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# THE FRAT

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Number Two

## The Spotlight

By J. FREDERICK MEAGHER

NEON lights, some five-feet square, blazoned the mystic emblem of our NFSD! Gleaming against the velvet background of the stage, reflected by thousands of mirrors and silvery sheathing in the Grand Ballroom of Chicago's Hotel Sherman, the Lode Star of our Lodge surmounted throne-seats of all Grand Officers save Foltz, and all past-Grand Presidents save Kleinhans and Gibson!

Chicago's "Ft. Dearborn Massacre" smoker of July 30, saw the FIRST Grand Ritual ever staged within memory of man—the only feature of a varied evening which can justly rate with Omaha '15 as all-time "tops."

The original layout called for use of that splendid jig-saw Emblem invention of Pittsburgh's Edwin M. Hazel. The two Chicago divisions paid \$10 for this brand-new Emblem. In ten segments, discernible 100 feet distant, it is unquestionably THE logical answer to a novice's prayer for division initiations. But for such a huge throng—ah—Bob's nimble brain conceived an even better knockout. A Neon reproduction of our NFSD button, complete even to colored lights!

A hushed huddle of 47 noviates trembled in awe, as Grand President Arthur L. Roberts pushed button after button of the control-box on the dais—flashing sector after sector as each Grand in turn slowly, stately, revealed mystic meanings which can never be written. Color, design, cipher, scope and hidden fundamentals were all explained by present Grands. Past Grand Presidents Hellers (frat number one), Bristol and Anderson, occupied positions of honor. Officers of Chi-first division banked the right; nabobs of Chi-Oral-106 graced the left. Majestic! Even blase newspapermen were awed.

Following induction, Bobs—once principal of Kendall School, the "prep" of Gallaudet College—conducted an "examination" of his class. Switching on lighted sectors and quizzing the tyros on lessons just imparted. Sad to state, some of the youngsters "flunked." But, eventually, all were graduated with the coveted degree of F.R.A.T. Recalls the deathless lines of Rudyard Kipling:

"We met upon the Level, and we parted on the Square;  
Oh, we were truly Brothers in the Mother Lodge back there!"

Give credit where due. Idea of allowing Grands to conduct ritual was Frank Collignon's, one of the capable committee. From enthusiastic comment, sentiment should make this a permanent feature of all future mass-smokers.

Followed the "Ft. Dearborn Massacre." Toggled out as Redskins, with feathered war-bonnets, committeemen rode herd on the papooses—putting them thru varied torture. (I always like to haze freshmen-frats—but I got good and sore when I was hazed my-

self.) The teepee resounded with shots, slams, wild war-cries, and the wail of trembling tyros. When all but one of the 47 mavericks were properly hog-tied and branded, followed free firewater, pipe-of-peace (those cigars cost 2 for 15c) and other "entertainment." One feature was a three-round fight headlining freshman Linus Francini, one of those two crack Chicago boxers barred from the last Golden Gloves simply because they were DEAF! Unable to secure a trained fighter from other Divisions, Chi-first was forced to draft one of their committee—a former National AAU champion who had fought Coulon, Bat Nelson, etc., quarter century ago. This was scheduled as an "exhibition"—but when Francini began trying for a knockout, the venerable veteran laid aside his crutches and also started swinging with zipp and zest.

This "Ft. Dearborn Massacre" will NOT go down in history coupled with Omaha '15 and Washington '26—but it will stand out as starting truly big shot inductions. Attendance disappointing, barely 400 there. Give our Chicago Cubs credit—at least THEY TRIED!

DO YOU KNOW—This Ft. Dearborn Massacre smoker seems to have "gone in the hole"? A pity, when the lads provided such diversified entertainment. . . . Most of the members actually remembered to bring their dues-receipts—for a wonder? The half-dozen who "forgot," almost went down on their knees to the Grands, begging a written "OK." I understand the Grands proved good-fellows in most cases; though one or two lads likely went home heart-broken.

PALE FACE visitors at the Massacre included Joe Greenberg, runner-up in Frat Derbies. This Los Angelite ran second last year with 18 new members; now stands second again with 9. . . . Dean of them all was Dr. Thomas Francis Fox, editor of the NYC Deaf-Mute's Journal. Dr. Fox was the only surviving charter member of the NAD—founded 57 years ago. . . . Our own A. L. Roberts was elevated to chairman of the Endowment Fund Trustees; Grand V-P, Orman, reelected V-P of the NAD. . . . All NAD officers are fraters except V-P Mrs. Chandler, editor of the Silent Southerner. . . . Chicagoans played perfect hosts—remaining in background and allowing our gallant visitors to hog the spotlight. . . . Not a single case of pick-pockets, swiped luggage, nor scandal. (The Chi-first secret "strong-arm vigilantes" was organized in vain.) . . . So Bob's plan to have locals and cops cooperate to throw out the riff-raff at Toronto, ought to work. . . . Chicago papers ran an ad, during convention, of the "Royal York"—the huge Toronto hotel we will infest in 1939. . . . V-P Shilton from Toronto was given charge of conducting the NAD election; he even had the nerve to order me to "be brief" when I got up to show off! For that I punish him by printing his name in the paper!

NAD FEATURES—Violin rendition at banquet by the world's "tops"—David Rubino. Though he charges \$5,000 each performance, he volun-

teered to give us free entertainment. His violin and case are insured for a half-million. . . . Life, the million-circulation weekly magazine, is going to feature the NAD (likely off the press before this reaches you.) . . . Time, weekly magazine, already wrote us up; page 37, issue Aug. 9. . . . Pictures galore in newspapers all over America—publicity handled by Sec'y Altor Sedlow and by Hafford Hetzler, former columnist in the FRAT. . . . Golf tourney won by John Boatwright, Faribault; with 82 strokes for 18 holes. . . . Anti-syphilis campaign of U. S. government strongly endorsed. . . . Constructive accomplishments immense; "papers" held to minimum. . . . Profit probably over \$1,000—thanks to shrewd deals of chairman Peter Livshis. . . . Los Angeles won 1940 convention—has been vainly running for plum starting with Philly '18. (And brags they are gonna gobble the 1943 Frat convention also. We shall see; we shall see!)

PEN-PUSHERS' third straight convention pow-wow was third straight fizzle! B. B. Burnes handled all arrangements; at last minute was called to his classes at U of Chicago—for a test, had to take it or flunk whole semester—so missed his own feed. The 83 diners, \$1 per plate, in steerage of Lake Michigan steamer, adjourned to exclusive Lido Deck atop—and a sudden squall made it truly a "wash-out." Muriel Bishop, Atlanta, only officer on deck; delegated duties of boatmaster to Hafford Hetzler; new officers Pres. Petra Fandrem Howard, Minn.; V-P, Joseph N. Rosnick, sec'y Toronto '39 local committee; Sec'y-Treas. B. B. Burnes, Minn.

KNOCKERS unjustly panned V-P Edward S. Foltz, the only Grand officer not attending smoker. Remember convention dates were originally set for middle of July; later wisely postponed because of the conflicting gathering of 10,000 "Lions" here; meanwhile Foltz set dates for opening of his 20th annual "Foltz' Fairyland"—Deafdom's most famous summer-camp—for what later became our convention week. Contracts and agreements should be respected—and no man criticized for keeping his word to friends.

KNOW—A couple can live two weeks on \$8, at Foltz' Fairyland; located on one of his dad's 400-acre Kansas farms, near Belle Plaine? Riding, swimming, softball, dramatics, debates, and good-fellowship make this Foltz' Fairyland Deafdom's outstanding Paradise? Invites to camp are as highly coveted as front-row seats at the world series between the Cubs and Yanks? And as scarce? Several bunches of school-teachers have planned to buy rustic locations and copy Foltz' camp, for health and economy? Success of such camps depends largely on diplomatic ability of the captain—and on absence of bugs? (BOTH kinds of "bugs," winged and two-footed.)

HISTORY—Those "Notable Deaf Persons" sketches of the Rev. Guilbert C. Braddock seem to have made a hit—for Braddock has just been appointed to the NAD'S new "Research and Information" committee, along with chairman Wesley Lauritsen and Peter Livshis. Their chief functions—while gathering additional data to prove we deaf are the salt of the earth and the backbone of civilization—is to keep that magnificent "Exhibit" of Mrs. Ben Ursin's Chicago committee traveling to fairs, exhibitions, conventions, industrial displays, and other places where it can set us in solid with employers and other prominent per-

sons whose friendship count. Brad-dock's last sketch in the FRAT says only FOUR deaf folks attained deathless immortality in the 20-volume "Dictionary of American Biography," published in 1928: Laurent Clerc, James Nack, Albert Newsam, and Laura Redden Searing. What about Tilden, Gibson, Veditz, Booth and others? There's important work to be done, and YOUR own NAD is the organization to do it; have YOU paid your annual dues yet, or are you a disloyal slacker?

N. Y. POST, July 17, had double-column "Deaf Not Troubled in Sports" feature article by Major Adrian Tainsley, coach of Fanwood. Extols some of our greatest athletes, including Taylor, Gamblin, Berlenbach, Crichton, Rattan, McFaul, Foltz, Burns, Hubbard, Fox, etc.

**DIV. NOTES**—Could be pepped up—still, it is hard to be witty without hurting feelings, and not for worlds would we fraters purposely grieve some fine fellow just to be funny. . . . Hartford Div. gives profits of August outing to its school, "in thankful appreciation for all it did for us." Appreciation is a rare jewel. . . . Miss Irene Shaw married C. Morgan of KC; isn't that the peach we wise judges selected Queen of Beauty in '35? (Thereby making 9,999 enemies, and one friend. Never again!) . . . "Toronto Trumpeter" is mimeographed division newspaper of '39 convention city. . . . Tom Gray calls me "the spotlight dancer." I sure "danced" all right—to evade Francini's flying fists. "No fool like an old fool," you know.

