walter C. Elkins of Louisville and Miss Grace George of Boatwright, Ky.
 January 31—Byron Whitehead of Chipley, Ga., and Miss Mattie Johnson of Camp Hill, Ala.
 February 4—Atchison Scott of Akron and Miss Hattie Koglin of Hebron, N. D.
 March 13—Harry C. Coulston of Wilmington, Del., and Miss Genevieve Longenberger of Williamsport, Pa.
 March 24—W. A. Ownley of South Greenwood, S. C., and Miss Bergell Moultrie of Augusta, Ga.
 March 30—Arthur W. Anderson of Worcester, Mass., and Miss Grace Furbush of Lynn.
 March 30—Charles J. Pale of San Francisco and Miss Lillian J. Shea of Los Angeles.
 March 30—Ralph F. Beaver of Detroit and Miss Martha Warsaw at Bay City, Mich.
 April 10—Eugene G. Smoak and Miss Ida Weesner at Leavenworth, Kansas.
 April 15—Elmer D. Fogg of Portland, Maine, and Miss Laura E. Woods of Waterville, Maine.



Our Sons With the Colors

Arkansas.
 Henry S. Dunn.
 W. Robert Dunn.

California.
 William Llewellyn.
 John Williams.
 Melvin Schlamm.
 W. E. Dean, Jr.
 Paul E. Webb.

Illinois.
 Donald P. Gibson.
 Clarence C. Jacoby.

Indiana.
 Benjamin H. Hayes.
 Guy G. Bishop.
 Arthur Mattox.
 Henry Barr.
 Charles Barr.
 Raymond Garwood.

Iowa.
 Robert C. James.
 Eustace S. James.

Kansas.
 Howard H. Key.

Kentucky.
 Augustus H. Johnson.
 William A. Harris.

Louisiana.
 H. Lorraine Tracy.

Maine.
 Douglas W. Campbell.

Maryland.
 Clarence Leitner.
 Edwin F. Buxton.
 Ben. W. Smith.
 Arthur A. Smith.

Massachusetts.
 Charles Chapman.
 Leslie Brown.
 Earl Bigelow.

Michigan.
 Dale Kaufman.
 Lyman Gibney.
 Walter G. Moore.
 Earl McHugh.
 Harry H. McLachlan.
 Arthur O. Grunow.
 Oscar H. Grunow.

Minnesota.
 Roy C. Pence.

Missouri.
 Alfred Harden.
 John K. Cloud.
 George H. Cloud.

New York.
 Howard D. Pach.
 J. Morris Pach.
 George I. Lounsbury.
 Elliott D. Fox.
 Edwin R. D. Fox.
 Gerald P. Keller.
 Joseph D. Lalonde.
 Frank W. Lalonde.
 Sidney Hanneman.

Ohio.
 George B. Grimm.
 Howard Schory.
 Caspar L. Rhamy.
 Walter Bartow.
 William Wortman.
 Louis B. Lee.
 Clarence D. Schindorff.

Oregon.
 Walter B. George.
 James G. White.

Pennsylvania.
 Clifford L. Shepherd.
 Orvis D. Dantzer.
 Dwight L. Bardes.
 George C. Bardes.
 Paul M. Bardes.
 Clarence A. Nash.
 Charles Winch.

Rhode Island.
 Arthur St. Jean, Jr.

Tennessee.
 H. D. Garrett.

Texas.
 John L. Bradley.

Washington.
 Paul Gustin.

Wisconsin.
 Henry P. Plunkett.
 Lloyd R. Demarais.

April 16—Walter Lauer and Miss Rose Miller at Horicon, Wis.

April 16—Albert E. Eaton and Mrs. Louisa Brown at Utica, N. Y.

April 20—Bartram Leeper of New Haven to Miss Anna Hoffman of Deep River, Conn.

ENGAGED.

John Cleary of Newport, R. I., and Miss Dorothy Agnes Norbitt of Jamaica, Long Island.

Joseph Mayer, Jr., and Miss Matilda O'Neil, both of Philadelphia.

Buy Liberty Bonds and War Savings Stamps.

COLORADO STATE ORGANIZER.

John S. Fisher, 434 Eighteenth St., Denver, Colo., has been appointed State Organizer for Colorado, by Grand President Anderson. The appointment is effective at once.

We will add that this selection is a most fitting one and carries with it the endorsement of the Home Office, the recommendation of Denver Division and that of the General Organizer. To Brother Fisher is due a great measure of the successful outcome of the Society's campaign and establishing of a Division in Denver. All who have kept in touch with our "Get-One Degree" will recall the frequency with which Brother Fisher's name has appeared in it.

THE FRAT

TWO JOURNEYS—EAST AND WEST.

Friday, March 15, Grand Secretary Gibson left headquarters on another of his little journeys, this time a four thousand mile one. Saturday, the 16th, found him in Buffalo, where after putting up at the Statler he made for the Klein Press office (Brother Klein's prosperous printery) and there made connections with the Buffalo Division officers. After making a few calls in the afternoon, the Division's hall was the first regular stop on the schedule, and there, with a card party as the main drawing card (no pun intended) he had the opportunity to meet and get acquainted with the Division members, their ladies and friends, and later in the evening took the opportunity to give the gathering a talk on things "frat." Before the evening was over he was surprised with the gift of a handsome souvenir of his visit in the shape of a fine seal leather wallet, with the admonition to always carry a string to as well as around it. It will come in handy, to be sure, for the manifold notes he will have to keep track of at meetings and conventions, even if they are not classified under bank notes.

The following morning, Sunday the 17th—and a beautiful St. Patrick's day in the morning it was—under the guidance of Division President James Coughlin (of the old sod, too), he paid a visit to LeCouteulx St. Mary's Institute for the Deaf, where he was shown the alma mater of Brother Coughlin, and many other frats, and refreshing the passing acquaintance he made of it back in Pan-American days of 1901. In the afternoon a special meeting of Buffalo Division was attended, at which the business that brought the visitor to No. 40's territory was completed, and a full attendance of its members allowed him to meet each one, with results most satisfactory he believes. The evening was passed in chat with various friends, then good-byes were said and the next morning he was off on his way.

Monday the 18th found him in Rochester, where he was met by Division Secretary Schmitt, who made an excellent guide. After a stroll about town, the Western New York Institution for the Deaf was visited, and under the guidance of Clayton McLaughlin of its staff a most interesting hour was spent in the school rooms and shops. Here the visitors were joined by President Hefferman and Director Todd of Rochester Division. (It should be mentioned here that while Buffalo was the real objective point when this trip was first arranged, the Grand Secretary considered it a good opportunity to extend it so as to take in all the New York State Divisions and pay the calls that were not possible at the time of his last trip East—an arrangement which all were pleased to make—and it was regrettable that more advance notice of his coming could not be given and thus give many of the non-resident members a chance to attend the meetings arranged for him.) That evening at the Powers Hotel, a gathering of the members, ladies and a few friends was had in the visitor's honor, at which he gave a talk on the Society and its objects, preceded by an informal meeting of the Division itself at which a few problems were solved in passing.

Tuesday the 19th Syracuse was reached and, accompanied by Secretary Woodworth and Brother Foster, after getting dinner and registering at The Mizpah a visit was made to No. 48's hall, after which an auto trip around the city, with the party the guest of Mr. Cooper of Watertown, N. Y., was a most enjoyable treat. In the evening at The Mizpah—which, by the way, is a novelty in itself, a hotel along the lines of the Y. M. C. A., with an immense auditorium and smaller halls a part of its church-like building—the visitor met Syracuse Division, its aux-frats and friends, and had the pleasure of talking to them for a couple of hours. At the time, Syracuse was in the midst of a "dry" campaign and the guest did his best to avoid having his discourse so classified. The evening closed with social chat during which Brother Gibson got acquainted all around.

Wednesday morning the 20th, en route for Utica, a stop was made at Rome and a visit paid to the Central New York Institution for the Deaf there. As the guest of Mrs. Lashbrook of the Register a trip through the school was made—including, of course, a visit to the Register's office, where memories of the time "Gib" served his apprenticeship as Chicago correspondent for that paper, 'way back in the 'nineties (and many a frat of today can recall the tussle he had with "Gib's" copy while learning the art preservative in the Register office), and one thoroughly enjoyed after all these years. Luncheon at the school, then hurried good-byes and with Mr. Betts in charge of him and seeing he got the right car, the visitor was on his way once more—reaching Utica in the late afternoon. At Utica he was greeted by Division President Sandusky and taken to the home of Brother and Mrs. Thomas out in the suburbs of Frankfort, and there made at home. That evening he was tendered a reception, at which he got acquainted with Utica Division, its members and aux-frats, spent a most pleasant evening, did some talking, listened to a lot that made him feel mighty proud of his Society, was regaled with several delicacies for the inner-man; and finally presented with a splendid brief-bag, something he had long wanted, so all the more acceptable, with the Division's best wishes. Good-byes had to be said again when the gathering broke up at a late hour.

Thursday the 21st, accompanied by Secretary Kemp of No. 45 as far as Herkimer, the journey was resumed, and in the early afternoon Schenectady was reached, where President Bailey and Secretary Lloyd of Albany Division made the visitor welcome, and after lunch an auto ride around the city, a call at the home of Brother and Mrs. Eldredge, glimpses of the immense General Electric and American Locomotive plants; and later a trolley ride to Albany, a visit to the splendid State Library, a stroll through town and a look through the Capitol took up the rest of the afternoon. Dinner was had at a local hotel, a sort of informal banquet and quite a spread, the guest of the Division members, then the Elks' Temple was made for, where in its fine assembly hall the Division, its aux-frats and friends were met, a brief

talk given by the guest, Brothers Bailey and Morin and others. After social chat and refreshments, more good-byes were in order and a midnight train for New York bore the tired, but immensely pleased Chicagoan away from the up-state Divisions—Divisions he had wanted to meet for a long time back, so the pleasure was great indeed.

Friday morning the 22nd, "All out, New York, sir," greeted him in excellent "manual" from the Pullman whisk-broom wielder (but the traveler has long since ceased to be surprised at anything New York) and, after a hasty toilet, an excellent breakfast at the fine Grand Central and a few minutes getting one's bearings, 111 Broadway was made for in a bee-line Broadway car (with a "conductorine" taking the nickels). En route the celebrated "hoss cars" were looked for, but, alas, they have gone to join Chicago's cable cars—and many other old landmarks were missed. Reaching "111," the familiar, cordial grip and greeting of Brother Pach, way up on the 21st floor in a fine studio of his own, was met—and there the morning was spent in chat, looking over the establishment, writing home, getting "immortalized"—the "Pach" brand sure does that—and reminiscing old times. Later Secretary Lubin, Murray Campbell and John F. O'Brien dropped in, and dropped down to terra firma, then up another twenty floors for lunch at a tip top inn (in more ways than one). How the editors of Ephpheta and The Frat did talk! (There was a lot to say after a twenty-three years separation. "Montague Tigg," as Brother O'Brien was known in those days, and "Gib" had a lot to recall. With Pach there, it only needed dear old "Ted" to make the quartet complete. Then, later on the return to Pach's it can be imagined how pleased "Gib" was to find Mrs. Lounsbury ("Ted's" widow) there to meet him.) The balance of the afternoon was spent in a trip around town—Wall Street, the curb market and its sign language, the Battery, the aquarium and other points. Around supper time, State Organizer Shea and Brothers Hodgson and Fox joined the others (Brothers Lubin, Pach and Gibson) and after doing justice to an excellent dinner (or supper) the subway was taken to Imperial Hall, over in Brooklyn, where No. 23 holds forth in as fine a hall as the visitor has seen, and there Greater New York Division, its wife, sweetheart, and their friends made the visitor feel at home, talked to him and made him talk to them, had several of its leaders tell everybody what a fine organization the N. F. S. D. is, and—but here the writer has to stop for obvious reasons. Then the Division gave its guest another reminder of its regards, in the shape of a fine gold vest chain, atop of the rest of it! Of course good-byes had to be said again, and in tow of his host, Division Secretary Lubin, home was the word.

