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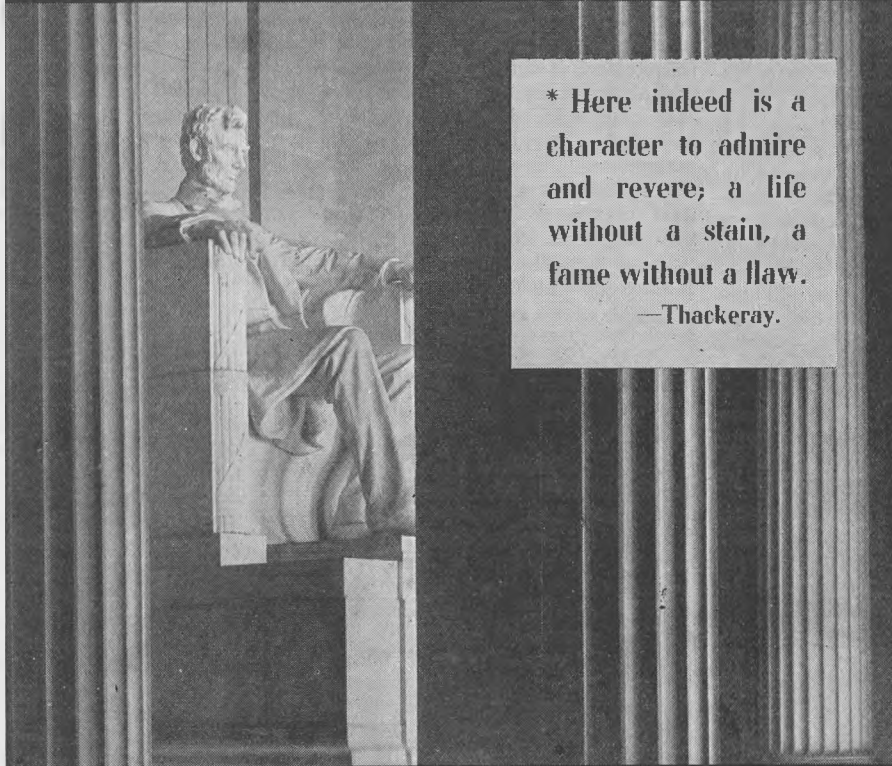
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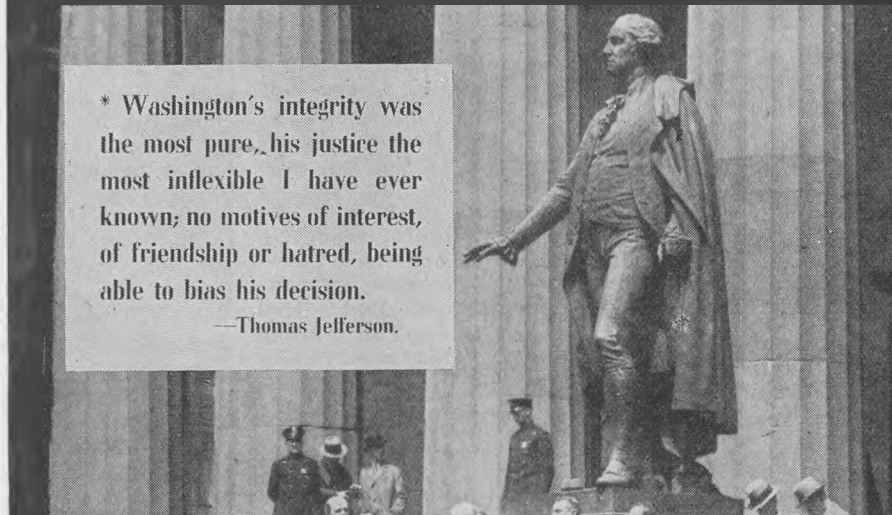
## ☆☆☆ Two Great Americans ☆☆☆



\* Here indeed is a character to admire and revere; a life without a stain, a fame without a flaw.

—Thackeray.

**ABRAHAM LINCOLN, Feb. 12, 1809—Apr. 15, 1865**



\* Washington's integrity was the most pure, his justice the most inflexible I have ever known; no motives of interest, of friendship or hatred, being able to bias his decision.

—Thomas Jefferson.

**GEORGE WASHINGTON, Feb. 22, 1732—Dec. 14, 1799**

**FEBRUARY, 1938**

## The Spotlight

By J. FREDERICK MEAGHER

THERE was a meeting between the two Roosevelts during the World War—profound lesson on the vicissitudes of fortune, Theodore, the famous ex-president, 60-years of age, knocked on the door of the White House, which he had left a decade before, and asst't-sec'y of Navy Franklin D., aged 35, opened the way to his great exemplar. When Theodore demanded that he be permitted to create a division and conquer or die on the battlefields of France, Wilson remained rock-like in his refusal. Not even Clemenceau's letter, which stressed the moral effect that would be produced by the appearance of Theodore Roosevelt in the trenches, could persuade the now almighty Wilson to let up on his ancient enmity.—(Emil Ludwig's life of F. D. Roosevelt, Liberty of Jan. 1st.)

Teddy's proposed division—to be modeled somewhat after his Rough Riders of Cuban War fame—was to be recruited exclusively from the "draft-exempted classes," and included a "death battalion" of us deaf—athletes, hunters, crack-shots. Teddy wrote me, at the time, promising he would assuredly make use of us if his plans materialized. In a couple of weeks, as I recall, through the far-flung network of my NAD Impostor Bureau—then a live-wire bunch of go-getters—we signed some 90 good deaf men for the great adventure; before Wilson's ukase punctured our pipe-dream. Tentative plan was to leave our "death battalion" of around a thousand deaf, to "hold that line" the first time Roosevelt's division had to retreat—"since good men must die, it is better that we who can best be spared make the supreme sacrifice." So all we deaf did to win the war was make balloons and gas-masks at Goodyear.