Fifth World Congress of Deaf, Paris, July 31 to Aug. 6, had delegate sent by Canadian government! United States only representation was Supt. Skyberg of Fanwood, and wife; at their own expense. May 24 Senator Royal Copeland introduced Senate Joint Resolution number 150, providing sum of \$1000 and authorizing President Roosevelt to appoint some member of NAD as delegate to Paris; delegate so appointed to make report to President Roosevelt. Introduced at urging of NAD sec'y Sedlow; but never passed. (Yet this most aggressive sec'y the NAD has known in ages, failed of reelection. Strange world, buddy!)

**OWLS**—In its 48 years of existence, this woman's sorority of Gallaudet College has never revealed to outsiders just what the letters mean; met in my dump, 36 strong, the night of the Ft. Dearborn Massacre. Cream of the crop, those Gallaudet girls. To bright, ambitious young men with meager educational advantages, I can give no better advice than to marry a splendid, cultured, Gallaudet coo-ed. If they can't help you climb the ladder of success, nobody can. (I ought to know; I married one I met at a NAD convention.)

**KNOW** Alumnae OWLS have three Scholarship Funds of \$1000 each, interest awarded most deserving co-eds? Dean Elizabeth Peet's report so indicates: "Worry over financial conditions, deters—scholastically and spiritually. Home conditions of Miss Z—necessitate supporting herself, and also helping her mother. Other scholarship awarded Miss Y—, a Canadian, working all her summer vacations to put herself through college. Owing to U. S. immigration laws, students from a foreign country are not permitted to earn money while in college, so Miss Y— cannot avail herself of any work during collegiate year." Miss Peet, last of a long line of illustrious educators of the deaf, rates as one of Spotlight's "Dream Idols," alongside Joan of Arc. Those "Peet-Products" are rare treasures; if you young bachelors don't grab for one, you are cheating yourself!

## Convention Procedure

BY ARTHUR G. LEISMAN

**T**HE recent N.A.D. convention has left myself, and doubtless others, with the disturbing feeling that little was accomplished in a business way and that much valuable time was squandered through lack of orderly parliamentary procedure. It is highly probable that if committee reports, including proposed changes in the by-laws, had been mailed to members in ample time prior to the convention, the confusion which was present could have been avoided, and with better parliamentary maneuver things could have been expedited.

The one saving grace, in my opinion, was the opportunity to "hear" highly interesting papers. Lack of time, it is to be regretted, prevented more wholesome discussion of those subjects so vital to the deaf world.

However, "it's an ill wind, etc.," and we can expect an impressive improvement at the next N.A.D. meeting. All honor to those valiant enough to shoulder the thankless burden.

But there are phases that need analysis. The two bugbears in any convention session are (a) unfamiliarity with the by-laws and with rules of order, and (b) individual desire for personal glory, presumably motivated by the very human idea that getting one's name in the proceedings is sole proof to the home folks that he was there in the thick of the fight. This is scarcely pardonable if his piece conflicts with the motion in order or is a mere duplication of previous arguments.

Because of the limited time assigned to business sessions, such desires should be sacrificed for the good of the work on hand. Obviously the fellow who has something constructive to say pro or con should not be denied the floor, but the parasites (pardon the expression) who ride along in his wake solely for the chance of self-aggrandizement hinder rather than help matters.

At best it is difficult to please everyone. The floor offers an outlet for pent-up feelings or personal opinions. The right of a member for a hearing cannot be challenged, provided, of course, he is not out of order. But there is room for improvement, and such improvement is obtainable largely in modesty and sacrifice in favor of the common weal of the mass.

The two previous N.F.S.D. conclaves which I attended were not without some of the difficulties above enumerated. It is largely with the thought of obviating these hindrances as much as possible at the Toronto convention that I would like more stress on this subject.

The most popular brother in any Division may turn out to be a poor delegate, unless he has fortified himself with a knowledge of the by-laws, rules of order, and deviations from order. Harmony at a convention, while desirable, is secondary in importance only to familiarity with parliamentary procedure; the ultimate

vote rules. But personal motives are like monkey wrenches thrown into the gears that ground out the precious minutes of the incredibly short period of time assigned to the business on hand.

Members desiring to attend the Toronto meeting can help immeasurably by practicing at home what they intend to do on the main floor. A copy of Robert's Rules of Order and a digest of local and grand by-laws help materially to mold a good parliamentarian. Of him there is a decided scarcity. And too often he is hampered by the insistence of a show on the part of those who, for all they have to say, could save valuable time by remaining seated.

Let us learn by our mistakes. Let us forego the temptations of the big "I." In our local Divisions let us stick to correct procedure with the sole aim of improving the welfare of all and ultimately sending the right men to Toronto—the well-qualified men who know what it is all about and who know what to do and what NOT to do. Let us have a floor leader at our Division meetings, with the aid of whom business can be properly transacted and with dispatch.

Perhaps in this humble suggestion you will discover the reason why in the past your meetings have been in the main as forlorn and colorless as a bleached dishrag.

## N.F.S.D. Forever

BY ALFRED C. NORTHROP

**N**OW, I'll tell you an old story,  
One you've never heard before;  
One that's wreathed in simple glory;  
One that rings from shore to shore!

Probably no one has told it,  
Like as not, because you see,  
Not by words do men unfold it—  
They who know N. F. S. D.

And those letters, four, are sacred;  
They are locked within the heart  
For they blot out all the hatred—  
All unworthy thoughts depart.

It is truly such a blessing  
To adhere to friendship, rare,  
Friend, I knew I had you guessing,  
But I'll lay the secret bare.

N. F. S. D. is a highway  
That is broad and clean and free!  
Come the deaf from many a byway,  
Symbol of fraternity.

Not by words so glibly spoken  
Do they soothe a friend in need,  
But the yoke of gloom is broken  
By a smile, and silent deed.



**T**O BRAG little—to show  
well—to crow gently if in  
luck—to pay up, to own up and  
to shut up, if beaten, are the  
virtues of a sporting man.

—Oliver Wendell Holmes.

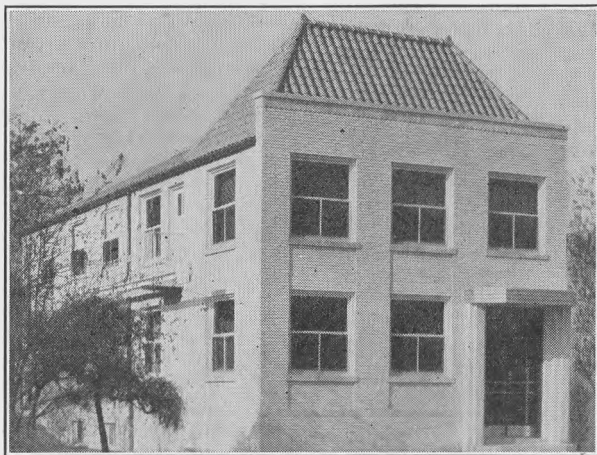
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FRANCIS P. GIBSON'S LAST MESSAGE: "CARRY ON"

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## NAD Convention

THE NAD convention has come and gone, and Chicago people are resting up after a hectic week of it. The visitors inundated the Hotel Sherman and the Home Office of the society, and apparently a good time was had by all.

One thing very noticeable about this gathering was the large number of vigorous and intelligent young people who took leading parts in the affairs of the week. Their enthusiasm was heartening to those who had begun to fear the younger generation had little interest in very important matters affecting the lives of the deaf in various ways.

We were very much pleased to show our visitors through the new Home Office of the society. We hope that all went home with a favorable impression of the building we have provided in which to carry on our work.

As has been the custom since the Cleveland convention of the NAD in 1913, the NFSD put on the usual Smoker as its contribution to the festivities of the week. Our Jimmie Meagher plays this up in another column of this issue, and if his impressions are shared by the rank and file who attended the affair, we succeeded in some measure in helping along the

convention of our sister organization, the NAD.

Relations between the NAD and the NFSD have always been cordial, with a willingness on the part of both to be helpful one to the other. The two organizations have many interests in common and both work for the welfare of the deaf.

## Past Grands

AT the big Smoker on July 30, we had the pleasure of entertaining and according seats of honor to three of the five Past Grand Presidents of the Order; namely, Brothers Peter N. Hellers of Detroit, E. Morris Bristol of Flint, and Harry C. Anderson of Indianapolis.

Brother Hellers, besides being the first Grand President of the Society likewise holds membership certificate Number One, two distinctions it is difficult to beat. He is still young and boyish in appearance, but carries his honors with a becoming modesty and dignity. He represents the early do-or-die spirit in the organization that kept it alive through its early stages, and his faith in the society has never wavered.

Brother Bristol reigned in the mid-years when the society was emerging from its early stages and placing itself

on a firm foundation. The wisdom displayed by the leaders of that time has enabled the organization to stand on solid rock and grow to its present stature. Brother Bristol still finds time to serve his Flint Division faithfully and well in an official capacity. Distinguished and scholarly in appearance, he epitomizes the Grand Old Frat, a shining example to the younger generation.

Brother Anderson served the society longer as Grand President than any other, remaining in office some fifteen years. His regime was marked by the development of the society into an organization with first rank rating, and with a phenomenal growth in assets and membership. He is still actively interested in the society, and is hitting the line hard in the work-a-day world as an important functionary of the State Highway Department in Indianapolis.