The following morning, Saturday the 23rd, was spent quietly at the home of Brother Lubin. After doing justice to Mrs. Lubin's fine dinner, another visit was paid to "Pach's," after which Brother Gibson was the guest of Brothers Shea,

Meinken and Lubin at the Hippodrome for a couple of acts. It was some show, all right—just like New York. The five o'clock train for Philadelphia had to be caught though, so like all other good things it had to end. At the Pennsylvania station Brother Kane (Past Grand Vice-President Kane, the man who put New York on the frat map) joined the party and a few minutes of old-time chat was had—then it was good-bye again, but "See you at Philadelphia" was the consoling addition to it.

Pulling into the Broad Street Station at Philadelphia at seven o'clock, the visitor was greeted by Grand Vice-President Davis and after a light supper at the station cafe, All Souls Parish Hall was made for. Here Philadelphia Division, many ladies and friends, was assembled and a short talk by the visiting frater given, after Brother Davis had warned that his Local Committee had first claim on his time. However, an hour and a half was wheedled out of the chairman (Davis), the opportunity to meet and greet old friends and new being too good to allow it to escape. Then the trip back to town was made in the car of one of the local frats and a visit paid to the Hotel Adelphia—the fine hotel that is to be convention headquarters from July 1 to 6 next. Manager Provan showed the party, now augmented by others of the Local Committee, over the building. Banquet hall, assembly hall, committee rooms, the rooms the guests will occupy, all were shown, and it was and is the Grand Secretary's opinion that the Adelphia will make good on all the accommodations it has agreed to give the convention, its delegates and visiting members—their ladies, too. (Considerable has been said in *The Frat* and elsewhere about the seeming high rates of the Adelphia. It must be remembered that all metropolitan hostleries' rates are high, especially those of the Adelphia's class; that the Adelphia is right in the heart of the city, convenient to attractions, to the center of transportation, to excellent cafes and restaurants—something uptown, and perhaps lower priced hotels cannot show; that it is giving accommodations in the way of convention hall and adjoining rooms with the home part of it, so the whole thing will practically be all under one roof, with no tramping or riding to and from hotel and meeting place, which will be mighty convenient in case of stormy or unbearably warm weather; and last but not least it should be remembered that hotel rates, like everything else, have gone up—and, to be frank, it is thought that the convention coming as it does but once in three years, will bear having a little extra paid out on it where necessary; besides, the committee is doing the best it can, and with comfort and convenience always in mind.) A visit was also paid to No. 30's fine hall in the Grand Fraternity's building. Like No. 23, Philadelphia has cause for priding itself on its fine quarters.

While in Philadelphia the visitor was the guest of Brother and Mrs. Davis. Sunday the 24th was passed in "just resting" mostly, but a business conference with Vice-President Davis and also a talk on convention matters with the Executive Committee part of the Local Committee was had. In the evening several friends

came in and were entertained at dinner in honor of the guest, and the day passed all too soon, and it was "au revoir, not good-bye, you know" that accompanied the "good-nights."

The next morning, Monday the 25th, Brother Davis accompanied his guest to the station and saw him off for Washington, which was to be his last stop before going home. Advice from headquarters to the effect that Washington Division would not stand for being passed by had made an additional day in the east go on the schedule. (Right here the Grand Secretary wishes to tender apologies and regrets that he could not make a stop at Baltimore as well.) Washington was reached about noon and Division Secretary Souder was on hand to act as friend, guide and counsellor—and he did it in great shape. With lunch out of the way, some of the sights were in order and a visit was made to the Capitol, including a look at the Senate and House in session. Washington has changed a lot in twenty-three years, which represents the lapse of time since Brother Gibson's last visit there. The next place on the call list was Gallaudet College, which was reached during the noon hour and consequently many who might otherwise have been met were not at the college. However, an hour was spent going through the buildings, meeting some of the boys, a few of the girls, three of the instructors, and an inspection of the new building for the co-eds. The latter is quite an addition to the facilities of the college and the visitors appreciated the courtesy shown them by Miss Peet in taking them through it. The girls surely have it on the boys in modern comforts these days. Returning to town a call was made on Rev. and Mrs. Bryant and as their guests an auto trip was taken through the city and the parks across the Potomac over to the Virginia shore and along the Arlington road. On the return the two secretaries were dropped in town and had supper there, then an hour was spent at the Library of Congress. At eight o'clock the home of Brother and Mrs. Bryant was the scene of an informal reception at which the visitor had the pleasure of meeting the Washington frats and their ladies, and greeting several old friends whom he had not seen in years, and among them several connected with both ancient and modern frat history, like Brothers Hannan, Pfunder, Stewart and Moore. The evening was all too short—like many other enjoyable ones—and the good-byes had to be repeated all too soon, but with the hope that "we will meet again before or at Philadelphia." (Washington wants the western delegates and visitors who are to join the Chicago party for Philadelphia to stop off there June 29 and 30 and arrangements are to be made looking toward that. Due announcement will be made as soon as plans are complete.) Accompanied by Brothers Moore and Stewart, Brothers Souder and Gibson then made for the B. & O. station, where after final adieus the now homeward-bound traveler boarded a late train for Chicago.

The following day, Tuesday the 26th, was spent en route home, which was reached late the same evening.

Wednesday morning the 27th the Grand

Secretary was back on his job, telling headquarters' staff about the trip, thinking over the whole thing, and, though pretty tired from the strenuousness of it all, the receptions he had, the lot he learned, the pleasure of it all will remain with him for many a day to come. "The East is as frat and as fraternal as the rest of our country; take it from me, I know, I have been there"—says he.

From March 27th to 30th was put in on some hurry-up work that had to be attended to, a good part of it being the preparations necessary for the launching of Division No. 64 and the trip west it called for. Denver had invited the Grand Secretary to come out and see to that—and to see how it could do such things. Arrangements had also been made for stops en route at Davenport, Cedar Rapids and Omaha, and at Kansas City, Olathe and St. Louis on the way back.

Sunday the 31st the western part of the journey was begun—another two thousand miles. It was a most beautiful Easter morning, too, the sort of a day that gave promise of many pleasant things. Davenport, Iowa, was reached at two o'clock (although the traveler's watch said it was one, he not having made the turn ahead the new time called for) and Brothers William Brashar and Oscar Osterberg greeted him at the station. An hour later he was giving a talk and reading at the Times Auditorium before a gathering of the members of Davenport Division and ladies. The same evening an informal meeting of the Division was held at which various divisional and society matters were discussed.

The following day, Monday, April 1, Cedar Rapids was reached in the afternoon and the visitor made welcome by Brothers James, Garrett and Murdock. After supper at the Murdock home, a meeting of Cedar Rapids Division at the home of Brother Williams was attended.

Tuesday, April 2, was spent seeing something of the town and resting up mostly at the home of Brother and Mrs. Carl Osterberg. In the evening a social gathering was held, attended by the frats and aux-frats. They proved considerate as well as hospitable, noting their guest was near to "all in," and set out to relieve him of the talking—entertainment that was appreciated you may be sure as the pace had begun to tell on him. A late train had to be caught, so once more it was "good-bye."

Wednesday, April 3, around daylight the Knight of the Whiskbroom routed out a sound-sleeping tenderfoot with the warning that Council Bluffs was near. A hurried toilet got the aforesaid tenderfoot (you know Omaha is considered quite western and Chicago eastern, even though Omaha is really in about the geographical center of this bully big country of ours) off at Council Bluffs just in time. (This stopoff was made so as to make connections with some of the Omaha Division brothers living there and also so as to pay some calls before going across the Big Muddy to the grand and glorious territory of Ak-sar-ben and Omaha—1915.) Division Secretary Axling gave him the glad hand and waking up grip, filled him with a good old Iowa breakfast, took him around to his print

shop (a shop that is doing its bit in the town's business affairs), gave him his mail—and the day was begun. Then along came Brother Ike—Isaac James Wittwer, you know him—and some calls were set forth upon. First was one to the Rotherth Motor & Supply Co., where Brother Rotherth was found on the job in his new niche in the business world—and some niche it is, a finely located and equipped general auto garage, supply house and agency. From teaching Lizzies and Johns how to shoot, to supplying and looking after not only "Lizzies" but Hudsons, Packards and the rest of them is a far cry, but Brother Rotherth is getting there in great shape. After lunch Omaha was gone to by trolley, and a few business matters attended to and some points of interest visited. Then the Hotel Rome was the rallying point once more. (Remember it, you frats who were lucky enough to be there in 1915?) Supper in the "vineyard," the guest of Brothers Cuscaden, H. Lee, J. S. Long, Seely, H. G. Long, Axling and Wittwer, brought up more memories—and in the lobby one could almost see again the happy groups with flying fingers that filled it that most enjoyable convention week in 1915. Supper over, No. 32's hall was gone to, and here, after meeting and greeting and being greeted by Omaha Division's members and the Omaha aux-frats, the visitor gave a short talk and "The Miracle Man." (To be continued.)

MARCH DISABILITY CLAIMS.

*C. D. Schurman, Athens, Ill.	\$ 20.00
*R. F. Cartin, Columbia, S. C.	5.00
H. B. Siesseger, San Diego, Cal.	50.00
C. W. Drolsbaugh, Scranton, Pa.	20.00
M. A. Caviston, Philadelphia	30.00
W. J. Smith, Pittsburgh	5.00
*G. T. Sanders, Philadelphia	25.00
*J. A. Luke, New York	50.00
*George Ecker, McCleary, Wash.	15.00
J. M. Thompson, Omaha	10.00
J. J. Seelig, New York	5.00
C. R. Pickruhl, Brooklyn	5.00
George W. Frank, New Orleans	25.00
J. F. Schutte, Hartwell, O.	20.00
*L. C. Williams, Potter Valley, Cal.	10.00
G. A. Gallion, Perryman, Md.	10.00
James Hadden, Wetumka, Okla.	50.00
*J. H. Becton, Dyer, Tenn.	5.00
A. J. Heath, Reading	50.00
U. G. Martyn, Indianapolis	20.00
*Albert H. Cashen, Boston	10.00
Wm. Engelbrecht, Detroit	5.00
A. P. Ruh, Kalamazoo	30.00
J. M. Stallings, Lithonia, Ga.	5.00
Felix Bonvouloir, Hartford	5.00

Total for the month.....\$485.00

*Denotes accident claims.

EMBLEM CARDS AND CARD CASES.

The Card Printery, 2421 Moerlein Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio, of which Brother Bacheberle of Cincinnati Division is proprietor, is ready to fill orders for emblem cards (in colors) for use at the coming convention, and which delegates and visitors find mighty useful at such times. Neat card cases may also be had. He has a varied line and it will pay to send for his price-list.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

For March, 1918.

Balance from February.....\$159,417.00

Receipts.

Division collections.....	4,742.68
Rent—Chicago Division.....	5.00
Button sales.....	21.55
Fob sales.....	2.65
Secretary's fees.....	4.25
Bond premiums.....	9.40
Insurance department.....	10.00
Interest from loans.....	909.29
Interest from bonds.....	82.50

Total balance and receipts.....\$165,204.32

Expenditures.

Death benefits.....	\$ 1,500.00
Sick benefits.....	345.00
Accident benefits.....	140.00
Salary, Dr. Furlong.....	15.00
Salary, E. M. Rowse.....	83.33
Salary, F. P. Gibson.....	116.66
Services (clerical).....	48.00
Services, J. F. Meagher.....	5.00
Rent.....	45.00
Official publication.....	127.64
Refunds.....	96.04
Insurance department fees.....	209.00
Office expenses.....	35.82
Furniture and fixtures.....	52.50
Sundry supplies.....	4.69
Postage.....	14.30
Officers' expenses.....	17.75

Total expenditures.....\$ 2,855.73

Recapitulation.

Total balance and receipts.....	\$165,204.32
Total expenditures.....	2,855.73

Balance, March 30.....\$162,348.59

LAW COMMITTEE NOTICE.