PANAY pictures are prime propaganda as this is written; taken by daring Norman Alley, who—if I recall aright—took our Miss Jean Mack for International Newsreel, during our Silver Jubilee of 1926. Films showed her risking her life by dancing the Charleston on narrow parapet of Hearst bldg., high above Chicago. . . . Several of our brothers have sons in the army or navy. . . . "Chop Suey" really means "beggars' hash." . . . Japanese women are reputed to be the world's best wives. (Oh yeah? Bet the guy who wrote that never met peet-Products.) . . . Winchell says we are nearer war than you think. War means jobs at good wages for our brethren; wonder what city will become a "second-Goodyear." [They will probably draft everybody in the next war—and fix the wages, if any.—Ed.]

SIGNS score again—and we deaf as parents. Lieut J. Guerry Bishop, Jr.—now with the fleet on its annual maneuvers around Panama and Porto Rico—has been promoted to "communications officer" of his Marine battalion. Is in charge of all telephone, telegraph, radio, and semaphore signals. Get it? SEMAPHORE signals are wig-wags. By arms or flags. Trained from infancy to correlate eye and lip, while watching his parents and their friends sign, he must have proven highly competent at deciphering dis-

tant arm-waves on rolling quarter-decks, or in far-flung field-operations. Another instance where deafness has proven a HELP, not a handicap.

THIS is respectfully submitted to Dr. Ignatius Bjorlee, head of American Instructors of Deaf. When at our NAD last summer, the benign Bjorlee "pepped" Life photographers; contemplated future collection of interesting incidentia, for series of unusual photos. Bjorlee is a friend we deaf can swear by.

CONDEMNED to die, an illiterate negro was saved from the electric chair when J. M. Vestal persuaded North Carolina governor to commute to life—which will eventually result in parole. Head of the state Bureau of Labor for Deaf there, Vestal visited the negro in death cell; found his knowledge of signs meager and penmanship nil; drew out his story—then convinced his excellency the doomed deaf man never had a fair trial. Yet some saps ask what good are our organizations like the NFSD, the NAD, etc. Most discouraging!

LABOR BUREAUS in only four states—Minnesota, North Carolina, Michigan, Pennsylvania. "Organized Organization" of Penna deaf, led by capable silents, jammed FOUR good bills through last legislature; all four promptly signed by Governor. Dozen states now plan bureaus; get behind the cart and push, pal.

CAGE—Season's high-score, so far, is Vancouver 88, hearing team 18. Last year Ark. totaled 181 to 24 in two games, two successive nights. . . . Seems Manhattan is finally putting over its long cherished dream of a deaf basketball league spread over several states. Means helpful publicity. . . . Edward Woodruff, 200-lb. deaf lineman who played in some of the football games for Iowa U, in '36, switched to Iowa State last Sept.—where his deaf brother is a senior now. Ed ineligible last fall, but hopes to make Ames eleven next autumn. . . . All-American Deaf Board of Basketball starts sixth year by altering lineup for first time since organization. One representative for each of four major tournaments—Foltz of Mid-West, Harlow of Eastern, Baynes of Southern, Spotty of Central; with Johnnie Wilkerson of Fanwood as sec'y. Foltz seems stuck with the chairmanship—jolly load of grief.

Wash. Deaf Record believes in "flow-ers for the living," so prints interesting dope on our forgotten Mighty Men—or "has-beens"—instead of waiting until they die. In first smear, Alex Pach says:

In 50 years I photographed some 25,000 persons. Theodore Roosevelt had a slight knowledge of our manual alphabet, almost forgotten; he used natural pantomimic signs learned from Indians. Dr. Alexander Graham Bell, inventor of the telephone, used our language at its best when talking to me, walking crowded Broadway. Admiral Rodman's sitting was interpreted by one of my sons—who was not in uniform as a yeoman in the U. S. Navy, though he should have been. Helen Menken—called the American Duse—was my most helpful collaborator; she signed and spelled like a native—her father is one of our brotherhood.

GALLAUDET basketball coach, Orell Mitchell (hearing) officiated in the Army-Navy football games, year ago. . . . Students conducting a Badminton tournament. . . . OWLS (women's sorority) have long had two or

three "Funds," which help deserving co-eds; now, at long last, the Kappa Gamma fraternity plans similar scholarships. Dr. Fox, hero of the first football team, 56 years ago, donates \$50; widow of late editor W. W. Beadell gives \$10 in his memory. . . . Wash. Herald's "Who's Who" has swell boil on life of Pres. Hall; one truism: "None of his graduates have ever gotten particularly rich; but they have a high mark in self-support." Pax Vobiscum! . . . Buff & Blue—student newspaper—says new studes now take course in "How To Read"—replacing old grammar-review. Taught by Prof. Powrie Vaux Doctor (hearing brother of the merry-mad, mischievous "Doc" who was Spotlight's loyal ally in making life miserable for the Kappa Gambits, at Foltz's Fairyland). "Fusfeld-tests reveal preps are weak in paragraph-understanding; course overcomes this."