Too often the way of the world is to forget the past services of worthy men who have given of their time and substance to carry heavy burdens. We think it only fitting that we should mention these, our Past Grand Presidents, and accord all honor that is due them as valiant war horses of former days and as faithful members of our Order.

## West Coast Trip

AS announced in the last issue, the Grand President will be on his Pacific Coast trip when this number of THE FRAT reaches our readers. The itinerary has not been changed. Departure from Chicago was set for August 24, to include the following Division stops:

Aug. 29-30: Spokane.  
Aug. 31-Sept. 1: Seattle.  
Sept. 2-3: Vancouver-Portland.  
Sept. 5-6: San Francisco-Berkeley.  
Sept. 7-8-9: Los Angeles.  
Sept. 11-12: Salt Lake City.  
Sept. 14-15: Denver.  
Sept. 17-18: Kansas City-Olathe.

The above Division secretaries have been furnished with a schedule of the itinerary, whereby they may keep in touch with the Grand President en route, for the transmission of last minute information or changes in local programs. A like schedule will be on file at the Home Office so that constant contact may be maintained with headquarters.

## Resolution

Adopted by the Pennsylvania Society for the Advancement of the Deaf, at Erie, Pa., in July.

WHEREAS, The National Fraternal Society of the Deaf, on its own initiative, is at present gathering statistics regarding deaf motorists with a view to deciding the question of auto insurance; and,

Whereas, The matter is a national rather than a State problem; therefore,

Resolved, That the Convention go on record as recommending the advisability of the National Association of the Deaf deciding on a course of action at its coming Convention, July 26-31, 1937, and that this Society offer any aid which in the opinion of the Executive Officers may be desirable.



## DIVISION NOTES

### September

4. Party.....	Des Moines
5. Labor Day outing.....	Albany
5. Annual picnic.....	Rochester
5. Labor Day picnic.....	Birmingham
5. Picnic.....	Peoria
5. Picnic.....	Delavan
4-5-6. Labor Day picnic.....	Wichita
4-5-6. Labor Day festival.....	Los Angeles
6. Picnic.....	Richmond
6. Labor Day picnic.....	Seattle
6. Labor Day party.....	Atlanta
6. Picnic.....	Houston
8. Reception.....	Los Angeles
11. Social.....	Schenectady
11. Smoker.....	Indianapolis
11. Whist social.....	Boston
11. Bingo party.....	Davenport
12. Outing.....	Syracuse
12. Annual picnic.....	Jacksonville
12. Picnic.....	Dubuque
12. Outing.....	Syracuse

### October

1. Lecture.....	Milwaukee
2. Show and social.....	Detroit
2. Social.....	Louisville
9. Dance and card party.....	Washington
9. Basket social.....	Eau Claire
9. Social.....	Charlotte
9. Social.....	Schenectady
16. Amateur night.....	Cleveland
16. Card party.....	Queens
23. Banquet.....	Boston
23. Autumn ball.....	Hartford
23. Pumpkin dance.....	Los Angeles
30. Masquerade.....	Akron
30. Halloween party.....	Atlanta
30. Halloween party.....	Indianapolis
30. Halloween Frolic.....	Schenectady

### November

6. Masquerade.....	Detroit
9. "Ye Old Farmers' Ball".....	Springfield, Mass.
9. Annual banquet.....	Columbia
12. Smoker.....	St. Paul-Minneapolis
13. Mask ball.....	Toledo
20. 19th annual dance.....	Waterbury

**FARIBAULT (Toivo Lindholm)**—The Division Picnic was attended by about a hundred deaf people. Maybe the figure is too conservative, but anyway everybody attending did themselves justice in the eats furnished by the ladies of the auxiliary, and in the games by the committee in charge. There were such games as sitting on a quart milk bottle, with legs spread out and crossed, and thus balanced, writing one's name on a pad; passing a ring down the line by slipping it onto a toothpick in one's mouth and again onto another toothpick in another's mouth; passing a penny match box cover down the line by way of the nose minus the aid of hands, etc. The kiddies were taken care of too, tossing bean bags and playing marbles.

It may be interesting to know what some of the members of this division are doing. Some of them go the even tenor of their way, turning out their daily task to the best of their abilities and in such an unsensational way that they rarely get in the news. To begin with: Warren Brant is a printer working in a shop at Renville; James Cottet awaiting call from the shoe factory that is slowing down for lack of business, is working on the farm of his relative in the country; John Doheny has earned a rest and is drawing old age pension; E. Dubey is a painter and odd job man at the school for the deaf; I. Dubey at this writing is doing double work, threshing all day out in the country and working half the night at a canning factory; Oscar Johnson works at the far-famed Brand's peony farm; John Klein does odd jobs here and there, his last one being at the county fair grounds building a new grandstand, etc.; Ed Malley does farm work near Owatonna; John and Thomas Malley have a tinning job with a big concern in Owatonna; Charles Mansfield is a repair man at the state school and colony. More anon!

We have another new member in the division, admitted at the last meeting, providing he passes his physical examination: to wit, William Allen.

The one before him, and not mentioned, before was Peter Anderson of Austin. He was admitted by application papers and passed his physical tests but he has yet to make an appearance at one of our meetings. Distance forbids his regular appearance as his farm work demands his undivided attention. We hope to admit a few more soon.

**OMAHA (By R. W. Mullin)**—Brothers Floyd Zabel and Joe Sinclair are motoring through Yellowstone Park this summer. Floyd drives and Joe sings, unconcerned of the bears, in their Fraternal confidence.

Hans Neujahr is now a proud papa. It's a boy. It was generous of him to pass us cigars and we gave him a rousing cheer.

We regret that Bro. Delehey is laid up in the Covenant Hospital with a fractured hip, caused by fall from a tree in his own back yard. Speedy recovery, please.

Bro. Rabb is chairman on our next entertainment, which comes on the third Saturday evening at Danneborg Hall, 25th and Leavenworth Streets. He says it will be a Frat Party and whatever else he's planned will be something novel for us. Let's go and see the fun.

Oscar Treuke has just returned from a 3000-mile trip with his wife and her friend. He spent two solid weeks in the Continental Divide, including Bryce and Zion National Parks, over Berthoud Pass, and was guest of some Frats at Salt Lake City. He looks like he has gained enough avoirdupois to go on the mat against Louis.

**SAN FRANCISCO (H. O. Schwarzlose)**—L. I. Peterson, Los Angeles, is spending his vacation in San Francisco. He attended the August meeting and made one of his famous speeches, which was heartily applauded.

We were shocked to learn of the untimely death of the mother of W. S. Runde on August 8. Sympathy of the entire Division is extended to the bereaved family.

Brother Schulte, Washington, D.C., who is employed at the Federal Bureau of Printing and Engraving, stopped in San Francisco on his way home. He planned to take in the smoker at the Chicago N. A. D. convention.

President T. W. Elliott of Los Angeles Division plans to spend a week in San Francisco. We hope we can get him to stay here for good.

We learn from the daily papers that Crom Boam found the body of a man who had committed suicide by hanging himself on a tree. We suppose Bro. Boam was sure surprised and shocked at his discovery.

A surprise birthday party was given to Arthur Koenigsthal on July 31. He received many useful presents. The party was held at the beautiful home of his sister, Mrs. V. Bianchi on Santa Ysobel Ave.

Division 53 is getting busy on new members. Watch these columns for details.

Charles Martucci has been chosen as chairman of the September Social. Watch for details later.

**DULUTH (By C. P. Magnuson)**—Our 13th annual picnic, held on the Fourth of July at Park Point, was a big success, even though there were two other picnics at LaCrosse, Wis., and Fargo, N.D., luring many of our expected visitors. It was a very ideal day and about 100 were present. A fine sports program was given, including a kitten ball game. Next summer our local division hopes for a better crowd, a better sports program, better refreshments and better service for our picnic.

Our star scribe, President Curtis Ericson, is now working on the linotype machine at Norway, Mich., and it's hard for him to come every month, as it's very far.

William L. Nelson is out west, working on the machine and floor at St. Anthony, Idaho.

Several of our brothers are figuring on passing the week-end of Labor day in the Twin Cities.

Last July 18 several local brothers and others were "customers" at the annual Frat picnic held in Minneapolis, and reported good times.

The Duluth Herald and News-Tribune of which Brothers Clarence Sharp and Carl P. Magnuson are employees, has bought a 64-page press from the bankrupt Chicago Evening Post, and is putting it in to take the place of one of the old presses. Many people were interested in watching the work of moving the big press in last week.

**MANHATTAN (By Art Kruger)**—The N. A. D. Convention is all over now but the "shouting." And "shouting" is about all it ever was. . . . Ye Columnist, though unable to take a peek at the Convention, is informed that it was one of the best ever. . . . Other No. 87ers, who reported that they had a lot of fun there, and are now starting life all over again, were Bros. Frankenheim, Nies, Braddock, A. Miller, Ebin, Goldblatt, Mendelsohn, Magnus, Kenner and Sedlow.

**LOCAL TICKER:** It was, indeed, pleasant to have Bros. A. Solomon and I. Semakowitz in our midst, they having been admitted as new members. . . . And speaking of Bro. Solomon, he is a brother-in-law of our President Sussman. . . . The July 17th issue of the New York Post contained a lengthy write-up about the deaf in sports from the pen of Mr. A. Tainsley, chairman of physical education at Fanwood. He has something to say about Bro. Worzel, as follows: "One of the outstanding pro basketball teams of yesteryear was the Silent Separates. Joe Worzel, captain of that outfit, was a constant headache to the Original Celtics, Rens and Visitations, regularly scheduled opponents of the deaf team" . . . Bro Gordon was manager of this team. . . . Bro. Orman of Jacksonville Division No. 88, Fourth Grand Vice President of the NFSD, and also First Vice President of the NAD, visited his boyhood scenes at dear little ol' New York, and at our August meeting we were honored with his presence. . . . Fellow brethren, please note: Bro. Monaelesser, the watchdog of our treasury, has moved. He is now located at 517 W. 212th St.