Headquarters is preparing for the Grand Division Law Committee a "brief" containing the changes and additions that have been submitted to the committee for convention action. This brief will be mailed to the Division Secretaries as soon as ready and may reach some of them in time for consideration at the May meetings—if not, then all can make it a special order for June meetings' attention, or have it taken up by a special meeting. Two copies will be sent each Division, one for its files and the other for its delegate to take to Philadelphia with him. Notations may be made thereon as to the Division's sentiment in connection with the changes. However, the Law Committee wishes to again lay stress on the importance of having delegates left free to act in such things, and not tied up by "instructions." It was hoped to have this brief in the hands of the Divisions by May 1st, but the fact that headquarters has been handicapped with an unusual rush of work the past few months worked against this wish, and as the changes are mostly of a nature that call for but little debate it is felt that the time given will prove sufficient. There are, of course, a good many other ideas for changes that will come up at the convention, but which have not been submitted to the committee—these will have to have the delegates' attention there.

H. LORRAINE TRACY, Chairman.

STOP OFF AT CINCINNATI.

By James M. Shepherd.

To you, the lucky delegates
Who journey from afar,
We open Cincy's pearly gates
And leave them wide ajar.

We have the sights that entertain,
And also have the dough;
We'll make you merry, shine or rain,
Until you have to go.

We'll float you up to Coney Isle,
We'll waft you to the Zoo,
We'll entertain you boys in style
As fraters always do.

Our lady-folks are sweet and fair,
They're charming—they'll charm you
'Till you forget about dull care
And your sojourn is through.

Don't think this poem silly—
Alas, I've broke my pen!
Stop over, bound for Philly,
With our Division Ten.

TRUSTEES' REPORT.

Ledger Assets, March 30, 1918.

First Mortgage Loans.....	\$114,900.00
First Mortgage Bonds.....	26,500.00
Liberty Bonds.....	5,100.00
Farmers Trust Co.....	9,987.79
Central Trust Co.....	5,460.80
Secretary's Fund.....	300.00
Treasurer's cash balance.....	100.00

Total ledger assets.....\$162,348.59

Balances in Funds.

Mortuary Fund.....	\$ 7,977.25
Reserve Fund.....	146,099.87
Sick and Accident Fund.....	2,476.54
Expense Fund.....	5,794.93

Total in all funds.....\$162,348.59

Concerning Investments.

The mortgage loan on Indianapolis city property, which was mentioned in last month's note, has been closed; the amount of this loan is \$6,000. During March, \$4,000 was received in part payments on principal of two or more of the loans outstanding. This \$4,000, with other surplus funds available for investment, will be placed in some good farm loans—of which there are two or three now about ready to be taken over.

TO PHILADELPHIA DELEGATES AND VISITORS.

Owing to the influx of employees and officials in the U. S. ship-building movement hotel accommodations are going to be pretty well taken up along about our Convention time. It is advisable that reservations for accommodations at the Hotel Adelphia (Convention headquarters) should be made at the earliest possible date. Attention is called once more to the Local Committee's announcement in the January Frat. Harry E. Stevens, Chairman of Hotels Committee, P. O. Box 81, Merchantville, N. J., should be written at once for your reservations.

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IN THE MAKE-GOOD DEGREE.

Ever since Salt Lake City Division was organized and so put Utah on the frat map, we have been trying to get the portrait and a biographical sketch of the man who did those things. We have the portrait, and are giving it herewith, but the sketch is still missing and we will have to write up Melville J. Matheis with the personally gleaned knowledge we have of him. That he is in this degree no one will dispute, and going back to the time Salt Lake City astonished the other Divisions with its elaborate program for the installation celebration it put through, atop of putting through the Division itself, we will say he has been there for some time.



Melville J. Matheis.

Since then there has been no let-up in his activity—he's all frat, through and through. State Organizer for Utah, Secretary of his Division, always in anything for the advancement of his and our class, a hustling Western get-there and all-around booster about tells his story. In private life he's the head of a family and righthand man in the mechanical department of a leading printing firm of his home town. He has been East before, and has met quite a few of the frats down this way—and is coming again for Philadelphia, 1918, as the delegate for his Division. His acquaintance with the printer's art does not end with the mechanical part, either. He has contributed quite a few articles to publications for the deaf, including this one, and at one time edited and printed one of his own. We guess we have said enough to prove our case—and his. And notwithstanding his modesty as to the biography not being forthcoming.

ON ALL DAYS

WITH EACH PURCHASE OF
WHEAT FLOUR FOR HOME USE
YOU MUST BUY ALSO AN EQUAL
AMOUNT OF OTHER CEREALS



TREASURER'S REPORT.

Division Collections for March.

Chicago.....	\$ 536.25
Detroit.....	218.77
Saginaw.....	21.56
Louisville.....	81.91
Little Rock.....	81.93
Nashua.....	30.26
Dayton.....	56.91
Bay City.....	9.24
Cincinnati.....	95.58
Evansville.....	20.49
Nashville.....	28.19
Springfield (O.).....	22.96
Olathe.....	70.32
Flint.....	91.90
Toledo.....	69.08
Milwaukee.....	133.65
Columbus.....	74.00
Knoxville.....	45.01
Cleveland.....	87.95
Indianapolis.....	202.85
Greater New York.....	189.21
St. Louis.....	146.39
New Haven.....	59.72
Holyoke.....	73.69
Los Angeles.....	93.39
Atlanta.....	77.29
Philadelphia.....	169.03
Kansas City.....	103.71
Omaha.....	94.22
New Orleans.....	87.99
Kalamazoo.....	17.25
Boston.....	75.57
Pittsburgh.....	105.33
Hartford.....	25.04
Memphis.....	41.97
Portland (Me.).....	77.59
Buffalo.....	52.10
Portland (Ore.).....	57.02
Newark.....	85.16
Providence.....	36.54
Seattle.....	34.14
Utica.....	59.01
Washington.....	70.24
Baltimore.....	27.46
Syracuse.....	54.32
Cedar Rapids.....	94.15
Huntington.....	25.27
Albany.....	38.39
Rochester.....	52.18
San Francisco.....	91.60
Reading.....	26.32
Akron.....	112.34
Salt Lake City.....	42.46
Rockford.....	67.03
Springfield (Ill.).....	65.71
Davenport.....	40.44
Worcester.....	32.39
St. Paul.....	63.11
Ft. Worth.....	50.71
Dallas.....	48.39

Total collections.....\$4,742.68

THRIFT WEEK JINGLES.

Jones says: "I'll make an honest shrift,
I've never had the saving gift;
By H. C. L. I've oft been biff't,
But now I'm on another shift."

Says Uncle Sam: "I get your drift,
And I am very far from miff't,
For when you start to practice Thrift
You give yourself and me a lift."
—Howard Mann, in Chicago Evening Post.

IN THE MAKE-GOOD DEGREE.

With this we are handing it to "Jimmy"—J. Frederick Meagher, to be more respectful and correct. Maybe it's because he's on the staff and so recognizes The Editor as boss that the familiar is used, but, again, that's what his friends call him. Anyhow, he's in this degree to stay, so here goes. There are mighty few frats who have not heard of the young man, how he has chased the genus impostor nearly off the map, in his official capacity of Chief of the Impostor Bureau of the N. A. D. And there are his contributions to the Silent Worker, the Journal, and recently to The Frat. A product of the Rochester school, married and having a son that is said to be bound to beat his dad, a printer that knows his trade, an all-around hustler, sportsman and regular fellow, sums him up—and as you can see he's young yet. He is to represent Portland Division No. 41 at the Philadelphia Convention, too.



J. Frederick Meagher.

Just a little while ago he added new laurels to his fame. He's now National Amateur Athletic Union bantam weight wrestling champion. So far as is known to us he is the first deaf-mute to win a national championship in any form of athletics. In 1907 he was second in the 115 pound class. He's now sporting his gold medal emblematic of the 1918 108-pound championship. And the athletic world is agog with the novelty of a married man coming-back at age 31. He is carrying the colors of the Gary, Ind., Y. M. C. A. There's more to the story, too. In getting out of a hammer-lock near to the end of the bout and with but a few seconds left to get a fall, he dislocated his left shoulder and won his fall while so crippled, with a scissors hold, and was declared winner while nearly unconscious with pain. That's Jimmy all over.

ON WHEATLESS DAYS

USE NO BREAD, CRACKERS,
PASTRY OR BREAKFAST
FOODS CONTAINING
WHEAT.





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SPECIAL NOTICE.

In sending changes of address Division
Secretaries and individual members
should always give the old address as
well as the new one.

\$162,348.69.

Philadelphia—July 1-6.

Nos. 64 and 65 are welcomed to the
Division circle. Both have splendid send-
offs and fine prospects. Watch them
grow.

Only two months more and Philadelphia
will meet us—and vice versa. Have you
arranged to be there? Better see the boss
now about that vacation or week off.
You'll miss a lot if you are absent.

Prior to the Omaha convention "4,000
by Omaha" was the slogan. It failed of
accomplishment. We have a chance to
make Philadelphia see that 4,000 if a little
earnest recruiting is done. Get busy, boys.

It is doing us a lot of good to see the
fine manner in which the Silent Worker
has come back; it is again in its glory, with
its old-time splendid make-up, editorial
pep and interesting staff of writers.
Long may it wave in that position.

It's no use, we cannot catch up. This
month's Frat is late again. Force of cir-
cumstances is to blame, just as we wrote in
the October and November "Questions
and Answers" columns. Maybe Phila-
delphia will make arrangements for better
things. Here's hoping. Anyhow, remem-
ber we are doing the best we can.

A number of vital statistics—births,
marriages, etc.—were overlooked last
month and omitted from that issue, and
are presented in this. Accidents will
happen; if you have a kick to register in
that direction send it to Jimmie Meagher,
not to any of the poor, overworked head-
quarters staff. Jimmie is used to kicks,
every fresh criticism only causes him to sit
down and—write a poem. However, we
will appreciate all copy reaching this office
by the 15th of the month it is wanted to
appear in The Frat, to add a by-the-way.

THE GET-ONE DEGREE.

Here is the month's list of endorsers.
To have one's name appear in this list is an
"honorable mention." It means that one
has really done something to help along
the society's growth and progress.

Detroit Division—Ben Beaver, W. J.
Japes.

Little Rock—Wm. O. Hill.
Flint—Ellis R. Brown, Fred A. Lawra-
son, C. J. Ridler.

Milwaukee—Clarence Hansen, Walter
O. Dowe, Edwin W. Nelson, Ladimer
Kolman, Geo. F. Flick.

Columbus—C. C. Neuner.
Cleveland—Frank E. Faulhaber (2),
John A. Smolk.

Greater New York—Chas. J. Sanford,
John D. Shea, H. J. Goldberg.

St. Louis—Geo. D. Hunter.
Holyoke—Thos. F. Sheehan.

Philadelphia—H. P. Friemel.
Boston—Everett G. Graves.

Memphis—Jas. A. Tood.
Newark—E. A. Daubner, Ed. Bradley.

Seattle—J. H. O'Leary (2), Wm. B.
West.

Albany—John F. Koepler.
Akron—Tom J. Blake.

Rockford—Orville Adleman.
St. Paul—J. A. Benolkin (2), Fred

Brant.
Denver—J. S. Fisher (2).

TO DIVISION TREASURERS.

Some of you are not observing the
Society's law (page 14) about the date of
forwarding your monthly reports to head-
quarters. The law means just what it
says, and must be observed. Hereafter
delinquents will be reported to their
Division Secretary. It must be remem-
bered that between the time your report
reaches headquarters and the end of the
month it has to be checked up, audited
and the amount entered on our books and
deposited, and your receipt sent to you, all
of which cannot be done promptly unless
you are prompt yourself. The attention
of the Division Trustees is also called to
this notice.

MARCH DEATH CLAIMS.

Paid to Mrs. Edith Castner, Hartwell,
O., for death benefit of John F. C. Schutte,
Certificate No. 256, deceased February 2,
1918, \$500.00.

Paid to Mrs. Emma Matthews, St.
Louis, Mo., for death benefit of Hubert M.
Matthews, Certificate No. 1,642, deceased
January 23, 1918, \$1,000.00.