SPOTS—Mrs. Martha Nilson of Los Angeles is one of the few deaf to win in courts; sued for \$50,000, verdict \$9,500. Fire truck ran into Nilson car two years before—killing Nilson and Mrs. LaMont, and injuring Mrs. Nilson. . . . Dozen stitches saved chin of Otto Lorenz; all expenses paid by hearing owners of Chicago auto-truck responsible. Seems truck suddenly turned off boulevard without arm-signal; long iron-pipes protruded from rear without red-rag or lantern; Peter Scott, unable to stop in time, iron pipes smashed windshield and almost tore off Otto's jaw. Several operations and X-rays necessary to remove all splinters of glass buried in Otto's face. (Can you see glass by X-ray? Some brothers say yes; others no.) Bro. Lorenz is a hard-luck lad; tried out as pitcher by White Sox and Browns during War; foolishly spurned their offer to "farm him out for experience" as his wartime wages exceeded bush-league pay. Few years ago had chunk of his pitching-arm torn out by shotgun-charge—fired by hearing hunter behind. . . . S. Robey Burns, now in forestry service at Wash., D.C., sending one buck as Christmas gift to Ill. Home for Aged Deaf, enlightens on meaning of "Trans-Lux" theatres now springing up all over the East: "Trans-Lux are the NEWS theatres; film-program of 1½ hrs. costs 25c." . . . Auto-record for 2,200-mile Los Angeles-Chicago drive claimed by the Ward Smalls—3½ days, driving in relay. Ward (Clark school pupil of the Grace Goodhue who became Mrs. Cal Coolidge) was pal of Ed Rowse, when that Harvard-Gallaudetite was in Grand h'd'q up to 1923. . . . The famous Bruno Lessing who writes daily travel-trivia for the Hearst sheets, has a deaf sister. She is the quiet, kindly, cultured Mrs. Bertha Block Barnes, Gallaudet ex-'96, and charter-member of the OWLS. . . . Joe H. Moore of Texas has drilled some 500 oil wells—scattered over Texas, New Mexico, Ark., and La.

## Notable Deaf Persons

By GUILBERT C. BRADDOCK

### XIV. Joseph Mount

**J**OSEPH MOUNT was born in 1827. According to his own words, he became deaf a few months after birth, and entered the Pennsylvania Institution for the Deaf (Philadelphia) at the age of ten years. This does not explain how he obtained such a mastery of the English language as to contribute articles in very good prose style to *The Christian Advocate*, *Scott's Dollar Weekly*, and other periodicals between 1846 and 1849.

He wrote under the pen name of "Joe, a Jersey Mute," and he broke New York's monopoly of deaf literary talent. His remarks on the subject of deafness were more sentimental than learned, but he sounded a new note. The poets Nack, Burnet and Carlin bemoaned deafness as a calamity, and alluded to themselves as "silent exiles on the face of earth." Said Joe in that connection: "I glory in my eternal silence. I cannot bring myself to believe that any mute feels as if he were 'a prisoner in his dreary cell doomed for life.' My tongue, though mute, does not need the power of speech, because my arms and hands can express my ideas. Dumbness—and I say it in earnest—is a lovely silence. There is much in the rude gestures of a mute to charm and to delight another. As long as life lasts, in all probability, I shall continue to be deaf and dumb . . . but I have none of the feelings of a sorrow-stricken lunatic. I claim the honor of being called a Merry Mute; nay, I insist on being designated thus."

From Joe's extant writings we learn that he was probably the son of a harness-maker and certainly the nephew of a Baptist clergyman; that his mother wished him to learn harness and saddle making but he spurned it as beneath his dignity; that he chose the "printing business" instead, and at the age of eighteen was working in the office of the *Herald* at Mount Holly, N.J.; that his love of books kept him out of taverns and dives; that he was converted to religious thinking at the funeral of his uncle; and that in 1848 he was appointed a teacher in the Pennsylvania Institution.

As a teacher he was energetic and popular. He advised children in his care to read the pious works of Hannah More, to drink nothing but cold water, and to "adhere to the truth at all hazards." He continued to be known as "Joe the Jersey Mute," and under that name wrote "A Leaf from a Teacher's Diary," an amusing sketch in which romance goes hand-in-hand with pedagogy. It is also recorded that he lent his pen to a more serious and valuable subject: the need of a national college for the deaf. He receives honorable mention as one of the four illustrious deaf men who furthered the movement to establish Gallaudet College: Carlin, Booth, Flournoy, and Mount.

Joseph Mount left the Pennsylvania Institution in 1863, and commenced a new career as a western mute. He was Principal of the Kansas School at Baldwin City from February, 1865, to April, 1867, when he moved on to Arkansas. He is sometimes called the founder of the Arkansas School at Little Rock, but history is not clear on that point. As early as 1850 a class of five deaf pupils were taught in Clarksville, Ark., by J. W. Woodward, a deaf man of rare ability and intelligence. (He was a native of Virginia, educated in France, and a journalist in Little Rock.) Woodward tried for years to obtain sufficient state aid to keep the school going, but had to close it in the end. In 1860 another private school for the deaf was organized at Ft. Smith, Ark., in the home of Asa Clark, who had a deaf daughter. The six pupils were taught by Matthew Clark, a deaf-mute educated at the New York Institution. The school received a state appropriation, but the next year it closed on account of chaotic political conditions resulting from the Civil War. These early efforts probably smoothed the way for Joseph Mount, who opened a private school in Little Rock on July 10th, 1867, and the next year converted it into a state institution. He received appointment as Principal. His pupils, who had been supported by charity and had been moved from one boarding house to another five times during the year, were finally established on state property.

But rest had not come to Joseph Mount. With one hundred dollars a month and board assured him, as Principal, he resigned suddenly in February, 1869, and left the school without a head. When next heard of, he was in Lee's Summit, Missouri, publishing a newspaper called *The Prairie Banner*, in 1871. Later, he betook himself to Dallas, Texas, and remained there a number of years as editor of *The Sunny Clime*, "a paper owned and published by two deaf women." The paper was still going as late as 1890.

The date of Joseph Mount's death cannot be determined. The Volta Bureau Library has a scrap-book collection of his "Recollections of a Deaf and Dumb Teacher" and other pieces, which were published in *The Ladies' Repository* from 1857 to 1860. He also contributed to W. M. Chamberlain's *National Deaf-Mute Gazette* and *Gallaudet Guide*, many articles signed "Deaf-Mute Typo" and "Manual Alphabet," identified as his by local allusions and by his peculiar, moralizing style. To his religious mania he added in later life an obsession for teaching the manual alphabet to every hearing person he met, and would avoid conversation with any one unwilling to learn this convenient method of speech. His chief claim to distinction is his having secured appropriations for the Kansas and Arkansas Schools and made them permanent institutions.