**TORONTO (By F. E. Doyle)**—Toronto Division's annual picnic at Soper Park, Galt, Ont., on Civic holiday, Aug. 2 was remarkably well attended, about 275 being present. About 20 races, including longest distance diving in water for men (open), and two separate swimming races for men (open) and for ladies (open). Cash prizes were given to the winners. An interesting soft ball game was well played between picked teams of Galt and Toronto, and the result was that the former won by 15 to 13.

For the second time in 13½ years our division has lost an Ontario brother by death. Thomas H. Brown of near Markdale, Ont., passed away on July 26, at the age of over 40 years. He has suffered from meningitis for several months. He had been a faithful member in good standing since August, 1928, when he entered the society.

Walter Clemen of Tonawanda, N.Y., who is a member of Buffalo Division was a visitor at our meeting. He also looked in on the Dionne quintuplets at Callander, Ontario.

**HOLYOKE (By A. H. Enger)**—The July picnic of Holyoke Division went over big. Ideal weather prevailed throughout the day and those who attended were treated to something new in the way of picnics. Field sports were indulged in, and winners were richer as our prizes spelled greenbacks. The bathing beauty contest was not so hotly contested, as there were only a few entries, the winner being Miss Pauline Richards of Holyoke, who qualified in all three necessities: form, grace and poise. A soft-ball game was the main attraction and winners were treated to drinks. Swimming constituted part of the program, but since everyone was participating in all other events, they cried quits. Another outing will be held later this month.

This is the "On Your Mark" chapter of our coming dance to be held on Nov. 13 at Holyoke Hotel. It will have the appearance of a "Money's Worth Dance." The dance committee has been meeting weekly, and many new suggestions have been adopted. The committee has decided on an admission of \$1.00 per person, with a guarantee that it carries no after regrets. As there will be many from out of town who may remain over night, Chairman Enger will gladly arrange for hotel accommodations. He can be reached at 273 Maple St., Holyoke, Mass.

**ST. PAUL & MINNEAPOLIS (By J. J. McNeill)**—Our annual picnic came off a big success and the profit was very good—a big crowd attended and all kinds of games were played, with a kitten ball game as the feature. The lunch and drinks counter did a big business. A dozen sports blew in from Duluth, headed by Col. Sharp and his aid Lydon. A couple came up from Faribault and Owatonna, also some from Lake City and Rochester. All had a fine time

and the weather was perfect. Congratulations to Chairman Langford and his committee for the success.

During the July 4th vacations Elmer Fiedler and family drove up north visiting old friends and also spent some time fishing. The Pangracs and McNeills, and Chris Nelson motored to Nevis to visit the Smiths and Bowens, and had a big time there fishing. Bowen caught a big  $8\frac{3}{4}$  lb. wall-eyed pike in Crooked Lake. Bro. Tom A., please take notice!

Russell Fetzner and Archie Benolkin went to Chicago to attend the N. A. D. convention. They report a fine time, especially at the Frat smoker.

Paul Senkbeil of Sacramento, Calif., and his charming wife, are visiting Paul's relatives here, and were out to our Annual Picnic. Paul is looking for a good job here and wants to stay for good.

Mahlon Hoag and family, of Binghamton, New York, drove up here with an auto trailer, which he and his pal built. They were also at the picnic. They intend to visit relatives and friends here and in Duluth, and then go back home.

The Wolters spent a couple of days during the Fourth of July holiday up north, visiting the Smiths and Bowens. Leo went fishing every day and had good luck and caught about 150 fish.

About two dozen Frats intend to go to the Annual Frat Picnic in Faribault on the 14th, and we wish them a real good time.

Our next regular meeting will be held at the club on Sept. 4, no matter if Labor Day does follow. We expect a big crowd of out-of-town members and visitors who always come up every year to see our famous State Fair, which will open on the 4th. Don't forget to bring your dues receipts, so you can attend the meeting.

Our Division is growing fast now. At our last meeting four new members were sworn in and two new applicants were accepted, and we expect a few more at our next meeting. We will have a big Smoker at the club house on the second Friday in November, and the degree team will take care of it. They are going to feed the goat with tin cans and iron scraps, so he will be ready to handle a dozen new members. Free lunch and drinks and cigars will be served, so you old members had better wake up and remember the date.

#### BIRMINGHAM No. 73 (By Bob Leonard)—

Plans for celebrating the 18th Anniversary of No. 73's founding are rapidly nearing completion. Starting off with a huge combination Smoker and Initiation which is to be held at Greenwood's Cafe behind locked doors and drawn shades in a specially reserved dining room, the celebration, which begins Sunday, September 5, at 3 o'clock at the above-named rendezvous, will terminate the next day after a mammoth picnic which is scheduled to be held at East Lake Park.

It is our sincere hope that brothers from other divisions will be present to help us make the festivities a success. As the old saying goes, "The more, the merrier." Three fledgelings are due to get "the works" at the Smoker-Initiation, or should we say Smoker-Massacre, behind the cloistered doors of Greenwood's. The initiation chamber located adjacent to a deserted bakery follows the motif set by the torture chambers underneath Toledo during the days of the Spanish Inquisition. Even we of the initiation committee could hardly suppress a shiver as we looked the place over. Brother Bell was observed looking at the ceiling and then down again in a most agitated manner and upon inquiry we were informed that he was looking for the Pit and the Pendulum. We all agreed that it no doubt was such a setting as that which inspired Poe to write his immortal classic.

Plenty of midnight oil as well as gray matter has been burned by the picnic committee in making sure that a rousing good time will be had by those who attended the picnic to be held the next day (Sept. 6). An abundance of good fellowship as well as eatments and games are

all listed on the program. C. C. pills and salts for overindulging gourmets may be had on request. (We think of everything, don't we?)

See you at the smoker and picnic. Everyone is welcome to the picnic. Bring the kids, or even the cat.

**CHICAGO No. 1 (By Thos. O. Gray)**—Our "Fort Dearborn Massacre" attracted nearly 400 Fraters, including three ex-grand presidents and several present officers of the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf. Those from outside the Windy City seemed to be disappointed. They expected to see a repetition of the massacre of the residents of old Fort Dearborn. In reality it was just an old-fashioned "Smoker" where some 45 new members of No. 1 and No. 106 were initiated into the mysteries of the society.

There were no warwhoops nor hideous yells mingled with flying tomahawks and shrieks of "another redskin bit the dust," but on the contrary a fine bunch of young men tearing at each other in an effort to get the first ride off the goat. They exhibited true sportsmanship by going through the prescribed requirements without a whimper.

Well, you fellows exhibit a snicker when I mention the Stag entertainment following but our Chairman Bro. Shawl and Bro. Rensman of No. 106 did their best as the entertainment showed. But "Old Dan Tucker" escaped through the keyhole in the middle of the entertainment. He thought he was in Peiping and a Jap shell whizzed overhead. Later he was found airing himself on the roof garden. That talented Brother of our Division came down afterwards to help down a few glasses of free suds. "De show," he signaled, "it swell!"

Our 35th annual picnic, though attended by a smaller crowd than anticipated, was a success. Bro. Bianco is glad it is over. The games and races between the two Chicago Divisions—a contest of friendly rivalry—were run off on schedule though No. 1's track captain, Bro. Ciszecson failed to show up, but Bro. Meagher took charge and the contest went on to a successful conclusion.

The news is out that Bro. Bianco will take unto himself a wife Sept. 5. The eve before Labor Day is a very appropriate date for a wedding ceremony.

Bro. Grunse, a former Chicagoan, but now of San Diego, attended our meeting and gave us a talk about the Far West.

**ST. LOUIS (By C. H. Fry)**—Resident and non-members, do not attend the meeting scheduled for Friday, Sept. 3, because there will be a convention of the Missouri association of the Deaf Sept. 3 to 6. Our meeting will be held on the 11th of Sept. William H. Schaub was at the August meeting looking brown skinned from his vacation at Lake Placid, N. Y., and Atlantic City, N. J. His was rest and relaxation in the true sense of the word, while the mountain air in the Adirondacks is invigorating, he much preferred surf-bathing on the New Jersey Coast. Irwin Barth and his wife had been in Texas for two weeks to visit their relatives.

#### SPRINGFIELD, MASS. (Arthur P. Gunther)

Many of you will soon have your summer pleasures well filled up, will naturally turn to some new change socially in the coming fall. Plans are now being arranged for our coming ball, "Ye Ole Farmer's Ball" on October 9. Please remember this date—better mark it on your calendar lest you may forget. Needless to say, the program will be entirely different in the make-up. Our committee will see no stone unturned to make our affair the most interesting and impressive. Wear anything of the farm origin—forget the "finery." Dig out your old clothes up in the attic, or borrow some from your relatives on a farm. Prizes will be awarded for the best and the most impressive personalities.

What is more, auto tours can be arranged at your own pleasure on the following day—Sunday the 10th, to visit the most interesting and picturesque places among the Berkshires and along the famous and beautiful Mohawk Trail. Therefore, take out your pencil and "date" up groups of your friends for a trip to our picturesque city. You will be delighted with the good times, and it will be worth your coming to our city. For further information please write to E. A. Sargent, Gen. Chairman, 653 State St., Springfield, Mass.