FEBRUARY DEATH CLAIM.

(Omitted from March Frat.) Paid to
L. M., J. V., E. E., and H. R. Glover,
Spartanburg, S. C., for death benefit of
J. Walter Glover, Certificate No. 1,852,
deceased January 28, 1918, \$1,000.00

CARL BRIICK, JR.

Just as The Frat was going to press we
were advised of the death at Detroit of
Brother Carl Briick, Jr., April 25th. As
yet full particulars have not been received.

AFTER PHILADELPHIA—NEW YORK.

To the Editor of the Frat:

While I do not know the present regu-
lations under Government control, the
railroads formerly sold through round-
trip tickets from distant points with rates
to New York the same as to Philadelphia,
with stop-over in Philadelphia and return
trip circular—that is return home via
another route.

I would suggest that delegates make
inquiries before buying tickets, and in
any case seeing New York on Monday,
July 8.

At the May meeting of Greater New
York Division I will bring up the matter
of having a committee appointed to take
the matter of entertaining the delegates
officially that day—showing off little old
New York in the afternoon and taking
a steamer ride to Coney Island about
six in the evening, with a dinner down there
very much like the one our Division had
last summer in honor of the returning
Hartford delegates.

A day in New York, with hotel bill and
incidental expenses, need not set a dele-
gate back more than \$5.

Fraternalty yours,
ALEXANDER L. PACH.

[In comment, we will say that plans are
under way to arrange a party from Chica-
go, and it is very likely New York will
be the end of the going part of the ticket.
Announcement as to all this will be made
in the May Frat. As for the visit to New
York and its Division's part in it, we know
it would be enjoyable indeed.—Ed.]

NEW MEMBERS.

2. Austin R. Franke.....Detroit, Mich.
5. Edgar B. Hughes.....Benton, Ark.
15. Severus Sepponen.....Flint, Mich.
15. Bert E. Maxson.....Flint, Mich.
17. Ervin Harter.....Manitowoc, Wis.
17. Leonard F. Weiss.....Milwaukee, Wis.
17. Valentine Kuzba.....Milwaukee, Wis.
17. Fred A. Moeller.....Milwaukee, Wis.
17. Harry F. Hansman.....Knapp, Wis.
18. Hugh Wright.....Mt. Gilead, O.
21. James Biely.....Cleveland, O.
21. Wm. E. Gray.....Cleveland, O.
21. Harry A. Whalen.....Cleveland, O.
23. Simon Mundheim.....Brooklyn, N. Y.
23. Eugene Pons.....Mt. Vernon, N. Y.
24. Wm. C. Blackshaw.....St. Louis, Mo.
25. Jos. A. Sheehan Jr.....Bridgeport, Conn.
26. Henry J. Beauvais.....Springfield, Mass.
30. Carl W. Kutzer.....Bridgesburg, Pa.
34. John F. Cordano.....St. Joseph, Mich.
34. Clifford Stevens.....Battle Creek, Mich.
35. Arthur R. Conley.....Cambridge, Mass.
38. Charles H. Ashe.....Covington, Tenn.
42. Wm. A. Sullivan.....Elizabeth, N. J.
42. A. J. Barbarulo.....W. Orange, N. J.
44. Orva J. McBrearty.....Pomeroy, Wash.
44. Otis T. Zentzis.....Rosalia, Wash.
44. Loenard Rasmussen.....Seattle, Wash.
51. Louis W. Borowick.....Scheneectady, N.Y.
55. Louis Seinensohn.....Akron, Ohio
57. Wm. I. French.....Freeport, Ill.
61. Chas. R. Booth.....St. Paul, Minn.
61. Edward A. Hauwiller.....St. Paul, Minn.
61. Jas. S. Bowen.....Minneapolis, Minn.
64. Wm. A. Teter.....Denver, Colo.
64. Daniel Decker.....Denver, Colo.

DENVER DIVISION, No. 64.

Denver Division, No. 64, was installed at Denver, Colo., Saturday evening, April 6, with Grand Secretary Gibson in charge of the installing ceremonies.

The Division starts out with 25 charter members and will soon have a membership of around 50 through transfers and new applicants. Those signing the charter petition (the charter members) were: John S. Fisher, Frank B. Pleasant, Thomas Collins, J. L. Harvat, Frank A. Lessley, Alfred L. Kent, T. Roland Tansey, Luther Alford, John McTigue, Benjamin W. Cunningham, William C. Swink, John E. Rodgers, Clarence P. Jones, Harry W. Metcalfe, Logan F. Johnson, Guy A. Rasey, James Alford, Karl A. Knudsen, Charles L. Allen, Jr., Morris M. Johnson, John A. Kilthau, William Greenewald, David H. Wolpert, Richard B. Dixon, Roy F. Brooks.

The following officers were elected: Frank A. Lessley, President; J. Leon Harvat, Vice-President; John S. Fisher, Secretary; Thomas Collins, Treasurer; Alfred L. Kent, Director; John McTigue, Sergeant; Alfred L. Kent, Frank B. Pleasant, T. Roland Tansey, Trustees.

Meetings will be held the second Monday of the month and at the Division's own hall and club room, 420 Charles Building.

MEN WANTED.

We are offering steady and summer employment to mutes over eighteen years for Government work and regular lines. This work is especially desirable for mutes. We are now employing about four hundred. Our factory operates six days per week, on three eight-hour shifts. While learning operations we pay you 35 cents per hour plus 10 per cent bonus on all wages for steady attendance, computed in weekly periods. After learning the work, which takes from one to six weeks, you are able to earn from \$3 to \$6 per day and better.

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Apply in person or communicate with Factory Employment Office: The Good-year Tire and Rubber Company, Akron, Ohio.

DEAF FRENCH YOUTH WINS WAR CROSS.

The steamer Louisiane H-24, out of Dunkerque, with a crew of twelve men including the master was torpedoed in the North Sea on March 25, 1917. The gunners immediately trained their piece on the submarine and with a well-aimed hit sent it to the bottom. The crew of the French steamer then saved themselves by swimming. But the captain had forgotten his papers. The stoker, Jean Lebars, enrolled from Audierne, went back on board, secured the papers, and took care of them in the water until he was picked up with his comrades by the rescue boats. All were worn out by fatigue and suffering.

For having fought a submarine in time of war all the members of the crew received the croix de guerre.

Jean Lebars is a young semi-mute, twenty-six years of age. He came to

Paris not long after the exploit above narrated and has been admitted to membership in the Etoile Sportive des Sourds-Muets—for he is keen in sports, like all the boys from the Breton coast. He lost his hearing at the age of eleven, and seems capable of rendering good service to his fellow-deaf, for he can write well. By trade he is a wood-carver.—[La Gazette des Sourds-Muets.

MORE NEWS FROM JOHN K. CLOUD.

The Editor of The Frat has received from John K. Cloud postcards mailed at Naples, Rome, and Florence, Italy, and speaking of also visiting Mt. Vesuvius, Pompeii and Capri, which show that John, as he stated in his letter printed in the March Frat, is making good use of his Christmas money.

Below we append an article translated from the March issue of the French paper for the deaf, the Gazette des Sourds-Muets.

"Mr. John K. Cloud, hearing son of the president of the American National Association of the Deaf and driver of the de l'Epee ambulance presented to France by the deaf of the United States, is now on the Italian front with his gift-car.

"Secretary F. P. Gibson of the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf has sent to M. Henri Gaillard a check for 470 francs to be forwarded to Mr. Cloud as a Christmas present from the American deaf in token of their affection for the first of their boys to be leaving of his own free will to face the risks of war.

"This check reached our Director about the middle of December, but Mr. Cloud was not able to acknowledge it until the 27th of January in course of a spare moment in Milan.

"Our brothers across the Atlantic can accordingly feel reassured. Our nephew from America has at last received his draft."

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES.

WANTED.—Deaf-mute young men to learn shoe cutting. Good wages for beginners; steady employment all the year around. Will refund transportation or send railroad ticket to responsible parties applying. Write at once to J. G. Erhardt, Superintendent, Huiskamp Brothers Shoe Co., Keokuk, Iowa.

WANTED—Deaf-mute barber; first class. The right man can make from \$28 to \$35 per week. Steady work. Address D. T. Rohleder, N. E. Corner East Market and Irvin Sts., East Akron, Ohio.

THE FELLOW FEELING.

The fraternal spirit in the lodge should be aroused—more activity shown—in order to keep the lapses down. A committee should be appointed in every lodge to arrange entertainments during the coming fall and winter months, thereby getting the members to turn out and help to keep up that good, fraternal feeling, which we so much need in our lodges. Show the new member that attending lodge meeting is not altogether exemplifying ritual, etc., but create that good, brotherly feeling by a cordial "How do you do," and taking a hand in entertaining.—Fraternity.

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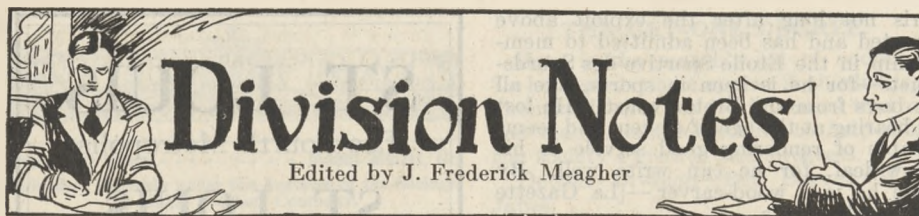
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COMING DIVISION EVENTS.

May.

5. Walk.....	Rochester
11. May party.....	Chicago
11. Social.....	Philadelphia
11. Social.....	Utica
11. Box social.....	Davenport
11. Lecture.....	Albany
15. Social.....	St. Paul
17. Reading and talk.....	Columbus
18. Smoker.....	Cincinnati
18. Smoker.....	Pittsburgh
18. Social.....	Huntington
18. Social.....	Toledo
18. "Magic".....	Dayton
25. Box social.....	Springfield, Ill.
25. Social.....	Cleveland
25. Social.....	Boston
25. Bazaar.....	Salt Lake City
25. Party.....	Worcester
29. Social and dance.....	Providence
30. Picnic.....	Davenport
30. Excursion.....	Washington
30. Social.....	Pittsburgh

June.

1. Picnic.....	Syracuse
15. Strawberry festival.....	Rochester
16. Picnic.....	Rockford
22. Strawberry festival.....	Pittsburgh
22. Ice cream festival.....	Reading
22. Lawn fete.....	Columbus
22. Outing.....	Salt Lake City

July.

1-6. Triennial Convention.....	Philadelphia
4. Celebration.....	Evansville
4. Picnic.....	Denver
4. Outing.....	Worcester
14. Picnic.....	Chicago

Chicago.

Arrangements are all complete for Chicago Division's May Party at Colonial Hall, May 11. It will be the last dance of the season and Chairman Knobloch and his committee promise great things in the way of entertainment.

The Division's annual picnic is scheduled for July 14 and it is hoped some of the western delegates will be able to stop over and take it in on their way home from the big doings at Philadelphia.

Robert L. Cave of Columbia, S. C., was in Detroit and Flint last month, and from Flint he drove a Buick car home, being one of forty-nine drivers in charge of that many cars. The trip home took ten days.

John Carl Smith of South Dakota is now a Chicago resident, holding a good situation at the Stevens-Maloney printery.

George Petrimoult has a good situation at Cleveland and a three years' contract back of it.

J. J. Boyer has moved to Freeport, Ill., near his old home at Lena. He has a linotype job on the Bulletin, having taken

a course at the Mergenthaler school.

Joseph Crimmens is back to his old job, and old love—Chicago. No place like home.

Edward Knobloch is the proud possessor of a Reo car and Ward Small has graduated from a Ford to a Buick. Don't forget the Editor, boys.

Will Brashar was a recent visitor here, for some surgical attention. He returned to Davenport looking and feeling a lot better.

John H. Kader of Detroit was a caller on his way to Taylorsville to attend the funeral of a brother.

Frank Zitnik has returned to Akron, and Goodyear's.