### ST. VALENTINE'S DAY

"WHAT are you looking for, my pretty maid?"

"I look for a Valentine, sir," she said.

"I've watched since the dawn in the sky was red."

"And now you have found me what do I do?"

"You must be my Valentine all the year through,  
And buy me a present to prove you are true."

*An old St. Valentine's Day decree was that the first man a maiden saw on St. Valentine's Day should be her Valentine and on that day buy her a present.*



SO OFTEN we hear people say, "I am going to," when they have in mind the doing of some more or less important duty, but the chances are about nine to one that they never get around to it. It is the fellow who says, "I'll do it now," that makes his way in this world.

We live for today, and therefore should accomplish today's tasks today. "I'm going to" never gets it done.

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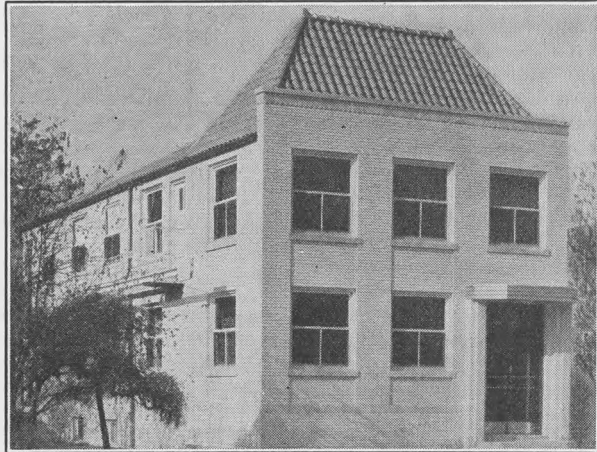
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FRANCIS P. GIBSON'S LAST MESSAGE: "CARRY ON"

FEBRUARY, 1938

## Home

By PAUL REVERE WYS

COME, rest in the home of sunshine  
And where the bees a-humming dine;  
Love and peace the soft breezes swell,  
In the sweet chimes of the mission bell;  
Forest and mountain, hill and dell,  
Oh, each has a precious tale to tell;  
Rivers and lakes, the elusive trout,  
Now and then a ruminant rout;  
It is God's country, and He above  
Answers those who abide in His love.

## Hollywood No. 119

A CHARTER has been granted to a second Division in the Los Angeles area, to be known as Hollywood Division No. 119. Brother Joseph Greenberg, the prime mover in establishing this new unit, had been working on the project for a year or so. Twenty-three members signed the charter petition, and they have expectations of adding a good many more, recruited from the oral contingent in the area.

The new Division will be formally installed on the evening of February 4, 1938, Brother Lewis I. Peterson officiating as Master of Ceremonies, assisted by other members of Los Angeles No. 27. If this issue reaches our members in time, we hope a lot of them will wire messages of congratulation, in care of Brother Joseph Greenberg, president, 502 N. Stanley Ave., Los Angeles.

We are very glad to welcome this new unit to our Division family, and trust that a large number of new members may be obtained. Los Angeles with over a million inhabitants, plus the numerous good sized suburbs around the city, should be able to maintain two large units of the society. Incidentally, California now qualifies for a national convention of the order, having five Divisions in the state.

## Religion and Politics

THERE is considerable misunderstanding of the society's rule against religious or political discussion and activity in our Divisions.

As regards religious matters, the rule means there shall be no discussion of or reference to any church or religious creed. The right of our members to their own religious beliefs and church affiliations must be respected by all members.

As regards politics, the rule means that party politics and party affiliations must not be injected into the activities of the society. A member's political beliefs are his own, but he must not seek to air them, or attempt to gain converts to his particular political reasoning, in meetings of his Division.

It should not be thought, however, that this rule prohibits the Divisions

of the society from supporting and actively engaging in movements designed to help our members in economic and social ways. The framers of the rule never had any such intention in mind.

As in the matter of the Labor Bureau movement, now fast gaining momentum throughout the country, some members have considered support of this undertaking as a violation of the rule against political activity. While politicians must be approached and arguments presented before political and legislative gatherings in order to get a Labor Bureau act passed, this does not violate the rule, in that there is intention merely to promote party politics and party affiliations, but is an effort to promote the economic interests of the deaf in a workaday world.

Active support of the Labor Bureau movement anywhere by our various Divisions constitutes no violation of our rules, and is something vital to the interests of the society. If our members cannot get work, they cannot support their families, protect them with insurance against sickness, accident, and death, keep up their insurance payments, or remain useful, self-supporting citizens. As we have advised in these pages for a long time, our various Divisions should support and actively work for the creation of Labor Bureaus in every state where it is possible to establish one.

## Twelve Points

THE reasons for the prevalence of unemployment among the deaf, in large measure, are set forth in the following twelve-point enumeration by Brother Warren M. Smaltz of Pennsylvania:

1. We live in a machine age, and the ability of the deaf to operate machines is widely doubted.
2. Knowledge of the deaf themselves, and their capabilities, is quite meagre among the general rank and file.
3. People still think of the deaf as suitable objects for charity; as being in short "deaf and dumb."
4. The widespread misconception about the true function of lip-reading. When some deaf person's acquaintance discovers that it is not the facile substitute for hearing he thought it was, he concludes that the deaf person in question is either poorly educated or else mentally deficient.
5. An almost complete lack of information today as to the types of occupation best suited for the deaf worker's qualifications.
6. The tendency of the workers themselves to accept the first job that offers, whether suited to their peculiar limitations or not.
7. The unfortunate experience of many employers who having placed a deaf worker in the wrong kind of a job, conclude that all deaf people are incompetent.
8. The initial difficulty which some employers experience in teaching a deaf worker his task.
9. The almost complete lack of contact and co-operation between the vocational training department of our schools and industrial establishments.
10. The lack of accurate data regarding compensation insurance, insurance laws, trade unions, accident incidence, and similar problems as they involve deaf workers.
11. The absurd expectation that the whole burden of accommodating the deaf to modern industry should fall upon industry itself.
12. The lack of even a single agency, either governmental or private, to assist both the deaf worker and the employer of labor to solve the peculiar problems involved.