**SCRANTON (H. B. Young)**—Vito Gentile is sure one proud Frater these days, and for good reason, the picnic of No. 82 under his management, staged July 18, was sure one "humdinger." Old Jupiter Pluvius tried hard to spoil the day, but Old Sol proved again he was the Fraters' best friend—his warm rays working up such enormous thirsts that our refreshment stand did a land office business. Games and everything else served to make the affair a fitting wind-up to Frat activities out this way. ATTA BOY! Bro. Vito, many thanks to you and your charming wife and hard working committee, you all did show what youngsters can do when given the chance, and when they try hard enough.

Spot-light Meagher raises a very interesting query in his column in the August FRAT: Is Deafness a Disgrace? Delight? wonders—we do not. For 20 years we conducted a business of our own, we also have traveled quite extensively, and we have yet to be convinced that our deafness is a barrier to good fellowship, rather it has shown us the better side of human nature. We admit, readily enough, there were some (and always will be, we suppose) who were all too eager to take advantage of our handicap, however, we have yet to find it necessary to pose as other than deaf, to avoid so-called "embarrassment." We dare say columns can be written on the subject, pro and con, but to us the disgrace lies not in being deaf, but in being one of those individuals who would allow the mere possession of the very great blessings of mental ability and material wealth, to breed petty snobbishness toward those of their fellow deaf who, through circumstances beyond their control, have been less fortunate in the battle of life. Perhaps, if we had a little less of such "holier than thou" attitudes, the deaf, on the whole, would "pull together" more; the lack of such a spirit seeming to be the chief complaint of leaders in the silent world of today. We think the August FRAT, itself, contains several pat answers to Meagher's query. The article on page 10 "Are You an Enemy to Yourself?" is one and that \$2,063,771.61 balance as shown on page 9, certainly doesn't make it seem that deafness is a disgrace, rather it should instill a feeling of pride to be a member of such a valiant army.

Re—another question of Meagher's. THE FRAT is catchy enough as is. As an editor Bro. Bobs stands ace high, more power to him!!! Those Western brethren of ours sure are in luck. Wonder when the Anthracite Valley will be granted a glimpse of our Grand Prexy? (How about Scranton 1938, Bobs?)

**LOS ANGELES (By J. A. Goldstein)**—Events most touched upon at our recent meeting were the coming of President Roberts, and the three day festival scheduled for Sept. 4-5-6. It had been hoped that Bobs might be here during the three day festival, but according to all reliable reports he will be here around Sept. 7-8-9. Therefore a Special Reception Committee has been appointed by Pres. Elliott, namely Bros. Seely, (Ch.) Himmelschein, Greenburg, Gilbert and Goldstein. Tentative plans call for a monster open house meeting on the 8th and the regular meeting of the division changed from the 4th to the 9th. Full details will be sent out to all members by mail. Members, especially non-residents, are urgently requested to be present. A cordial invitation is also extended to our brothers of San Diego, and other near by divisions. It is believed that President Roberts will have several important announcements to make, not to mention the several hundred questions, (poor Bobs) the members will wish to ask. (Sotto voce—get 'em ready now, boys.)

A word about the three day Festival, which is under the chairmanship of Bro. Peterson and a capable corps of assistants. A Dance will be held on the 4th at 225 N. Vermont; a Bridge Tournament, in charge of Bro. Elliott, will be held at the Cos. Club of the Deaf on the 5th, and a Picnic at Brookside Park in Pasadena on

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Be sure and read the Silent Broadcaster for full and official details of the events named above.

Bros. Burress, Greenberg and Seely spoke briefly of their trek to Chicago and other points. Bro. Greenberg brought greetings from Chi No. 106; (thanks and the same to them) he also told of a gift of a 14k. white gold ring with the Frat emblem engraved thereon from one of the members of Div. No. 106 to be his "for keeps" if and when an oral division became a reality in Los Angeles. So wot? Bro. Seely brought a cigar, which had been presented to him by someone in Chi and which he in turn presented to Pres. Elliott to be kept until the 1940 NAD-convention, when it will be returned to its original owner. Tee-hee!

Bros. Mack, Harper and Gilbert are on the sick list, although the latter is about completely recovered. We hope the other two will be up and about soon.

**LOUISVILLE (J. Wm. Ferg)**—The "breaks" are beginning to come our way. They laughed at good old No. 4, paid scant attention to us, called us "dinky" and said we were about to fold up; but we pursued the even tenor of our way—and fooled them—as we are still very much alive and doing business as usual at the same old stand. It is quite true, that for quite some time past, due to circumstances beyond our control, activities locally have been dormant. One new member at our August meeting, with several more in sight for September and October. Naturally, one must forgive us for crowing a little.

Our August meeting was a revelation. As far back as the memory of the oldest member can recall, a full house was in attendance. Much enthusiasm was shown, many new ideas presented and exchanged and, believe it or not, the time consumed was exactly two hours and 10 minutes, which, compared to our previous meetings taking less than an hour, is a decided indication that we are awakening. [Keep up the good work, boys.—Editor.]

The Organization Committee of No. 4, composed of Bros. Gordon Kannapell, Elkins and Walton, requests of every member of No. 4, the name and address of every eligible prospective member in their locality. Send such information to J. William Ferg, 320 N. 27th St., who, in turn, will turn it over to the committee. Do your part, boys. We need not repeat that No. 4 is in the midst of an aggressive campaign for new members and needs the united effort and co-operation of every member.

The success of the deaf of Pennsylvania and Michigan in having legislation passed providing for Labor Bureaus for the deaf in these states, has started Brother Robert H. Kannapell, President of the Kentucky Association of the Deaf, to thinking of the untold benefits a Bureau would do for the deaf of Kentucky, so he is seriously considering the subject and in the very near

future, may call a convocation of the leading deaf in the state to formulate plans to submit a similar bill to the next session of the Kentucky Legislature.

Gordon Kannapell is the proud owner of a brand new stream-lined, Knee-action Plymouth sedan and his first long trip was to Chicago to attend the N.A.D. Convention. He is loud in his praises of the Home Office staff and the efficient way in which all fraternal business is conducted. At our August meeting, he gave a condensed but detailed report of the important proceedings that concern the deaf in general, such as auto insurance, labor bureaus, methods of curriculum, etc.

George W. Campbell, Certificate No. 87, the last surviving charter member of No. 4, is in bad shape at present. He is totally blind, but as cheerful as ever, and pays his dues regularly. He recently sold his farm on the Manslick Road, and moved back into the city to be near a sister.

Special important notice to ALL members of No. 4: This is to let you know that there will be a social at Robinson Hall, 17th and Main Sts., after our meeting, October 2nd. You are especially requested to bring along a friend or two or three, eligible prospective members. Bring them gently or pull them roughly, and if need be, kidnap them, but bring them in. In this great drive for new members, no holds are barred. Of course, there will be eats and refreshments afterwards, but the main thing is to preach the gospel of the N.F.S.D. Every one must realize that us old-timers can not go on forever, and it behooves us to go and get new, young blood. With the so-called depression definitely over and the scars and ravages of the recent flood rapidly disappearing, and every one apparently rehabilitated, our friends have no excuses whatever for remaining outside the fold. More anon.

**BOSTON (D. McG. Cameron)**—After being held back for some time, the plans and arrangements for the banquet were given out at the meeting on the 7th and from now on it will be our chief topic and interest. The banquet to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Division's foundation will be held on Oct. 23 at the Hotel Bradford, our favorite hotel for entertainments. And it will be an elegant affair. Among the invited guests are Governor and Mrs. C. F. Hurley, Hon. Frank A. Goodwin, Registrar of Motor Vehicles, Mr. and Mrs. J. Paul Foster of the Boston Chamber of Commerce. There will be entertainment by professional talent from the house of New England's best entertainer, and orchestra and dancing to wind up. Reservations by mail should be made with James L. McDonald, 45 Eustis St., Cambridge, Mass., or W. H. Battersby, 61 Orchard St., Lynn, Mass. Subscription is \$3.00 per plate to be paid in advance on or before Oct. 16th.

The many friends of Paul J. Di Anno were sincerely sorry to hear of his death. It was while living here, known to the sporting world as Dummy Burns, that he took an interest in the N.F.S.D., and was admitted to the Society via Boston Division.

John O'Neil, the only member of our Division except Rev. J. S. Light to take in the N.A.D. was at the meeting. Other than to admit he enjoyed his trip, he declined to discuss the Convention. Wonder if Bachelor John has something held back. The writer takes the opportunity through this column to thank his western friends who sent their regards to him through Bro. O'Neil.

Don't forget that as in former years, the September meeting will be held on the second Saturday instead of the first, and a whist social after the meeting takes place. Meeting opens at 7 p.m. sharp.

**MILWAUKEE (By S. Sutter)**—Our last ball, which took place on May 29 at the W. North Avenue auditorium, was a real success, both in attendance, enjoyment and profit.

Milwaukee Division extends its condolences to Ellis Mongon for the loss of his loving mother, who died on May 15, and to Walter O. Dowe whose trusting wife died some time ago.

At our last regular meeting it was found wise that a floor leader be appointed to eliminate the waste of time in arguing motions which may happen to be worth discussing. This position was tendered to and accepted by Arthur G. Leisman. Fred Kaufman of Chicago Div. No. 1 was present, having brought its greetings to this local division. Thank you.

Our annual picnic of August 7 proved itself a successful affair, several from out of town

were present. Most of us were glad to see them who have not been seen for many years. Div. Sec. Bush of Chicago Div. No. 106 made an agreeable talker. Call again. Thanks are due the Committee, which consists of Bros. Booz, Leisman, Steger, Hackett and Steinke.

**AKRON (By F. X. Zitnik)**—Ernest Smith, of Hartford, Conn., was an interested visitor at our August meeting.

Oct. 30 will be a red letter day in Akron and vicinity. Reason? Our annual Halloween Frolic, and Rubberville is preparing to open its doors to visitors from near and far. I will have more to say about it in the October FRAT.