Glenn Smith and J. F. Meagher won medals in the recent American Athletic Federation tournament. The S. A. C. wrestlers are some, all right. And note elsewhere what "Jimmy" did in another match.—F. P. G.

John D. Sullivan and Leo Clinnen will represent Chicago Division at Philadelphia. A good pair to draw to.

Recent callers at headquarters, in addition to those mentioned elsewhere, were Mrs. Nyhus of St. Paul; Henry B. Plunkett, Milwaukee; Mrs. Fred Becker and Miss Myrtle Murphy of Topeka, Kas.; Harry J. Unruh of St. Joe, Mich.; Fred Rapp and Eldon Gedney of Peoria, Ill.

Jamison Hawkins has gone back to his old Kentucky home. "Jamie" liked Chicago, and vice versa, but the home ties were stronger.

Adolph Swee is now located in Clintonville, Wis., having secured a situation there as a linotype operator.

G. Emery Horn tells us the Journal account of his marriage was rather twisted—no truth in the statement he had to wander around till near midnight looking for a minister to tie the knot. That all-important adjunct to the ceremony had been provided for beforehand. Brother Horn is now a Chicagoan, and with the big Rogers-Hall printery.

The Silent Athletic Club is now located in new quarters at 28-32 North Wells St. Visiting frats are invited to make the club rooms their headquarters while in Chicago.

Milwaukee.

Notice to Non-resident Members: The new address of Division Treasurer Ladimir Kolman is 25 East North Avenue, Wauwatosa, Wis.—just outside the western city limits of Milwaukee. Be prompt with your dues, please.

Paul Kruger a few weeks ago had a narrow escape from serious injury. He was about to solder a leak in the gasoline tank of his auto, when the tank exploded, damaging the roof of the garage, setting his clothes on fire and hurting his left hand

badly. He believes that, had he been bending over the work, he would probably have been killed. He was not so disabled however, as to prevent him from attending to his duties as foreman for the Globe Tailoring Co., which is making uniforms for the army.

James J. Kearns has an attack of baseball fever, and is going to organize a team to be known as Kearns' Colts which will play match games with out-of-town Frat teams. Any team wishing to arrange for games can write to James J. Kearns, 2613 Fond du Lac Avenue, Milwaukee, Wis.

William Schollmeier and John Lewis have given up their jobs with the Federal Rubber Co., at Cudahy, and are back at their old respective trades of moulding and tailoring. There are a few other Frats still working for the rubber company, some of them earning as high as \$4.50 a day.

Emil Rosenfield, John Czerzan and Ernest Blumer are on the sick list. The two first named are now on the road to recovery, but Ernest is not expected to live long. He has been very sick for the past five months with a chronic illness, and is now blind and all broken down.

Fred Rapp wishes anyone who is seriously thinking of going on to attend the Philadelphia convention to write him for information, as he contemplates making the whole trip to Philadelphia and return in his car. Are you going?

The box social which came off on April 13 was well attended. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Harter, Mrs. Joseph Drinkwine, Edwin Drinkwine, and George F. Johnson were among those present from out of town. The auction of lunch boxes was quite exciting, some of them being sold for over \$1.25. Mrs. Elizabeth Kurry won a prize for the best-decorated box. The affair was held under the management of Mmes. Langner, Kurry, Pleskatchek, Kolman, Nordwig, and Maertz.

A party was held on April 6 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Kurry in honor of Mrs. Elizabeth Harter of Racine. Mrs. Minnie Nordwig and Miss Nettie Jones were the prize winners at rummy.

Mrs. Edwin Teweles has returned from Cincinnati, where she has been on a six weeks' visit. A surprise party was intended in her honor on April 11, but owing to her keen suspiciousness the "surprise" part of it fell through, and it was turned into an ordinary birthday party. The guests had an awful good time, however. Mrs. Adolph Struck won the prize for accuracy in a blindfold contest, while her husband drew the consolation prize for the wildest stab.

Milwaukee Division has secured another meeting place—southwest corner of Third and State Streets, third floor. It is in the center of the city, and more easily reached than the hall No. 17 has been using heretofore. The street cars go right by the new location.

Detroit.

William K. Liddy was elected delegate to the Philadelphia convention, with Daniel I. Whitehead as senior alternate in case Brother Liddy should be unable to serve.

Mr. and Mrs. William J. Japes, who have

been spending the winter in Los Angeles, have returned and are temporarily quarantined with Mrs. C. C. Colby of Cadillac Ave.

Evan R. Scott of Boston, who came with his Worcester bride on a honeymoon, took such a liking for Detroit that they have decided to remain. He has secured a position in the Dodge Brothers automobile plant.

John Miller of Chicago has secured work with the Ford Motor plant. Frank E. Friday has also resumed his work there after an absence of several months.

Indianapolis.

There is little news to chronicle aside from the illness of Brother Martyn, who is at the city hospital looking very thin. It is impossible for him to secure rest by lying down, as it hurts his back, so he sits all day with his forehead on the table. Warm weather is expected to bring about an improvement.

Dayton.

May 18 the king of deaf magicians, Preston L. Stevenson, will give a sleight-of-hand performance for the benefit of No. 8's delegate fund.

Davenport.

Davenport will have a box social May 11 and a picnic May 30.

Reading.

Harrison F. Yoder and his bride visited relatives and friends in Philadelphia, April 5, 6 and 7.

Harry Weaver spent several days with his folks in Lancaster recently.

Paul Albert is the latest addition to our roster, having secured work in the Textile Machine works of Wyomissing, where more than half a dozen Frats are already employed as machinists.

Corey E. Allen, a bobbin-maker in the Allentown Bobbin works, has attended every meeting since becoming a member, although Allentown is thirty-six miles from Reading. [Good boy.—Ed.]

Frank W. Brinkley, a nut tapping operative in the American Iron and Wire Steel Company of Lebanon—a branch of the Bethlehem Steel corporation—was present at the meeting April 6.

Louisville.

Secretary Robert Irick was elected delegate to the Philadelphia convention at our April meeting. Lloyd E. Scott, our treasurer, copped the alternate honors after three ballots.

Wm. Bill Humphrey has given up farm life and sold out down near Lancaster. He and his family are now located in Louisville, at 2509 Columbia St.

Terry Page, non-resident living in El Paso, Texas, writes us that he is thinking of moving back to this dear old Kentucky. There's no place like home.

All non-resident members will take notice: Treasurer Lloyd E. Scott has moved to 120 Stoll Avenue. The reason for moving is none other than he is now living in a better house. Don't forget this new address of the treasurer.

Jackson Morrison writes that he is once more a "hayseed." He has bought a fine fifty-acre farm down by Lebanon Junction, where land is extra good, and we feel sure

he will soon drop in on us again looking "prosperity" all over. He was raised on a farm and knows the ropes.

Robert Hartman has our sympathy upon the death of his eldest son, Ernest, who died in Lima, Ohio, on April 14. Double pneumonia was the cause of the young man's death. A widow and three small children survive. The body was brought to Louisville and buried in Evergreen Cemetery. Brothers Harris, L. Scott, Campbell, Reiss, Senn and Irick were the pallbearers.

We are glad to report A. S. Johnston is able to return to work but has not done so yet. He will as soon as able to walk with a cane. Automobiles are no longer permitted to run past a standing street car in this city, a state law which prohibits it being rigidly enforced by the mayor. If the law had been enforced all along Brother Johnston would not have been run down while making a transfer of cars.

W. J. Blount, non-resident, a teacher in the school at Danville, is reported very badly off with heart trouble. He has pulled through two attacks and there is hope for his recovery.

Herman W. Scott has gone to Illinois to do farm work during the summer. He had a good job here in this city, but city life had no charm for him. He will be back with us next winter.

State Organizer W. C. Fugate's address is Glenn, Ky.

Uncle Pat Dolan reports his barrel inspecting business booming. His concern is shipping barrels "K. D." by the carload to Syracuse, N. Y. Pat was happy at our April meeting, as he got a raise in pay.

We overlooked announcing the marriage of Walter C. Elkins to Miss Grace George, both of Boatwright, Ky., on December 25 last. The happy "newlyweds" live here in Louisville at 108 W. Jacob Street. Brother Elkins is well liked by all our members.

Toledo.

John Opieka was recently appointed foreman in the commercial department of the Bond Outdoor Advertising Company. This company has been losing good men in the draft, and the manager thinks he will give draft-exempt deaf men a chance to learn the sign painting trade. Brother Opieka is going to open a school of lettering in the new shop and by means of night classes instruct the deaf in the rudiments of the trade while they are employed elsewhere by day.

Since his wife joined Jack Bertram, they have been moving every few months, but have finally settled in Waterville on a three-acre tract fronting the Maumee River and canal. A bath costs nothing there. His famous White Plymouth Rocks carried off the blue ribbon at the recent poultry show. Then came some bad luck; Brother Bertram started burning rubbish one morning, stamped out all the sparks as far as he could see, and went to work. When he got back he found his barn smoldering in ashes, and some of his famous prizewinners burned to death.

Finding single blessedness unbearable, Brother Scheluster took unto himself a wife in the person of Miss Hazel McFarland.

Charles W. Hess has been transferred from the Akron Division, and Edward M. Hetzel from Columbus. The latter is employed with the Matheis Springs Company.

John Opieka has bought a five-acre tract near the Michigan boundary and is dreaming of a mansion surrounded by majestic trees.

Toledo Division donated the use of its hall on the social date to the ladies, who gave an entertainment with a lecture by C. C. Charles of Columbus as the drawing card. Patriotic songs were rendered by Mesdames Walton, Green, Opieka and Tucker. \$33.35 were netted, which was turned over to the Red Cross.

The winter socials have proven so enjoyable and profitable that the Division will have no trouble in sending a delegate to Philadelphia.

The admission of women to our organization is a question on which Divisions should not instruct their delegates unless they have reached some positive conclusion after mature deliberation and research. Toledo remains noncommittal on the topic and will probably leave its delegate to be guided by the arguments advanced pro and con at Philadelphia.

Cincinnati.

The great, grand, glorious conglomeration of gyrating goats and congress of Cincinnati's fearless Fraters—ye!pt the "smoker"—will finally come off on May 18, rain, snow, hail or shine, with the great and only Brudder Bacheberle in the role of Most Noble and Exalted Royal Vizier. As an added attraction to the three-ring circus we have secured a tremendous expense the great and only Gib(raltar)son, who will come down from headquarters in Chicago armed with the mystic password and his well-known smile. Out-of-town Frats will be cordially welcomed—provided they possess the password and a paidup due card.

The afternoon following, Sunday, May 19, the Grand Secretary will deliver a lecture in the Y. M. C. A., to which everyone, Frat or non-Frat, lady or gentleman, is cordially invited. A free-will offering will be collected for the benefit of the Ohio Home for Aged and Infirm Deaf.

Charles H. Fry has moved to St. Louis with his parents and will be greatly missed. Hey, Charlie, don't forget to return the first week of October to meet the boys in rooter's row and yell your head off for the Reds in the world's series. This is to be a sure thing. [We are sending a marked copy of this issue to Mugsy McGraw of the Giants.—Ed.]

Cincinnati Division celebrated the anniversary of our entrance into the war by buying \$100 worth of the Third Liberty Loan bonds, having previously purchased \$50 worth of the second issue.

Sam Taylor, the perpetual prexy of No. 10, was the first man in his shop to buy a Third Liberty Loan bond.

The younger element pleasantly surprised Linden Herzer April 13 with an elegant signet ring and a copy of Long's dictionary of the sign language. Brother Linden, who is No. 10's youngest member, lost his hearing at the age of 15, and the dictionary will be a great help to him

He is employed at the Rebhun last works, where some fifteen other Frats have situations.

Pittsburgh.

John L. Friend will probably not be allowed to go to the Philadelphia convention on account of the war orders he is working on—5-, 6-, 8-, and 9-inch shells for America and rails for France. He is a roller in the steel mills and makes very high wages. As he has not had a vacation for sixteen years he hoped to attend the Philadelphia "doings" but his foreman states the oldest hands will have to stick to the job until the war is over. Brother Friend says Sherman knew what he was talking about.