To correct these adverse conditions, as far as it is humanly possible to do so, Brother Smaltz says further:

The remedy is simply the creation of a Bureau for the Deaf in the State Department of Labor and Industry. Such a Bureau would ascertain what occupations are especially suitable to the deaf under their peculiar limitations. It would compile a list of firms willing to employ deaf workers, other conditions being equal. It would act as a connecting link between our schools for the deaf and our industrial establishments. It would ascertain, definitely, what the status of the deaf is with respect to liability insurance under the law. It would compile statistics of industrial accidents involving the deaf. And it would, of course function also as a placement agency for unemployed deaf workers.

Since the foregoing was written in 1936, Pennsylvania and Michigan have joined Minnesota and North Carolina by establishing Labor Bureaus for the Deaf in their state Departments of Labor. Other states are now taking up the matter in earnest and it will not be long before all the industrial states have such bureaus. The more the better for the deaf.

## Michigan Arrives

LANSING, Mich., Jan. 17—Jay Cooke Howard of Kalamazoo has been appointed director of the division of deaf and deafened in the Department of Labor and Industry, under a new act creating such a division.

The appointment was made by George A. Krogstad, chairman of the department, and approved by Gov. Murphy.

THE foregoing flash apprised us that Brother Howard had been appointed to head the new Michigan Labor Bureau for the Deaf, created by an act of the last legislature.

The passage of the measure by the legislature creating this new bureau was largely due to the untiring work of Brother Howard, acting for the Michigan Association of the Deaf.

With the wisdom and experience gained through life-long association with the deaf, and many years as an employer himself, Brother Howard should be able to make the Michigan bureau one of the best in the country and of real service to the deaf. We congratulate Michigan, the State Association, and Brother Howard on the successful launching of this worth while bureau.

## New Forms

TO comply with the new Insurance Code of the State of Illinois, the society has revised its Certificate of Membership and Application for Membership forms.

The former single sheet certificate has been replaced by a four-page certificate, containing all essential matter to meet the requirements of the Illinois Code.

The application is in the former four-page form, but is so arranged that part of it may be removed and attached to the membership certificate when issued, thus saving expense and delay in obtaining photostat copies. Under the new Code, a copy of the application must be attached to the membership certificate and made a part of the contract, as in the case of old line policies.

These forms have been approved by the Illinois Department and by other states, including New York.

## Hash a la Mode

AN orchestra leader in New York wrote in to learn what kind of music he should play at a ball given by deaf people. We told him there is no "deaf-mute music" that we know of, to just play ordinary music as he would at a hearing gathering. We added that perhaps he would make a bigger hit if he put in some extra drums, bass violins, cymbals, located his players directly on the dance floor, not elevated above it. Music through the toes, so to speak. He was so enamoured with this suggestion that he promptly wrote back for permission to put our answer on the air through a prominent radio celebrity. Did you boys in Gotham hear it?

A paid-up member down on his luck—as so many of us are these days—wanted to cash in on his insurance pronto. As we have no cash surrender values in lump sums, it couldn't be done. Some months later, this member died and his widow was sent a check for a goodly sum. She wrote in to thank us, saying the money would tide her over nicely for a good while, and how glad she was the money had not been drawn out and expended, for had it been, she and her children would now be destitute. The paid-up value on this particular certificate was several hundred dollars more than its cash value would have been.

Which also reminds us of the member who wanted to draw out part of his insurance to buy a second hand car. A while later he was struck and killed by an auto, and his insurance went intact to his family in their hour of need.

There is a whole lot to be said in favor of paid-up values in lieu of cash values. You can usually get along in life without drawing on your insurance, but your wife and children can't when death enters the household and scoots you up to glory.



## COMMON SENSE

IN looking back over more than half a century of my own active professional life as well as that of many others . . . it seems to me that more successes have been the result of the application of common sense to the problems at issue, and, per contra, more failures have resulted from the lack of it, than from any other one cause . . . Common sense is the sure and steadfast old weapon, armed with which the man can meet and overthrow the half-baked theories and impracticable schemes that will inevitably confront him.

JOHN F. STEVENS

## DIVISION NOTES

### February

5. Big Apple Dance.....	Buffalo
5. Smoker .....	Utica
5. Grand Masquerade Ball.....	Chicago No. 1
5. Frat frolic.....	Philadelphia
5. Card social.....	New Haven
5. Social .....	Rochester
5. Whist .....	San Francisco
5. Social .....	Akron
5. Social .....	Denver
5. Party .....	Des Moines
12. Movies .....	Lowell
12. Valentine Party .....	Johnstown
12. Valentine Night .....	Jersey City
12. Mid-winter party .....	Davenport
12. Valentine social.....	Dayton
12. Ball .....	Brooklyn
12. Mask ball.....	St. Louis
12. Lincoln's birthday party.....	Detroit
12. St. Valentine party.....	Washington
12. Movie show.....	Lowell
12. Valentine party.....	Charlotte
12. Pantomime .....	Toronto
12. St. Valentine party.....	Council Bluffs
12. St. Valentine party.....	Schenectady
19. St. Valentine party.....	Toledo
19. Mask party.....	Syracuse
19. Valentine Gaiety .....	Westchester
19. St. Valentine social.....	Cleveland
19. Social .....	Pittsburgh
19. Masquerade .....	Wichita
19. Card party.....	Richmond
26. Basketball game—dance.....	Los Angeles
26. Masquerade party.....	New Orleans
26. Anniversary banquet.....	Cincinnati
26. Ball .....	Baltimore