On his way home from the N.A.D. Convention, Rev. Bro. Braddock of New York, stopped a few days with Bro. and Mrs. Schowe, and was an interested spectator at one of the games on our famous croquet court.

Bro. Thompson, chairman of the stag and smoker committee, announces that the Fraternal Order of Elks is cooperating with them for a grand good time Sept. 18. Brothers, see that your dues are paid if you want to participate in the fun of the day.

Vacations being in order, most of our members took to their favorite haunts—but it was up to Bros. Baliff, Faass, Stakley, Hamersly and myself, to attend the N.A.D. Convention in Chicago, where we were very much interested spectators at the Fort Dearborn Massacre. Did we enjoy it? Yes, we say, and HOW.

Bro. and Mrs. Mattix spend their vacation in Jonesboro, Ark. The sun down there is pretty hot judging by the tan they acquired.

**HARTFORD, CONN. (E. J. Szopa)**—Hi! Remember October 23, the red letter date for our Annual Autumn Ball. Regretfully, we are not going to have the Hotel Bond for our affair this time, because it has been already reserved for some outside club's banquet. But we have captured the Governor's Foot Guard Hall which is seemingly much bigger than the Hotel Bond ballroom. It is located at 159 High Street, just one block from the depot, and 3 blocks northward from the Hotel Bond. It stands staunchly beside our new Post Office.

Governor's Foot Guard Hall has been used for many years as an armory dating from the Gay Nineties. Can you imagine how big it is where regiments of soldiers have drilled? Gee! This place is a very excellent one for it has a balcony, a stage, and a basement where refreshments will be served. Imagine! the whole building will be ours for the whole night!

Bro. Luther with his able staff of aides—Bros. Mottram, Young, Lacroix, and Marino—realize how big their tasks will weigh, and that they can hardly outmanage that gigantic Foot Guard Hall.

What is on the program for the Ball? Details will be printed in the next issue. Be sure to paint your busy head bright red with the date for your most enjoyable night.

We hardly believed our own eyes that Bro. Frazier is back here from Sunny California where he has stayed the past year. What's the matter? Homesick or whatever else?

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**SYRACUSE (By H. C. Merrill)**—So far as known, Bro. Merrill was the only one from Central New York to attend the Convention of the N.A.D. in Chicago, the well-known suburb of Oak Park, and he did not stay through the week. However, reports that are coming in indicate that a good time was had by all, including the goat team of Divisions Nos. 1 and 106,—a practical illustration of the value of team work.

Ray Kinsella and his brand-new wife have returned to the city and set up their *lares et penates* in a cozy apartment.

The Keller klan had a "get-together" at the camp near Baldwinsville to celebrate the umpteenth anniversary of Mrs. Fred's natal day on August 10th.

Bro. Conley is feeling better lately, now that Mrs. C. is back home from (1) the hospital, (2) a sojourn with mamma to recuperate, and (3) a visit to an uncle in Williamsport.

The sympathy of all members of the Division goes to Mrs. Eaton, wife of Brother Albert Eaton, who passed on in July after a long illness. Rev. Bro. Merrill, assisted by Rev. Bro. Light of the Boston Division, who chanced to be in the city, officiated at the burial service, interment being at Marcellus, where the Eatons resided for many years.

Bro. Keller, Secretary of the Division, was conspicuous by his absence from the meeting on August 7. Surmises were rife as to the reason why, and, after the meeting, a rescue party valiantly went to the wilds of Elmwood valley. They found Fred suffering from too much water—his basement, like many others in the city, having been flooded by the almost unprecedented heavy rain that day.

**LOWELL (By C. C. McCord)**—Several members of Lowell Division are spending their vacations at different summer resorts. Colin C. McCord at Gloucester, Mass., Stephen Henry at Provincetown, Mass., and Bennett McMahon in New Bedford, Mass.

A card was received from Bro. Albert Carlisle, who recently retired from active work last June, saying that he was down in Bangor, Me., with his wife and daughter, whose husband, is the Commander of U. S. Naval Radio Station in the Hawaiian Islands.

The division at the last regular meeting voted to hold a hot chicken pie supper and dance in Lowell on Saturday, November 13. Bro. Bennett McMahon was appointed to be the chairman of this affair. He was pleased with the thoughtfulness of some divisions in Massachusetts, in sending him Old Gold cigarettes and chewing plug. He is still anxious to hear from his old schoolmates at the American School for the Deaf in Hartford, Conn. Friends of his should write to him at State General Hospital, Tewksbury, Mass.

Circulars have been received here announcing two conventions, one, Granite State Deaf Mute Mission Society at Canobie Lake Depot, N.H., on Sept. 4, 5 and 6. Mrs. Mary Shea, wife of Bro. John Shea will be in charge and the other convention at Sanford, Me. by Maine State Deaf Soc'ety on the same time. Further particulars, write to James Hale, Castine, Maine and his assistants will be Bros. Colin McCord, Lawrence McNiell, Myles McGeever, and Henry Belodeau. The selection of the hall will be decided before the regular meeting of our division this month. This affair promises to be the best in the annals of the division. Further plans will be known in the October FRAT or from Chairman Bennett McMahon, 3 By Street, Lowell.

The writer recently visited Bro. Lawrence Donovan, now at the Tewksbury State General Hospital, in Tewksbury.

**SEATTLE (N. C. Garrison)**—The annual Midway Picnic was a very successful affair, with well over 200 present for the two days of fun. The Committee arranged an excellent program. In the soft ball game, the Washingtonians won from the Oregonians by a 11 to 7 score. A hearing team then challenged the deaf to a couple of match games and were soundly thrashed by the silents in both games 4 to 2 and 11 to 7.

A. W. Wright of Seattle was general chairman with L. Bradbury, Carl Spencer, G. Preston and G. Lowell as assistants.

Bro. Frank J. Morrissey, who left July 3 for a month's vacation in Alaska, passed away suddenly at Fairbanks, Alaska, on July 19 from a heart attack. Bro. Morrissey was 68 years old and one of the real hustlers in the Seattle Division, and his death was a profound shock to

## The Deaf Driver

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Minor accidents? Describe.....

Member of any auto club? Name of club.....

all. The body was returned to Seattle and funeral services held on Tuesday, July 27. Many beautiful floral offerings were sent by his hosts of friends. Interment was in Calvary Cemetery with Bros. Wright, Brown, Waugh, Christenson, Rost and Haire acting as pallbearers.

A committee will be appointed shortly to arrange for the Silver Anniversary of the Seattle Division to be observed next year.

**TOLEDO (By S. G. Henry)**—On August 8, our annual picnic at Navarre Park attracted a large crowd of 150, more than Milton Neff, first-time chairman of the picnic expected, with a big success in the way of earnings from refreshments, ice cream and soft drinks. Indoor baseball game and races for prizes were the feature of the afternoon, sandwiched with baked beans and potato salad, pies, (which were donated by some aux-frats) and in-between frequent stops to relieve parched throats with cold drinks and ice cream. Everybody reports having a good time. Bro. Neff was satisfied with his work to make everybody happy. Louis Blum and Robert Shimp, who replaced his brother, Isaac, on account of sickness, were the promoters of the baseball game and races, while Bros. Andrew Sellers, Myron Burt, Leo Otremba, Mrs. Milton Neff and Mrs. Myron Burt were serving refreshments, ice cream and soft drinks, and Samuel Henry was cashier. They sure deserve a vote of thanks from our Division for their financial and moral success.

Toledo was represented at the N.A.D. convention by Bro. and Mrs. Andrew Sellers, Bro. Norbert and Ann Pilliod, Mrs. Louis Blum and Harlan Eller. Bro. Sellers gave a talk at our lodge meeting about the N.A.D. convention.

Roy Montgomery and wife of Houston, Texas, who took a few weeks' vacation have been guests of Bro. and Mrs. Andrew Sellers for a week. The latter and Mrs. Montgomery were

school pals at the Texas School for the Deaf.

Bros. Clarence George and Nathan Henick appeared at our lodge meeting after long absences on account of working at Canton and Lansing, Mich. They gave us a pleasant talk at the meeting. Both with their families were at our picnic, enjoying meeting with many friends.

## Let's Go on Together

There are times "when a feller needs a friend". The American Deaf Citizen is ever the friend and partner of the American Deaf . . . their constant helper. It tries ever to be fair, to be honest, to be the best paper of, by and for the Deaf.

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## Notable Deaf Persons

By GUILBERT C. BRADDOCK

### IX. Edmund Booth

THIS eminent deaf man is noted not only for his exceptional mental qualities, but also for the part which he played actively in the development of the Middle West. He was a prairie pioneer.

Edmund Booth was born August 24th, 1810, in Springfield, Mass. At the age of four, an attack of cerebrospinal meningitis rendered him partially deaf as well as blind in one eye. At the age of eight, he became totally deaf, but never lost the power of speech. He worked on a farm until his seventeenth year, then attended the School for the Deaf in Hartford from 1828 to 1832. Instead of returning home, he stayed on as teacher, and taught the deaf until 1839. A lung affliction forced him to resign.

Emigrating to Iowa, he built the first comfortable frame house in Jones County, then a wilderness. His first neighbors were Indians, rattlesnakes, deer and wolves, but a settlement soon grew on the site, and was named Anamosa. Booth was joined here in 1840 by his intended wife, Mary Ann Walworth, one of his former pupils, who brought her sister and brothers along with her as emigrants. While pioneering, the head of the family found time to serve the county as recorder of deeds from 1842 to 1848. (He was nominated as treasurer, but declined.) He also served a term as enrolling clerk in the Iowa House of Representatives, and secured the passage of a law sending the deaf children of Iowa to the Illinois School to be educated.