Columbus.

Grand Secretary Gibson will be in Columbus, Friday, May 17, and in the evening he will give a talk at the chapel of the school for the deaf which will be followed by a social in the library. Everybody is welcome and it is hoped many of our non-resident members can arrange to attend and meet "Gib."

Rochester.

It must be nice to roam around
From Rochester to Denver,
A handsome giant of reknown
Who wields a facile pen for
The welfare of our Society,
Saluted as "His Nibs,"
It must be nice to cut such ice
As Grand Pen-pusher Gib's.

Division No. 52 was extremely fortunate to have Grand Secretary Francis P. Gibson of Chicago Headquarters give the members an interesting talk at Powers Hotel. Rudolph Schmitt served as a reception committee of one, and took the Secretary all over the city. He enjoyed his visit almost as much as we did, and several prominent "put it offs" are expected to join anon as a consequence of his sojourn.

A number of the locals with their wives took a bus ride out to Barnard to surprise Mr. and Mrs. Kimmel and Harry Lovell, March 31. Brothers Kimmel and Lovell have rented a ten-acre fruit farm and expect to do well this season.

While Ira Todd was talking with a friend recently, a stranger stepped up and inquired his way. Noticing the Frat button Todd inquired if he were deaf, and mutual introductions proved the mysterious stranger to be Brother Landon of Utica. Moral: wear the button, that mystic emblem of Fraternalism and you will find friends wherever you go.

Theodore Hoffman and his bride came down from Syracuse March 24 to call on Ira Todd and other former schoolmates.

"Events to come cast their shadows before" as follows: April 27, box social and pedro party; May 5, May walk; June 15, strawberry festival; July 20, midsummer evening frolic; August 31, lawn fete; September 1, beach dinner; September 2, picnic.

Syracuse.

Styles R. Woodworth has been elected delegate to Philadelphia, with Robert Conley alternate.

Chairman Sager is arranging for the big picnic June 1 at Thater Park.

Brother Herlan spent a week in Utica with his brother, just before the latter left for Camp Dix.

Robert Conley and his bride are running the farm of Mrs. Conley's father at Phelps, the father having gone to Canada to care for his one thousand acres sown to grain.

Most of the local Frats are interested in war gardens.

Utica.

The evening of Friday, March 22, will go down in Utica annals as a red letter occasion of the first magnitude. Grand Secretary Gibson stopped over night during his recent tour East as the guest of our Division, and some forty-odd Frats and aux-Frats took advantage of the reception in his honor at the Thomas home to get acquainted with the "head push" of the Society. Everyone seemed pleased with Brother Gibson's personality, and enjoyed his talk on headquarters' work. Secretary Kemp, in behalf of the Division, presented the Grand Secretary with a handsome leather brief bag. [Yes, it was something he really needed and as we transcribe these notes for the linotype he is proudly displaying it to visitors. Who was it first remarked that a prophet is never without honor save in his own country.—Ed.]

March 15 quite a number of the Utica Frats went to attend the entertainment of the troop of Boy Scouts at the school in Rome, reciprocating for their visit March 9.

Plans for our annual picnic at Sylvan Beach, August 3, are in the formative stage and will be duly announced in full.

The entertainment committee is arranging a social to follow our May meeting. Charles Kemp is in charge and plans to have several of the leading ladies hereabouts give their views on the proposed admission of women to the N. F. S. D. A social time will follow, concluded with refreshments.

Thomas Harter, Thomas Muldoon and Frank Green of Iliion, and James Manning of Herkimer were in Syracuse April 6 and 7, calling on Frank Lee, P. P., while there. They report Brother Lee, who has been subbing on the Syracuse Post Standard, now holds down a regular trick and is correspondingly happy.

Pasquale Sciortino, one of Utica's charter members, who was transferred to Albany last November, is back in Utica and expects to resume his connection with No. 45.

Harry Simon is again on the go. After a few weeks' work at the Iliion armory he quit and went to Syracuse, and where he is now the Lord only knows—for the Secretary don't. Traveling Frats are exceedingly careless in the important matter of keeping their home Secretary informed of their whereabouts.

Walter Brown is another Iliion boy who became dissatisfied and quit. He is now back at his former job with the Souquoit Paper Company at Utica.

Richard McCabe of Gloversville is now working as linotype operator on the Utica Herald-Dispatch and has made good. As soon as he finds a house to suit him he expects to move his family to Utica and may eventually transfer to our Division from Albany.

Albert Devoe suffered a slight shock some time ago and fell and hurt his shoulder quite severely. He was laid up for some time, but is up and around again.

William Wolfe is expecting a call to work in a government shipyard and is very proud that he should have been accepted, and equally proud of his badge.

Samuel McAllister, P. P., who has been in Bridgeport the past winter, is back in Iliion where he has a job in the armory.

We have received an invitation to attend the opening of the new Denver Division April 5, 6, 7. Just a little too far, brothers, but we send congratulations and best wishes. "Be ye fruitful and multiply."

New York.

The faithful of Number Skidoo were pleasantly surprised on receiving their postal notice to attend the April meeting to find a postscript, rubber stamped, announcing to all and sundry that Grand Secretary Gibson would be in our little burg March 22, giving a talk at the Imperial to Frats and non-Frats, with their wives, sweethearts, next of kin, heirs and assigns, etc. Aware that the Miracle Man would be way out in the wild and woolley West along about this time, many members suspected the secretary was playing a practical joke for the purpose of swelling the audience, but over two hundred were game to "try anything once"—and sure enough, the great and only Gib graced the platform. He gave a brief outline of the daily routine at headquarters in Chicago which proved both interesting and amusing. At the conclusion the Division presented him with a handsome gold link watch chain as a token of its appreciation of the good he has been doing for the deaf in general and the N. F. S. D. in particular.

That morning Brother Gibson was shown the downtown section of the largest city in the world. Accompanying Brothers Lubin and O'Brien he visited the aquarium and other places, after which he made the famous studio of Brother Alexander Pach his rendezvous. After the reception at the Imperial he was the guest over night of Secretary Lubin. Next day he saw the production of "Cheer Up" at the Hippodrome, together with Brothers Lubin, Shea, and Meinken, and before the last curtain made a bee line for Philadelphia. All together Brother Gibson remarked that he had a right royal treat, and wished to thank the Division for its warm welcome during his short stay in lil ole Noo Yawk.

During the cold winter months our Division basketball five had some interesting encounters. With Brother McVea as coach and manager they were able to win several games, one being that played on the St. Anne's court March 23 with our nearest neighbor Frats—Newark, No. 42. Never mind the score; we do not care to hurt the feelings of the New Jerseyites by making known the hugeness of our total and the smallness of their few points. The fence-busters of No. 42 are out for r-r-revenge, but Brother McVea knows how to round up a good team of baseball boys, so the forthcoming series of games between the two Division nines will prove interesting, beshrew me. Full schedule will appear in these columns next issue.

The stork has been a busy bird during the past month, stopping at the homes of several brothers—all who have sent in notices are named in the "births" column found elsewhere in this issue. To the lucky ones, who have got one or more, the Division extends its best wishes; and as to the bachelor brothers, who can not get a little brother, the Division begs you to do your bit and get a big brother—swelling our roster before the Philadelphia convention.

Boston.

Inability to secure use of the hall for May 18, the date originally scheduled for the entertainment, has necessitated postponement of same to May 25. Proceeds go to help defray expenses of our delegate to Philadelphia.

Division No. 35 claims a service star as well as Greater New York, one of our members, Raymond W. Valway, being connected with one of the Government's depot units. Brother Valway, who received his education in the Hartford school, can hear fairly well and expects to be dispatched to France very shortly. His younger brother is at present "over there" with one of the ambulance corps.

Harry Armstrong had an experience with the Canadian Military Service which he will not soon forget. Last Christmas he went to Montreal for a two weeks' visit with his parents, and in attempting to return was held up by the border authorities on the other side for nearly three months. Ultimately succeeding in convincing them he was not eligible for military duty he was allowed to cross over.

John J. Kelly was elected vice-president of the nationally known Brookline Swimming Club as a tribute to his fine work in the water. Brother Jack has a long list of medals, cups and other trophies testifying to his prowess as an aquatic champion. [The Brookline Club has several world's champions on its roster, and the election of a deaf man to office is an honor that may well cause every Frater to swell with pride. May we have more men like Kelly.—Ed.]

A large manufacturing firm in one of our suburbs, the Hood Rubber Company of Watertown, is another that has come to recognize the abilities and possibilities of the deaf as workers, there being some thirty deaf employes there at present. Any intelligent deaf man can secure employment there with very little trouble.

Albert Petit, who was reported very ill in New Hampshire last fall, is back among us looking much improved.

John Haggerty was in Boston for a week, in the interests of Collier's Weekly for which he has been made special agent for the deaf. While here he contracted a touch of the grip which compelled him to lay off and go home for a rest.

Mrs. Estella Babbitt, widow of the late Henry C. Babbitt, passed away April 3 from cancer of the stomach, from which she suffered since the death of her husband five months previously. She had just returned from the hospital where she underwent an operation which seemed to give her temporary relief. The two small daughters, aged six and eight, are at present in the care of Mrs. Babbitt's aged mother.

Edwin C. Frisbie has our sincere sympathy in the loss of his lifelong partner, whose death occurred February 17. Mrs. Frisbie had not been in the best of health for a number of years, but until a complication of diseases incapacitated her she insisted on taking an active interest in the various societies for the welfare of the deaf, and her presence will be greatly missed by all.

Worcester.

Our party scheduled for May 25 in Dexter Hall promises to be a good one.

Frank E. Lander was called to his old home in Burlington, Vt., to attend his uncle's funeral. On his way back he called on State Organizer McCameron in Boston on business.

Joseph Lyons spent Easter in Springfield.

John Haggerty of Holyoke, traveling agent for Collier's Weekly, sojourned here for a week and secured a gratifyingly large number of subscriptions.

Michael J. Kane of Boston ran down to visit his family and called on some of the brothers while here.

Edwin S. Parslow has recovered from the grip. He and Leo Bernard recently made an enjoyable trip to old Hartford.

The committee preparing the picnic July 4 to be held on Delbert Trask's farm will make a full report anon.

Providence.

Fritz Ruckdeshel is something of an artist, having won the second prize for designing a War Savings Stamp poster in a contest conducted by the Rhode Island Defense Council League at the Rhode Island School of Design.

The question regarding the admission of women to the organization provoked a long and spirited debate at our last meeting, and resulted in an even split in the voting. Some capable arguments were advanced by supporters of both sides.

W. F. Durian of Alliance, Ohio, who has been the guest of his son, W. G. Durian, of Hartford, Conn., since the N. A. D. convention last July, conducted an Easter service in this city before a large audience.

John Haggerty, last year's secretary of Holyoke Division, spent a couple of days hereabouts and secured quite a few subscriptions to Collier's Weekly.

C. H. Chevers of Worcester was an interested visitor at our April meeting.

John Cleary of Newport spent Easter Sunday with his fiancée, Miss Dorothy Norbitt, at her home in Jamaica, Long Island.

Spring fever, grip, and kindred ills entered the lodge hall of this Division without the password several weeks ago, and as a consequence among those reporting sick were Brothers Shine, Gardiner, Vigeant, Murdock and Myers.

Baltimore.

"Bonds or Bondage"—take thy choice:

Bondage "Made in Germany."

"Bonds or Bondage"—raise thy voice,

Would'st thou be forever free,

Lovers of Fraternity?

We can't "go across," but still

We can "come across" with money

As our bit—and thus we will

Halt the Hun and Butcher Bill;

Keep the flag of freedom sunny.

Baltimore has made provisions

To buy bonds, and dine on crackers,

So have other Frat Divisions—

For we deaf are never slackers.

Baltimore is heeding the mandate "Buy, buy—until it hurts," knowing in the end it won't hurt half as much as the bondage imposed by Germany in the event of failure.