### March

5. House Warming .....	Kalamazoo
12. Bingo party.....	Davenport
12. Fat Stock show party.....	Fort Worth
12. St. Patrick Party.....	Jersey City
19. Anniversary social.....	Dayton
19. Initiation and smoker.....	Hartford
19. St. Patrick social.....	Baltimore
19. Dance.....	St. Paul-Minneapolis
19. Monster card party.....	Queens
26. Basketball and Dance.....	Jersey City

### April

16. Anniversary banquet.....	Memphis
30. Silver jubilee banquet.....	Hartford
30. 25th anniversary banquet.....	Portland, Me.
30. Anniversary dinner-dance.....	Johnstown

WORCESTER (By C. A. Morrison)—Our annual ball on November 20 was well attended, and chairman James Loughlin deserves much credit for his efforts to make it a success, the more so as it was his first fling at managing an affair of this kind. The affair was held at the Hotel Aurora. Dancing and a floor show were the chief attractions.

At the December meeting two new members, Joseph La Rose and Joseph Riccuiti, were initiated into the mysteries of the Order. Also, Arthur Clark, who has been an inactive member since he became paid-up, returned to active status again. He surely started the new year right, and we hope that several other inactive members will note his action and follow suit.

The division has not held any after-meeting socials lately, but will stage a come-back after the meeting on Feb. 5, with C. A. Morrison in charge. He doesn't say what he intends to dish up, but you can depend on it that it will be something good.

At our January meeting it was voted not to have any April dance this year, partly because of Lent, and partly because of competing affairs of other divisions, such as the Hartford silver jubilee celebration.

Non-resident members should note that we have a new treasurer this year. He is Frederick Gero, and his address is 156 Austin St., Worcester.

PORTLAND, ME. (By H. V. Jarvis)—Our division was formed on April 19, 1913, the year of the big scramble for divisions, when no less than 10 divisions were put on the map. Since the above date we have held our annual affairs on the Saturday nearest that date. But this year the affair will be held on the 30th, when we will celebrate our 25th anniversary in grand

style. No. 39 was the first division to be established in Maine, and we want as many of our present and former members to attend this affair as is possible. Many of the latter were the pioneers who built the foundation upon which all of the Maine divisions stand today, and we wish to show them fitting honor on this occasion. Set aside April 30, and watch these columns for details, and then COME!

At the December meeting the division had as visitors Albert L. Carlisle of Lowell Division, Ernest Cretau of Boston Division, and the writer, a non-resident member of No. 39.

**WICHITA (By Frank Burgess)**—Our Watch Night party given at the Knights of Pythias Hall drew a large crowd. The fun began at 7:30, and continued until around 1:30 the next morning. Everyone reports a good time.

New Year's Day, at the same hall, the division held a business meeting and smoker. Several members were initiated, and all, including the neophytes, had a grand time. In the evening a social party was held, which lasted until after midnight, completing a series of entertainments that will long be remembered by those attending. And were we sleepy the next day? I'll give you one guess!

Quite a few non-resident members were present at the above affairs, also Nathan Lahn of Council Bluffs Division, and Grand Vice President Edward S. Foltz of Olathe.

On February 19 the division will hold a masquerade party at K. of P. Hall, 143 N. Water St. Good prizes for the best costumes. Come and try your luck. A great time is assured.

**LOWELL (By M. S. McGeever)**—At the regular January meeting of Lowell Division the new officers for 1938 were installed, and we believe all will make good records during the coming year. Colin McCord, who has been doing double duty as secretary and treasurer, will have his duties lightened this year, Myles McGeever taking over the duties of the secretary, while Brother McCord will continue as our efficient treasurer. His address remains the same, 87 Andrews St. The address of the new secretary is 39 Elliott St. Paste this in your hat for future reference.

The division will put on a movie show at 84 Middlesex St., after our regular meeting on Feb. 12. It will be under the direction of Mr. Ernest Pouliot, a Clarke School product, and will include pictures of the Clarke School centennial, the Springfield Division's reunion party in October last, and some comic views. Come and bring your friends.

The division extends its thanks to all who attended the supper and dance on Nov. 13. Their loyalty in braving one of the worst storms of the season is greatly appreciated. We hope for better weather if we stage another, which we hope to do.

**MEMPHIS (By Morris Campbell)**—It has been said that coming events cast their shadows on before, so from the "shadows" we have seen this year, we know our Silver Anniversary Banquet, April 16, 1938, will be the greatest event in our history.

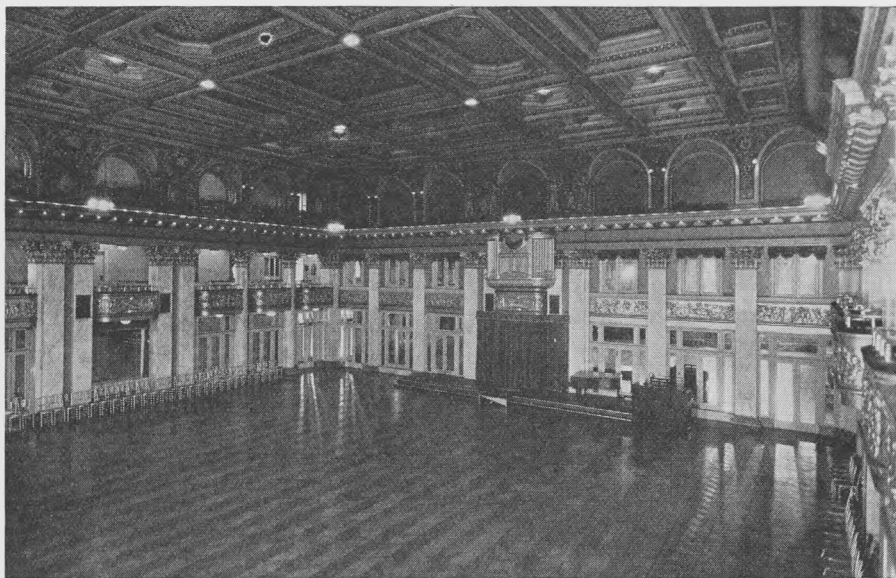
President John Todd has appointed committees to bring about the most glorious feasting and dancing. More detailed reports will follow. Leonard Asbridge is in Wynne, Ark., but his heart and fancy are in Memphis. We enjoy his cheerful visits.