In 1849 he joined the gold rush to California, and apparently found some gold-dust, for on his return in 1856 he paid one thousand dollars for a half-interest in a newspaper. The "Anamosa Eureka" was a success under his editorship, and in 1862 he bought out the remaining partner. He managed the enterprise single-handed until 1868, then took his elder son into permanent partnership. Their journal was the leading paper of the county, and possessed the first Hoe press seen in the whole region. (The younger son became a teacher of the deaf, and has recently retired from a long superintendency of the Nebraska School.)

Edmund Booth was chairman pro tem of the first N.A.D. Convention in 1880, and declined the first presidency of that body in favor of a younger man. In the same year he received an honorary Master of Arts degree from Gallaudet College. He contributed several articles to the American Annals of the Deaf, and anonymous poems to various publications as well as his own paper. He died March 29th, 1905, at the unusual age of ninety-five.

The late Dr. Fay described Mr. Booth as "a man of strong convictions, hating shams, pretensions and injustice, and sometimes expressing what he felt with too little regard for the feel-

Name	Division	New Members
Elmer Rosenmund	Cleveland	30
Joe Greenberg	Los Angeles	8
Louis Massinhoff	Chicago No. 1	5
Raymond Whitlock	Wichita	5
H. von Hippel	St. Paul-Minneapolis	5
Wilbur Lattimer	Johnstown	5
H. R. Glover	Columbia	4
Roy Hiatt	Indianapolis	4
August Herdtfelder	Baltimore	4
C. Den Dekker	Chicago No. 1	4
Howard Kilthau	Denver	4
David Peikoff	Toronto	4
Homer Moulder	Los Angeles	3
Charles Spitaleri	Bronx	3
Aloysius Japes	Detroit	3
Palmino Colgrossi	Chicago No. 1	3
Jacob Goldstein	Los Angeles	2
Charles Russey	Chicago No. 106	2
Charles Whisman	Indianapolis	2
Peter Amico	Boston	2
William Hart	Rockford	2
John Cordano	Kalamazoo	2
George Sutherland	Toronto	2
Moses Waldman	Boston	2
Leo Trainor	Bangor	2
William Smith	New Orleans	2
Wallace Williams	Delavan	2
George Laramie	Salt Lake City	2

TIME goes, you say. No, Time stays, WE go, fellows! Only three months left before the 1937 Derby closes and the winners rake in the mazuma. Get FIVE, boys, get FIVE in the next three months. Easy. The prospects are only waiting for you to sign them up. SIGN 'EM UP!

ings of others. He was kindhearted, liberal-minded, and generous, however." At the age of ninety Mr. Booth summed up his own career as follows: "Life with me has been agreeable, as a rule, the exceptions being hardly worth notice, and those exceptions now being almost entirely out of memory."

### OBITUARY

FRANK J. MORRISSEY, 68, of Seattle Div. No. 44, died July 10, 1937. He joined the Society May 1, 1924, and held certificate No. 6964-C.

CHARLES D. LEWIS, 49, of Little Rock Div. 5, died July 15, 1937. He joined the Society Sept. 1, 1924, and held certificate No. 7101-D.

ALBERT E. EATON, 66, of Syracuse Div. No. 48, died July 20, 1937. He joined the Society Feb. 1, 1918, and held certificate No. 3893-C.

WILLIAM L. BUTCHER, 85, of Utica Div. No. 45, died July 22, 1937. He joined the Society Oct. 1, 1906, and held certificate No. 314-C.

### MARRIAGES

June 19—Carl Beekman, Springfield, O., and Roberta Lemon, Canton, O.

July 25—Alex. Schierman, Endicott, Wash., and Elsie McCoy, Spokane, Wash.

August 1—Graham Chambers, Jackson, Miss., and Marie Tune, Shelbyville, Tenn.

### BIRTHS

June 8—Mr. and Mrs. Walter Krug, Washington, D. C., a girl.

July 10—Mr. and Mrs. George Sheatsley, Tacoma, Wash., a girl.

July 12—Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Bishop, Jonesboro, Tenn., a girl.

July 12—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Krassner, Brooklyn, N. Y., a girl.

July 18—Mr. and Mrs. George Hobb, Dyersburg, Tenn., a girl.

July 18—Mr. and Mrs. William EnDean, Pittsburgh, Pa., a girl.

July 19—Mr. and Mrs. Ben Baca, Brooklyn, N. Y., a boy.

July 20—Mr. and Mrs. Hans Neujahr, Omaha, Neb., a boy.

July 23—Mr. and Mrs. Casimer Krukowski, Milwaukee, Wis., a boy.

July 30—Mr. and Mrs. Alva Guppy, Washington, D. C., a girl.

### ENGAGEMENTS

Alfred Oliver, Malden, Mass., and Mary Sasso, Revere, Mass.

Martin Eber, Pittsburgh, Pa., and Alice Greaves, DuBois, Pa.

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## JULY COLLECTIONS

Grand Division	\$ 72.87
Chicago No. 1	360.56
Detroit	167.49
Saginaw	20.31
Louisville	67.62
Little Rock	115.94
Dayton	110.38
Cincinnati	218.30
Nashville	32.73
Olathe	140.45
Flint	121.33
Toledo	105.43
Milwaukee	137.17
Columbus	183.44
Knoxville	32.68
Cleveland	188.50
Indianapolis	182.93
Brooklyn	452.78
St. Louis	266.74
New Haven	55.71
Holyoke	45.21
Los Angeles	208.97
Atlanta	126.08
Philadelphia	316.44
Kansas City	116.82
Omaha	84.84
New Orleans	111.23
Kalamazoo	46.49
Boston	285.57
Pittsburgh	133.52
Hartford	57.10
Memphis	84.54
Portland, Me.	61.28
Buffalo	60.71
Portland, Ore.	59.01
Newark	132.39
Providence	32.38
Seattle	76.27
Utica	103.92
Washington	166.43
Baltimore	163.50
Syracuse	58.74
Cedar Rapids	67.33
Albany	49.95
Rochester	112.45
San Francisco	126.80
Reading	115.45
Akron	303.17
Salt Lake City	44.53
Rockford	61.93
Springfield, Ill.	52.87
Davenport	23.43
Worcester	53.20
St. Paul-Minneapolis	119.33
Fort Worth	45.21
Dallas	49.89
Denver	59.56
Waterbury	38.81
Springfield, Mass.	67.69
Waco	15.89
Bangor	48.11
Kenosha	29.09
Birmingham	83.00
Sioux Falls	37.29
Wichita	52.74
Spokane	114.97
Des Moines	33.09
Lowell	138.99
Berkeley	64.77
Delavan	120.11
Houston	56.60
Scranton	35.72
Richmond	42.67
Johnstown	56.41
Manhattan	203.80
Jacksonville	14.46
Lewiston	30.45
Peoria	31.49
Jersey City	103.87
Bronx (June and July)	168.00
Columbia	50.06
Charlotte (June and July)	95.20
Durham	82.22
Dubuque	25.26
Grand Rapids	19.13
Toronto	248.53
Duluth	27.26
Canton	20.72
Faribault	58.81
South Bend	73.50
Council Bluffs	62.23
Fort Wayne	40.17
Schenectady	39.95
Chicago No. 106	75.31
Miami	56.18
Binghamton	83.76
Wilkinsburg	45.81
San Diego	15.96
Eau Claire	77.49
Sulphur	78.55
Vancouver	21.42
Westchester	22.61
Queens	43.95
Montreal No. 117	9.96
Montreal No. 118	31.48
Total collections	\$9,842.44

TREASURER'S STATEMENT FOR  
JULY, 1937

Balance and Income	
Balance, June 30, 1937	\$2,063,771.61
Division collections	9,842.44
Interest, mortgage loans	1,542.54
Interest, bonds	3,304.52
Mortgage fees	207.50
Property insurance premiums	86.00
Refund of investment expenses	10.00
Rents	6,063.79
Lodge supplies	4.75
Exchange on checks	1.90
Advertising in THE FRAT	12.00
Recording and registry fees	9.25
Total balance and income	\$2,084,856.30
Disbursements	
Death benefits	\$ 745.00
Sick benefits	1,255.00
Accident benefits	160.00
Old-age income payments	75.62
Refund of dues	6.15
Clerical services	120.00
Federal unemployment taxes	147.68
Insurance Department fees	15.00
Investment expenses	16.50
Legal services	50.00
Mortgage expenses	3.00
Office expenses	186.53
Officers' and Trustees' salaries	787.48
Official publication	197.57
Organizing expenses	21.25
Postage	19.57
Property insurance premiums	86.00
Real estate operating expenses	1,255.51
Total disbursements	\$ 5,147.86
Recapitulation	
Balance and income	\$2,084,856.30
Disbursements	5,147.86
Balance, July 31, 1937	\$2,079,708.44
TRUSTEES' REPORT	
Ledger Assets, July 31, 1937	
Real estate	\$ 690,490.19
First mortgage loans	485,800.20
First mortgage bonds	202,945.73
U. S. Government bonds	105,565.70
State bonds	208,676.08
Municipal bonds	155,011.27
Canadian bonds	21,057.13
Bank deposits	208,854.98
Cash in Society's office	1,807.11
Total ledger assets	\$2,079,708.44
Balances in Funds	
Reserve fund	\$1,769,342.60
Mortuary fund	137,021.26
Sick and accident fund	94,442.07
Accumulated interest	28,197.58
Convention fund	16,695.23
Indemnity fund	2,778.72
General expense fund	31,230.98
Total in all funds	\$2,079,708.44
JULY DEATH CLAIMS	
Harvey H. Heishman, Columbus	\$250.00
Berthold Clark, St. Louis	495.00
Total for the month	\$745.00
JULY DISABILITY CLAIMS	
J. F. Meagher, Chicago No. 1	\$ 10.00
Joseph Worzel, Manhattan	90.00
H. P. Nelson, Portland, Ore.	10.00
Abe Marcus, Brooklyn	150.00
*J. T. Shilton, Grand	20.00
Ben Cone, Toronto	10.00
G. L. Seley, Council Bluffs	30.00
L. C. Saracione, Bronx	150.00
M. J. Crane, Buffalo	15.00
E. J. Sherwood, Brooklyn	45.00
W. L. Youree, Nashville	50.00
*C. H. Stiles, Little Rock	30.00
*A. J. Jatta, Berkeley	10.00
Henry A. Blanc, San Francisco	10.00
J. B. Hobart, Miami	30.00
*T. J. Prinn, Portland, Me.	30.00
H. T. Creager, Baltimore	50.00
Samuel Platsky, Baltimore	25.00
O. J. Whildin, Baltimore	50.00
Eugene Underhill, Detroit	15.00
H. M. Dundas, Saginaw	50.00
*Henry Stein, Jr., Manhattan	30.00
*John Bender, Jr., Cleveland	10.00
B. L. Craven, Portland, Ore.	30.00
J. E. Crouch, Dallas	15.00
J. M. Lowell, Seattle	50.00
Herbert Archer, Akron	75.00
G. D. Weidman, Council Bluffs	90.00