Due to war conditions many are waiting before making definite plans to attend the Grand Conclave of the N. F. S. D. in Philadelphia next July, but there is every reason to believe Baltimore will be well represented. Present plans are for our flotilla to convey those from our neighbor, Washington Division, on the steamer leaving Light and Pratt Streets at 8 a. m. Further information gladly furnished by Secretary O. K. Price, the delegate, or by Alternates Kauffman and Moylan.

The question of admitting women was discussed at length recently, and apparently the negative had somewhat the better of the argument. The Division advised Delegate Price to act on the matter according to the sentiment of the convention, and to use his judgment according to the preponderance of argument as to whether the admission of women will jeopardize the Society in any way.

The matter of the 1921 convention was discussed at our April meeting and Baltimore favors Atlanta for obvious reasons. The present congestion of the railroads will probably be even more acute after peace is declared. All sections of the country have been accorded a N. A. D. or a N. F. S. D. convention except the South, and it would seem properly the turn of the Southerners to be given a chance to display the hospitality for which that section is famous. If Los Angeles will only deign to bide her time until the 1924 convention she is pretty sure of landing it then.

We see where the Flint Division has started a movement to enable the deaf to serve in some branch of the army. Secretary Price has just received an encouraging letter from Provost Marshal General Crowder in reply to an appeal to modify draft requirements so as to include the deaf who—to a man—are eager for a crack at the Kaiser. Here's hoping "General Jim" Meagher, who started such a movement at the outbreak of the war, will again start bombarding the War Office. The deaf of Baltimore, patriots to the core, are wrought up to a high pitch of excitement over the matter. Come on, boys, get ready for your khaki.

Here's hoping the Philadelphia committee will be successful in arranging the proposed excursion to Atlantic City, as those from afar would like nothing better than a dip in the briny deep after their long and arduous travel.

We are certainly glad to have Brother Roberts back as an active member. To be near home and mother he gave up a responsible position in Philadelphia. He is a devoted and enthusiastic Frat.

Brother Kaufman has purchased a fine new home at 356 Ilchester Avenue in this city, and wishes it known that a glad welcome is extended to all to inspect his

new investment, as the key will always be found hanging out. As Brother Kaufman is a confirmed old bachelor (not too old to capture a fair damsel by any means) it is hoped his name may yet figure in the marriage column of the Frat. Many of the fair sex would certainly tumble over themselves to get a chance to share his home and make him happy.

John W. E. Pope and Leslie Mebane, non-resident members of Chicago, are among the nine deaf men working at Camp Meade, near Baltimore.

Portland, Maine.

The Frats and their ladies presented a solid silver pie serving knife and a berry spoon to Mr. and Mrs. Elmer D. Fogg, who were married April 15. The happy couple left immediately for Boston, returning just in time for the party April 20.

This party was a great success, 106 tickets being taken at the door. The hall was simply packed with jovial merry-makers. Several of the members employed in Bristol, Conn., came up especially to attend it.

Next day religious services were held in the afternoon and evening at the First Baptist Church, both of A. L. Carlisle's services being well attended.

Brother Spear has returned from Bristol, Conn., where he has been employed for several months.

Thomas J. Prinn, the chief chicken fancier of No. 39, is busy as can be with his newly hatched chicks. He expects to have fully five hundred little ones this spring.

Springfield, Ohio.

Turning down a \$3,000 per year salaried position in Akron, Harry Folekemer prefers his place as general foreman of the Superior Drill Company of this city, and has signified his intention of remaining by moving to a new residence possessing more modern conveniences.

Perry McMurray lost the fingers of his right hand while at work at the Superior Drill Company, and after two weeks in the hospital is out and around trying the secret handshake of the Frats with his left hand. He and his family have just moved to Maplewood Heights where they have half an acre of land on which to raise a war garden. Brother McMurray expects to receive a good sum from the state for the accident.

Frank M. Reddington and wife are home after visiting a month with relatives in Jeffersonville—Willie Hines and family. Brother Hines has a farm of nearly four hundred acres which demands considerable attention, besides a large dairy business.

The Jefferies, Stokes and O'Neal families are looking forward to giving socials and lawn fetes this spring for the benefit of the delegate fund.

John Kelso and wife are staying with Brother and Mrs. Henry J. Swords. Both brothers work as machine hands in the Robbins-Myers Company.

Mrs. Henry Swords went to Cincinnati in February to attend the funeral of her brother-in-law, Wm. Schutte.

John Pershing and wife are thinking of attending the big doings in Philadelphia. Brother Pershing is a cousin of Gen. John

J. Pershing, in command of the American force in France.

Portland, Oregon.

Stonewall J. Harris dropped into town from Tillamook last month and almost immediately secured work with the E. & W. Lumber Co. Alva D. Allen and William A. Wooley are also in the employ of this concern.

A week or so after joining our Division Joe Sutherland sustained a painful injury to one of his hands, but is back at work by now.

J. O. Reichle desires our Fraters elsewhere to instruct their delegates to vote for Los Angeles—1921, because the Pacific Coast is entitled to a convention—and nothing else would so stimulate the recruiting of new members, and wake up many who now hold back from joining.

Our Division was recently photographed in a body, and we will try to have a cut in The Frat before long.

Our basket social on March 16 was a fine affair. Mrs. Orson H. Fay won the first prize. The baskets auctioned off helped to bring in a good sum as bidding ran high.

Superintendent E. S. Tillinghast of the Oregon School for the Deaf came down from Salem on March 30 and gave us a lecture about the great war, with a side talk on Fraternalism. It was much appreciated. Nearly seventy-five were in attendance, some from out of town.

Dean Tussing was among the thousands of ship workers who marched in the Third Liberty Loan parade on April 6.

Seattle.

Work is booming at the Bremerton navy yard, writes Hugo Holcombe, and over five thousand men are now employed there. Every house and room in town is occupied, so that many of the workers have to go back to Seattle at night and return to the job in the morning. If a man misses the last boat he might have to stand around on the streets all night.

Los Angeles.

Notice to Non-Residents: Los Angeles Division has decided to have a group picture of its members taken Sunday morning, May 5. The studio has not been selected, but will be announced later. Frats are requested to meet at the northeast corner of Seventh and Broadway at 10 a. m., sharp. Remember the date, Sunday, May 5, 1918.

John W. Wear left April 2 for Nebraska to make his home with his son until he recovers from his recent illness.

Mrs. Joseph Beisang and daughter arrived in Los Angeles from Wisconsin March 23. Brother Beisang came here last November to locate and prosperity has been his from the start.

After spending two months in Los Angeles, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Japes left for San Diego March 6 for a brief stay. Santa Barbara and San Francisco will be visited by them before they leave for Detroit. They made many friends during their stay and we regret to see them leave.

Invitations to the opening of Denver Division by General Organizer Francis P. Gibson, April 5, 6, 7, are out. Los Angeles Division would like to attend in a body and help with the cheering when No.

64 is given its "send-off." Brother John W. Wear will be present as No. 27's representative. He is the bearer of greetings and all good wishes from No. 27.

The Los Angeles Frat in each monthly issue is running half-tone cuts which picture the scenic grandeur of the Golden State and the natural beauty of the mountains, foothills and the sea—adding, however, that printer's ink is not to be expected to do California justice, and urging everybody to come out and see for themselves, and concludes with the exhortation to "Vote for Los Angeles—1921."

Here and There.

"Hard luck" is a term that may fitly be applied to Charles Waters of Paris, Illinois. First his wife fell against the binder while helping her husband—since farm help is hard to engage. A two-inch cut on the forehead and another on her chest were sewed up. Soon after their son, Velvin, had his appendix removed. A delay of four hours in the operation would have been fatal, as it had turned and grown fast to the colon and gangrene had set in. To cap the climax Brother Waters has just lost twenty-five hogs and two horses through a sudden mysterious malady, but like all true Fraters he keeps a stiff upper lip and looks on the bright side of things.

Hugh Harshbarger has sold his eleven-acre farm in Kansas, Ill., and is going to rent a 160-acre tract near Atwood, Ill. [Wise boy; there is big money in farming these war times.—Ed.]

Lloyd W. Brooks is in charge of a gang of seven men irrigating 1,250 acres of winter wheat at New Holcomb, Kansas, belonging to a sugar and land company.

M. I. Spivey of Princeton, N. C., is employed in Richmond, Va., by the British-American Tobacco Company.

Stanley Osburn makes \$4.50 to \$6.83 per day at piece work for the Nash Motor Car Company in Kenosha, Wis.

In Rockford, Ill., a team of Fraters has participated in an eight team basketball league with considerable success.

In Capitan, New Mexico, Geo. R. Hyde must be making money from his combination barber shop and shoe store, judging by the good advertisement he runs in the town weekly.

Sam T. Clarkson is now supervisor of a vulcanizing plant in Charleston, S. C. The world war is giving us deaf a chance to show what we can do in responsible positions, and slowly but surely the Frats are finding their proper spheres.

Directly after the funeral of his youngest daughter, Pansy, the family of W. E. Kesterson was quarantined for several weeks on account of scarlet fever.

John G. Otto is a linotype operator on the State Journal of Springfield, Ill., working on the night shift.

John T. Hower has left the Louisiana school and has a good job as inspector in the gas mask department of the Goodyear plant in Akron.

William W. Sayles has resigned his position as instructor of printing at the Oklahoma school and is to purchase a farm in Wisconsin and thus do his bit.

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Dean Horn. First Wednesday.

School for the Deaf

NASHUA, No. 7. Nashua, N. H.

Lafayette Hall—First Saturday.

Daniel Shea. Derry, N. H.

DAYTON, No. 8. Dayton, Ohio

A. I. U. Hall—First Saturday.

Jackson Bates. 43 Calm St.

BAY CITY, No. 9. Bay City, Mich.

White Eagle Hall—First Monday.

C. F. W. Lawrence. 3312 N. Water St.

CINCINNATI, No. 10. Cincinnati, Ohio

Court & Central Ave.—First Saturday.

Emil Schneider. 1859 Kinney Ave.

EVANSVILLE, No. 11. Evansville, Ind.

Y. M. C. A.—First Monday.

Adolph Brizius. 1718 Canal St.

NASHVILLE, No. 2. Nashville, Tenn.

Y. M. C. A.—First Saturday.

Jesse T. Warren. 200 Third Ave., N.

SPRINGFIELD, No. 13. Springfield, Ohio

Zimmerman Bldg.—Second Saturday.

J. Ernest Pershing. 421 S. Belmont Ave.

OLATHE, No. 14. Olathe, Kan.

First Tuesday.

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E. Morris Bristol. 623 E. Third St.

TOLEDO, No. 16. Toledo, Ohio

Kapp Hall—First Saturday.

John E. Curry. 114 Homewood Ave., W. Toledo

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S. W. corner Third and State Sts.—First Saturday.

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COLUMBUS, No. 18. Columbus, Ohio

Columbian Circle Hall—Second Saturday.

Edwin I. Holycross. 910 E. Rich St.

KNOXVILLE, No. 20. Knoxville, Tenn.

421 S. Gay St.—First Friday.

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West Side Turn Hall—Second Saturday.

Herman Koelle, Jr. 1262 Beach Ave.

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I. O. O. F. Hall—First Wednesday.

Richard Phillips. 128 W. 12th St.

GREATER NEW YORK, No. 23. New York, N. Y.

360 Fulton St., Brooklyn—First Saturday.

Max M. Lubin. 1892 Bergen St., Brooklyn

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1210 Locust St.—Second Friday.

A. O. Steidemann. 1444 Shawmut Place

NEW HAVEN, No. 25. New Haven, Conn.

261 Meadow St.—First Saturday.

Alfred Stevenson. 62 Whitney Ave.

HOLYOKE, No. 26. Holyoke, Mass.

Bridg Street Turn Hall—Second Saturday.

Arno Klopfer. 22 Jackson St.

LOS ANGELES, No. 27. Los Angeles, Cal.

730 S. Grand Ave.—First Saturday.

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Y. M. C. A.—First Monday.

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514 Congress St.—Second Saturday.

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Kingston Hall, 1530 Main St.—First Saturday.

Henry C. Zink. 128 Verplanck St.