C. F. Willis has just bought what looks like his 40th car. Eleven years on the road, and only a cow to his credit. He said the cow sure did come from nowhere. Nobody injured. Last report on disposition of cow was "calm and peaceful."

George Hobb passed out seegars at the last meeting. Oh, no, it was not another one. Just a habit; a swell one, I think.

**NEWARK (By D. M. Libby)**—We all are looking forward for a better year to come, as our division is going to celebrate its twenty-fifth anniversary in June. A committee, which will conduct the Silver Jubilee events, such as the Annual Ball and Silver Anniversary Banquet, is composed of Brothers Hoppaugh, Shaw, Karus, Rowe, Blake, DeMoyne and D. Libby. The Annual Ball will be held at the Continental Hall on April 23, and the Banquet will be held at either the Robert Treat Hotel, or the Hotel Douglas in the latter part of June. Full details of both affairs will be announced in the next issue or so. Please keep your eyes open and help us to celebrate our affairs.

## Brooklyn Division Celebrates



PICTURED above is the Hotel Center Grand Ballroom at 108 West 43rd Street, New York, where on February 12, 1938 Brooklyn Division No. 23 holds its 29th Annual Entertainment and Ball. Brooklyn Division's annual affairs draw immense crowds, and Brother Ben Friedwald, chairman, confidently expects the big, spacious ballroom to be filled to capacity on Feb. 12. A grand and glorious time is assured on this date when No. 23 celebrates its 29th anniversary, a milestone to be proud of.

The entertainment committee for the year of 1938 consists of Brothers Blake, Timer and Parker. They will conduct our social affairs, such as movies, cards and bingo after the monthly meetings. The committee is planning to give some movies after the regular meeting on February 5 at 34-36 Park Place, Room No. 5, which is leased by the Orange Silent Club. Games of cards or bingo may be played on March 5.

**HOLYOKE (By A. H. Enger)**—The January meeting of Holyoke Division, embarking on its 28th year, with its installations, encouraging attendance and its customary buffet supper, went over big. It is regrettable that we could not have had a full house, and it is the hope of Holyoke's correspondent that all members set aside the first Saturday of each month and make it a point to attend.

The affairs of Holyoke Division will be under supervision of a rotary committee comprised of Brothers Gunther, Kusiak, Floyd, Ducharme and Enger. This committee will meet monthly to arrange for its social functions and select a chairman. Already several new socials are ready to be introduced, but our calendar is still incomplete. We hope to have it ready for the March issue.

Prospects are not numerous in Holyoke, but it is hoped that we may add an even dozen before December rolls along, if plans of the writer bear fruit, as an employment bureau for the deaf looms as a possibility. With every one working and receiving a steady income, there is no reason why Holyoke should not boast of some new faces.

This is to be Holyoke's banner year, so watch for our announcements.

**CHICAGO (By F. L. Bush)**—The first meeting of the year 1938 opened with the installation of officers ceremony with Bro. Libbey in charge. The new officers commence their terms with plenty of work and better environment in sight. The ritual committee assures us that there will be some beautifications of lodge atmosphere and the putting of more effective touches in its rites as time progresses.

Did you notice the broad smile Bro. Weber is wearing around lately? He's the proud father

of a baby girl, born Dec. 22, an ideal pre-Xmas gift. Congratulations.

From the February meeting on to the end of the year the Division will put on a special feature. Just attend the social after the regular business meeting on every second Friday of the month at Hotel Sherman. Tell your friends about this. Bring along the ladies, especially.

The pinocle tournament between Divisions No. 1 and No. 106 is all set for the gun on the first and second Fridays of February, and through to May, at both meeting places of the Divisions. A team trophy may be awarded, and some individual prizes will be given at the close of the tournament. The point system will be used throughout. A doubles team from each division will be drawn by lot and pitted against each other. The same teams will not be used every month but each drawn separately by lot. For team championship, winners receive two points, and in case of a tie, each will receive a point. This will be exciting, and keen competition.

Our Division will also accept our rival division's challenge to show our bowling supremacy. These matches will commence sometime in February. More details in later issues. Lead us to victory, you brothers and show other divisions that we are no "punks" on anything.

**BOSTON (By D. McG. Cameron)**—The deaf throughout New England were shocked and saddened to learn of the death of Allan B. Meacham, which occurred on the 27th of December, in Flushing, N.Y. His son Arthur, an instructor in the Fanwood School, had brought him and Mrs. Meacham to spend the Christmas holidays with them. The next day Bro. Meacham had a shock, and was removed to a hospital, where he lingered in a state of coma for a week. It was during his terms as President of this Division, which office he held for a number of years, that we reached our highest mark in membership. Always a hard worker, he took a leading part in all affairs of the Division up to a few years ago when he had a similar shock. Still he never lost interest in our welfare, and was quite a regular attendant at the meetings. He was at the December meeting, and remarked he probably would not be seen much more. A popular and likeable man, we

surely will miss "Baldy," as he was pleased to be called. At the Open House on Jan. 2, Pres. Battersby paid a splendid tribute to his memory, and at its conclusion the whole assembly arose and stood at silent attention. To his sorrowing widow and son we extend our sincere sympathy.