H. S. Ferguson, Olathe	50.00
W. M. Shaw, Utica	30.00
E. H. Crossen, Columbus	50.00
A. P. Rexin, Milwaukee	25.00
*W. D. Cutchin, Baltimore	30.00
F. C. Smielau, Miami	50.00

Total for the month.....\$1,415.00

\*Denotes accident claims.

## NEW MEMBERS

Chicago No. 1:	St. Paul-Minneapolis:
Tony Spalla	Dwight Burris
Louisville:	Dallas:
Charles Jones	Joe Park
Columbus:	Denver:
Virgil Shroyer	Kenneth Roeder
Cleveland:	Wichita:
Wallace Hicks	August Chebultz, Jr.
Indianapolis:	Delavan:
George Packer	Robert Schneider
Brooklyn:	Johnstown:
Joseph Paxton	Gilbert McNulty
San Francisco:	Milton Nelson
Earl Norton	Toronto:
Salt Lake City:	Norman Hawthorn
Arvel Christensen	Faribault:
	William Allen

## THE GET-ONE DEGREE

Chicago No. 1—Palmino Cologrosso.  
 Louisville—Julius Senn.  
 Columbus—John Pershing  
 Cleveland—Elmer Rosenmund.  
 Indianapolis—William Falls  
 Brooklyn—Joseph Call.  
 San Francisco—Ernest Norton.  
 Salt Lake City—George Laramie  
 St. Paul-Minneapolis—Herman von Hippel.  
 Dallas—Lester Murdoch.  
 Denver—Howard Kiltbau  
 Wichita—Raymond Whitlock.  
 Delavan—Wallace Williams  
 Johnstown—Wilbur Lattimer (2)  
 Toronto—David Peikoff  
 Faribault—Victor Spence

## COME BACKS

Philadelphia—Hyman Shickman.  
 St. Paul-Minneapolis—Martin Klein.  
 Chicago No. 106—Edward Schmidt.



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## "Health First"

*It is not a fear of illness or of death that we should encourage, but a love of health, a sense of responsibility for the care of our bodies, a desire for bodily endurance and efficiency and full achievement.*

### Benefits of Fresh Air

FRESH air is nature's tonic. It stimulates digestion, promotes assimilation, improves metabolism, strengthens the nervous system, and increases our resistance against some diseases. It is a common experience that fresh air gives us a feeling of well-being. Much of the benefit of an outdoor life comes also from the exercise, diversion, sunshine and other factors. The stimulating effect of outdoor air varies considerably with the temperature and movements of the air. Cold air is especially stimulating, and much of the good of sleeping out of doors is perhaps secondarily due to the tonic action of the cold. Sleeping out of doors or with open windows atones for much bad air during the day time; however, the good results of fresh air may be neutralized by undue exposure to cold, especially in the young, the aged and the feeble, or even in robust individuals not properly protected.

We may write and talk as much as we please about the horrors of bad air and the importance of fresh air, but we should never induce people to sit in cold drafts and shiver for the sake of pure air, and in fact we would not want to do it ourselves. Extremes in this as in all matters hygienic are to be avoided. It is important that those who sleep out of doors or sit out should be warmly clad and sufficiently fed.

### Do You Know—

THAT medical experts are agreed that the greatest field in medicine today is the prevention of disease.

That infected teeth are often the cause of rheumatism.

That carrots have a plentiful supply of vitamins and should be served more often.

That potatoes should not be served with rice and macaroni because rice and macaroni are starchy foods and take the place of potatoes.

That sunshine and fresh air kill germs and thereby help to keep out sickness.

That a little pat of butter, weighing half an ounce, holds as much food as a pound and a half of watermelon.

That people who are used to fresh air seldom have colds.

That weight may be gained by sleeping as well as eating.

That hard foods keep the teeth from decaying.

### Cultivate "Habits for Health"

LIFE is but a mass of habits. The motions through which our bodies move in doing a certain act fashion in the nervous system a path or channel, paths which will become deeper in accordance with the number of times the act is repeated. If we observe the nervous system, we find how often so-called functional diseases seem to keep going just because they once happened to begin. Epilepsy, neuralgia, insomnia and convulsive affections of various sorts are examples of this kind. Joints that once have been attacked by rheumatism or gout, mucous membranes that have been the seat of catarrh, are more apt to be affected again.

Overeating—the one habit to which almost ninety per cent of us are subject—is one of the most disastrous to health of the body. Sydney Smith has said: "Some men dig their graves with their teeth."

Worry, worry, worry is the habit stamped upon the faces of the American people. "It is not work that kills men," says Beecher, "it is worry. Work is healthful, but worry is rust upon the blade." "Do not anticipate trouble," advises Franklin, "or worry about what may never happen."

Equally important as right eating is right breathing. Our lungs take from the air not only oxygen, but wisdom, love and vital mental power. The shallow breather literally robs himself of health, happiness and success.

Cleanliness is more of a habit than we at first think. The cleanliness of the mouth is most important.

### Mental Habits

WE HEAR a great deal about physical habits, but very little about mental habits, which are, however, largely responsible for the physical.

Among mental habits worrying is one of the worst. It not only wears out the whole nervous system, but also affects the body. And it puts one in a condition in which he cannot help himself even if he knows how.

The mind requires and deserves as much care as the body, and unless it receives the care it should have it will not serve the body as it should and must if the body have normal health.

Contentment, cheerfulness, looking on the bright side of things are mental habits which contribute a great deal to happiness and long life.—Grit.

### Deaf and Dumb Cops

AMERICANS do not think of Rumania as particularly enlightened, but its capital, Bucharest, has a wonderful idea. Many of its cops, especially in the busiest traffic district, are deaf mutes.

They are picked deliberately for such service, and are said to get along satisfactorily. And the practice may not be so crazy as it sounds.

No irate motorist, you see, can start a row with a deaf mute. And no deaf mute can hawl out an important citizen for his dumb driving. So it works nicely for both sides.

There may be occasional difficulties, when such a public servitor is asked for information by a motorist. But you can't have everything.

Someone may suggest that, to make this silent system work perfectly, there should be more deaf-and-dumb drivers. But then the cops and drivers would probably fight with their fingers, holding up traffic while they silently bawled each other out.—The Reading Times.

### Ten Ways to Kill a Division

DON'T go to the meetings. If you go, go late.

2. If the weather doesn't suit you, don't think of going.

3. If you do attend a meeting, find fault with the work of the officers and members.

4. Never accept office or serve on a committee, as it is easier to criticize than to do things.

5. Get sore if you are not appointed on a committee, but if you are, don't attend committee meetings.

6. If you are asked by the chairman to give your opinion on something, tell him you have nothing to say.

7. After meeting, tell everyone how it should be done.

8. Do nothing more than absolutely necessary, but when the other members use their ability to help things along, howl and say that the Division is run by a clique.

9. Wait until the last minute to pay your dues, or don't pay at all.

10. Don't try to get new members. Let George do it.



Our conduct is influenced, not by our experiences, but by our expectations.

—George Bernard Shaw.

# National Fraternal Society of the Deaf

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**THE NATIONAL FRATERNAL SOCIETY OF THE DEAF** is a fraternal life insurance association of deaf men. It is organized on the lodge system and has branch lodges, called Divisions, in over a hundred principal cities of the United States and Canada.

## Objects

The society's objects are: To pay death benefits to the families of members who die; to pay benefits to members who fall sick or meet accidental injury; to unite all deaf men of good health, habits and character in a brotherhood of friendliness and good fellowship for the purpose of helping one another and making life better and happier for all of its members and the deaf as a class.

## Death, Sick and Accident Benefits

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

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

## Safeguards

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

A voucher system is in use at the home office and every expenditure must have the approval of the Grand President. The general treasurer and treasurers of all the Divisions are bonded by a surety company. The Board of Trustees makes a monthly audit of the treasurer's books and supervises all investments of the society's funds.

## Cost of Joining

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

## How to Join

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

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

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

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

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

## Certificate Classes

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

## Withdrawal Equities and Income Options

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

## Required Monthly Payments

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

### MONTHLY NET RATES PER \$1000

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

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

Rate for age at nearest birthday to be taken