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129 Fourth St.—First Saturday.

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210 Market St.—First Saturday.

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753 Westminster St.—First Saturday.

A. J. Myers. 399 West Ave., Pawtucket, R. I.

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Liberty Building—First Saturday.

Albert W. Wright. 1728 E. 62nd St.

UTICA, No. 45. Utica, N. Y.

Macabee's Hall—Second Saturday.

Charles B. Kemp. Box 322, Ilion, N. Y.

WASHINGTON, No. 46. Washington, D. C.

N. E. Masonic Temple—First Wednesday.

W. P. Scuder. 120 Sixth St., S. E.

BALTIMORE, No. 47. Baltimore, Md.

114 N. Paca St.—First Saturday.

Orlando K. Price, Sr. 3107 Baker St.

SYRACUSE, No. 48. Syracuse, N. Y.

Griffin Square—Second Saturday.

Styles R. Woodworth. 122 Cannon St.

CEDAR RAPIDS, No. 49. Cedar Rapids, Ia.

Second Wednesday.

Laurence James. 1007 N. Seventeenth St., E.

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First Saturday.

Grover C. Burcham. 1736 Fifth Ave.

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50 State St.—Second Saturday.

Fred Lloyd. 52 Hibbard St., Amsterdam, N. Y.

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44 Page St.—Second Saturday.

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George H. Leavitt. 1030 W. Governor St.

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W. O. W. Hall, Rosen Heights—First Monday.

Thomas A. Williams. 2707 W. 27th St.

DALLAS, No. 63. Dallas, Texas

Labor Temple—First Saturday.

Ben F. Griggs. 408 Waverly Drive

DENVER, No. 64. Denver, Colo.

420 Charles Building—Second Monday.

John S. Fisher. 434 Eighteenth St.

WATERBURY, No. 65. Waterbury, Conn.

Garden Hall—Second Saturday.

William O'Connell. 31 Central Ave.

Right Back at Him.

"My son," said the proud father, indicating a thin-necked, bulging-browed youth, "can repeat from memory the Magna Charta and the Constitution of the United States. He knows why ice is slippery; what is a thunderbolt; who was Anne Jans; which bird has the longest tail; what makes shadows; where the dol-

lars of 1804 went to; what causes the knots in wood; when—"

"Ah, yes!" interrupted J. Fuller Gloom. "But can he tell the name of the fiend in human form who invented early rising; how the idea that we must be civil to bores got into general circulation; why the average entertainment is called an entertainment; why a rickety old wreck can always be flattered by hinting to him that all the

women are after him; why the average committee never commits anything of consequence; why a deaf man cannot enjoy a stroll anywhere except on the railroad track; why we vote for blatherskites merely because they tell us to; and why it is impolite to refer to a fat woman's fat as fat? If not, it appears that in spite of his looks he doesn't know everything. G'day!"

—Country Gentleman.

NATIONAL FRATERNAL SOCIETY OF THE DEAF



WHAT IT IS.

The National Fraternal Society of the Deaf is a fraternal insurance society composed wholly of deaf men. It works on the lodge system, having branch lodges (Divisions) in various cities and others in process of organization—a combination of white deaf men of good moral character, health and education to help one another and to relieve their families of immediate want in case of death.

WHEN AND HOW IT WAS ORGANIZED.

The Society was organized in 1901 in Flint, Michigan, its originators being some young deaf men just out of school, with the idea of having a lodge organization of their very own for mutual aid and protection. The classification of the deaf by lodges for the hearing and insurance companies, at that time, as undesirable members or risks had considerable to do with the birth of the Society, which was then called The Fraternal Society of the Deaf.

In 1907 the Society was reorganized under its present name with a membership of 500, and a charter as a fraternal beneficiary association was secured from the Insurance Department of the State of Illinois.

ITS OBJECTS.

The Constitution and By-Laws of the Society gives its objects in the following words: "To unite fraternally all able-bodied white deaf men of good moral character between 18 and 55 years of age who are possessed of good bodily and mental health and industrious habits; to give moral, financial and material aid to its members in times of need; to establish and disburse a fund for the relief of sick and injured members; and to benefit the relatives and dependents of deceased members who may be named as beneficiaries in accordance with the laws of the Society."

To gather and unite in a genuine Fraternity all acceptable white deaf men who are of the proper age and in sound health, for mutual improvement, protection and benefit, and so cultivate the true spirit of Brotherhood which the deaf, regardless of creed or station, should unite in.

MEMBERSHIP AND ITS QUALIFICATIONS.

It is open to all white deaf men possessing the qualifications given in the foregoing extract from the Constitution and By-Laws, good mental, moral and physical health and between the ages of 18 and 55 years, for beneficial membership; that is, participation in the benefits.

Social or associate membership is open in the Divisions to deaf men who by reason of age or physical condition are not eligible to beneficial or active membership.

COST OF JOINING.

All candidates for beneficial membership must pay an admission fee of five (5) dollars at the time the application is made. The candidate must also pay the fee charged for his physical examination to the physician making same, which is generally one (1) dollar.

MONTHLY DUES.

The monthly dues are based on the amount of insurance the candidate wishes, certificates being issued in five different amounts (\$250, \$500, \$1,000, \$1,500, and \$2,000), and the rates therefor are as follows for Death Benefits; these rates being those of the National Fraternal Congress, which are recognized as the standard by the majority of first class fraternal organizations:

Applications may be made for certificate amounts of \$250, \$500, \$1,000, \$1,500 and \$2,000. For the \$1,500 class the monthly assessments will be based on a combination of the rates for \$1,000 and \$500 as per rate table. For the \$2,000 class the rate is double that for \$1,000.

Applications for a higher than the \$1,000 class will not be accepted where the 45th birthday has been passed.

Applications not accepted from persons over 55 years, nearest birthday. Rates are level, monthly in advance.

In addition to the table rates, which cover Death Benefits only, an extra monthly per capita tax of thirty-five cents is charged to cover Sick and Accident Benefits and Grand Division Expenses. A small local due is collected by the Divisions to cover their expenses. The initiation fee is \$5, payable at time application is filed.

HOW FIGURED.

In figuring the total monthly due, take the rate given in the table for Death Benefits and add thereto the extra thirty-five cents. These rates are of the level kind, remaining the same for life as at the joining age. One's age is figured at the nearest age—age at nearest birthday.

N. F. S. D. TABLE OF RATES.

The monthly dues for death benefits are according to the following Table of Mortuary Rates; the rate to be figured at the nearest birthday of the applicant for membership:

AGE	\$250	\$500	\$1000
18 to 21	\$0.24	\$0.47	\$0.93
22	.24	.48	.96
23	.25	.49	.98
24	.26	.51	1.01
25	.26	.52	1.04
26	.27	.54	1.07
27	.28	.56	1.11
28	.29	.57	1.14
29	.30	.59	1.18
30	.31	.61	1.22
31	.32	.63	1.26
32	.33	.66	1.31
33	.34	.68	1.35
34	.35	.70	1.40
35	.37	.73	1.45
36	.38	.76	1.51
37	.40	.79	1.57
38	.41	.82	1.63
39	.43	.85	1.69
40	.44	.88	1.76
41	.46	.92	1.83
42	.48	.96	1.91
43	.50	1.00	1.99
44	.52	1.04	2.07
45	.54	1.08	2.16
46	.57	1.13	2.25
47	.59	1.18	2.35
48	.62	1.23	2.45
49	.65	1.29	2.58
50	.68	1.36	2.71
51	.71	1.42	2.83
52	.75	1.49	2.97
53	.78	1.56	3.12
54	.82	1.64	3.28
55	.86	1.72	3.44

LOCAL OR DIVISION DUES.

The Divisions oblige their resident members to pay a small monthly local due for meeting the expenses of the Division, but the amount is so small that it is not missed.

Non-resident members are not obliged to pay these dues, but they may give such assistance as may be requested by their Divisions.

PAYMENTS OF DUES, ETC.

All dues, etc., are payable on the first day of the month which they are for. In the case of resident members they must be paid at or before the time of the Division meeting; non-residents may pay theirs to the Division Treasurer by mail.

The Constitution and By-laws makes provision for all such payments and has additional provision for cases where same may be delayed through the inability of a member to promptly meet same, either from illness or other causes.

BENEFITS.

The Society guarantees to pay to the beneficiary named in the certificate of a deceased member the sum mentioned in said certificate; provided that the death of the member was not due to certain causes mentioned in the By-laws of the Society which are termed prohibitory causes, and subject to other slight restrictions such as prompt payment of dues, etc., as provided in the laws of the Society.

A Sick or Accident Benefit of five (5) dollars per week (exclusive of the first week of disability) is also guaranteed to the holders of certificates for a period of ten (10) weeks in any twelve (12) months (year), on presentation of a properly filled out physicians' certificate; provided such disability was not due to or caused by the prohibitory causes mentioned in the By-laws.

In some cases local Divisions have an additional Disability Benefit to the above.

These Benefits are only participated in by beneficial or active members, as mentioned in the paragraph concerning membership.

THE SOCIETY'S RECORD.

Since the organization of the Society, to the present time (May 1, 1918), it has paid 79 death claims and thousands of dollars in sick and accident claims, keeping its promises to the letter.

SPECIAL FEATURES.

In addition to the sick, accident and death benefits provided, the various Divisions engage in social and literary entertainments for the pleasure and profit of their members, giving parties, balls, picnics, lectures,

readings, etc., from time to time. In this way they make membership doubly attractive.

The feeling of good fellowship among the members is strong. Each member is made to feel that his interests are the interests of his fellow members—that the good of one is the good of all. The "fellow feeling" that makes one "wondrous kind" is applicable to this Society more than to any other of its kind, being as it is "of, for and by the deaf" in every sense of the phrase.

SAFEGUARDS.

The funds of the Society are deposited and invested under the supervision of its Board of Trustees, the books of the financial officers being audited by this Board monthly. A voucher system has been installed, every expenditure of funds requiring the approval of the Grand President. The Grand Treasurer and the Division Treasurers are bonded by a surety company—in short, nothing is neglected that will add to the safeguarding of all financial matters.

The Society, being chartered by the State of Illinois, is subject to inspection by the Insurance Department of that state, and its books and vouchers are open for examination to its members or their legal representatives at all times.

WHY YOU SHOULD JOIN.

The National Fraternal Society of the Deaf is alone in its chosen field.

It is providing life insurance and disability benefits to its members at the lowest possible cost consistent with permanency and safety.

It draws its members together in not only the common bond their deafness has thrown around them, but also that of mutual and self-protection, as well as protection for those dependent on them.

The deaf have everything in common and an organization that looks after their interests as does this Society should have their hearty support and cooperation.

Everyone knows the value of life insurance. It is the duty of every man to provide such protection for dear ones. In time of death, illness or accident what is more welcome than Benefits such as this Society provides?

No fraternal order in existence today has a better claim on the thousands of the deaf in this country than has ours; it is for them alone; its membership cost is no greater than that of any first class order of the kind, its table of rates being based on the experience of years and that adopted by the National Fraternal Congress, which is the standard in most states of the Union.

The influence it exerts is most beneficial. The principles on which it is founded cannot be otherwise than elevating and helpful.

In joining you help yourself; help others too, and those others of your own class—a class that needs the help of each of its units to demonstrate it is capable of holding its own with any other.

Will you not do your part? Join, and so give your aid and influence not only to the Society and your fellow deaf men, but at the same time guarantee its help to you and yours.

HOW TO JOIN.

If you are interested, as we believe you are, write to the State Organizer of the state in which you reside and ask for an application blank. Ask him for any further information you may wish to have, as well.

Or if you reside in a city where there is a Division, any member or officer of that Division can supply everything necessary.

If you reside in a state that has no Division, or far from such centers, write to the Grand Secretary.

If there is no Division in your immediate vicinity you will be attached to the nearest one as a non-resident member. Non-resident members receive the same benefits as resident members.

Be sure and give your full name, age, occupation and address. A postal card will do.

Do it now.

**For the Address of
State Organizers,
Grand Officers and a
Directory of Div-
isions, See Page 15.**