John O'Rourke, who had been visiting in New York, was the Division's sole representative at Bro. Meacham's funeral. The Division's, and particularly the Secretary's, thanks go to him for seeing that the usual floral wreath, which we send to a deceased brother's funeral, was provided in this case.

Although it snowed and rained alternately through the day and well into the night, a crowd of upwards 300 bravely ploughed and sluiced through the storm and slush to attend the annual ball on Jan. 1. What surprised us most was to see the large number of visitors, many coming from as far as Maine and other outside points. Naturally we are highly elated at the success of the ball, as counter attractions the night before did not draw half the attendance. Prizes were awarded to the winners of the waltz contest.

**JOHNSTOWN** (By J. A. Wilkinson)—Officers of Johnstown Division No. 85, for 1938, were installed at the January 8 meeting in the division's room, Jordan Building.

President Probert reviewed the activities during 1937, including the 16th anniversary dinner in April and the smoker November 13. At the latter events 11 new members were initiated by the Akron, O., degree team in cooperation with local officers.

Plans were outlined for the 17th anniversary dinner Saturday evening, April 30. Charles McArthur was named general chairman of the event. The division will sponsor a Valentine Party in the club rooms, February 12. So come one and all to have a grand good time.

**SAN FRANCISCO** (By H. O. Schwarzlose)—The January meeting drew a "full house." The Installation of Officers was carried out by E. E. Norton, Ex-President and Delegate. Charles LeClerq and committee gave the new members some bad scares, and the rest of us some good laughs. The youngsters came through with flying colors and were soon laughing with the rest. Afterwards the Ladies of the Aux-Frats served coffee and doughnuts and the committee handed out cigars, cigarettes and candy. Every one enjoyed the good time and went home tired, but full and happy.

Victor Majourau attended the meeting, but walked with a slight limp as his injured foot is not quite strong yet. We were all glad to see him and delighted that the injury was not worse.

Oliver Bonetti, of San Jose, appeared at the meeting for the first time in a long while. We wish that more of our non-resident members could attend once in a while. I am sure they would find it interesting to see what their Division is doing.

Don Glidden has been called to the bedside of his mother in San Diego as she is not expected to live. Our sympathy goes with him.

## New Application Form

ALL DIVISION officers and members should note that the Home Office has just issued a new APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP form, to comply with the recently enacted Illinois Insurance Code.

Pages 2 and 3 of this new Application form are the same in all respects. Both pages 2 and 3 are to be filled out by the applicant for membership, and the answers to the questions must be the same on both pages.

If the applicant is accepted here, page 2 will be attached to the membership certificate. Page 3 with the medical examination on page 4 will be filed at the Home Office.

REMEMBER, THE NEW APPLICATION FORM MUST BE USED HEREAFTER. DISCARD ALL OLD APPLICATION FORMS YOU MAY HAVE ON HAND. SUPPLIES OF THE NEW APPLICATION FORM HAVE BEEN SENT TO ALL DIVISIONS. MORE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE HOME OFFICE ON REQUEST.

Waldo Reesink has been reported in a hospital in Stockton and has asked for a medical blank. As yet we have no details but hope that it is not serious.

Members should remember that in case of sickness or accident that they MUST notify the Secretary within ten days. This rule has been in force for a long time and there is no excuse for infraction. Take care of your benefits and in time of need, your benefits will take care of YOU.

Edwin Lilley not only came down from Merced to attend the meeting and smoker but also took out increased insurance. Wish we had many more members like him. He was forced to leave right after the meeting so as to get a bus for home. He is a nurseryman employed on his uncle's estate.

**MANHATTAN** (By Art Kruger)—'Twas "S.R.O." at our Card Party held at the Coca Cola Building last Friday evening, January the 7th. Every table with games of "500," Duplicate Bridge, and Bingo was filled, and the profit netted was the best we have ever had in many years. What pleased us most was that a great number of No. 87ers were there. The affair was well planned. The games started and ended earlier than expected, and everybody went home with a glad heart. Hats off to Brother McGuire and his co-helpers for this splendid turnout.

EYE YE: Fellow brethren, step up closer, please. We will present the most brilliant Ball and Entertainment in many years on Saturday evening, May 14. The chairman is none other than Franz Ascher, who was responsible for putting the Springfield (Mass.) Division on the fraternal map. He has as his aides his "inseparable friends" in Brothers Joselow, Schapira, Stein, Jr., and Bloom, Jr. The Ball will be held at the "Casino in the Air" Belmont Plaza, Lexington Ave., and 49th St., which will accommodate at least 400 for the dance and show (professional), and in addition the spacious Fountain Room will be large enough for another 150 people for card games, and then there is also a Service Bar for at least 100 people more. Once you've paid for your ticket, which will cost you \$1.00, you pay no more, for the price of subscription includes EVERYTHING. Bro. Ascher hopes that at least 500 will be there, so please don't hand him any of that "It Can't Happen Here" stuff. It can be done if you all will cooperate with him and his co-helpers by coaxing your friends and your fellow fraters from other divisions to be with you at this "night of nights."

LOCAL TICKET: It's a girl at the Harry Grossingers'. The blessed event occurred on Gallaudet Day (Dec. 10). Congrats from No. 87ers. . . . Oddity: Brothers Mintz and Ebin, who ran for prexy of U.L., were tied with 83 ballots. This has never happened before in the past 52 years, according to Brother Frankenheim, one of the founders. On second ballot Mintz was named as the winner by a narrow margin. For treasurer of U.L. Brother Lowenherz proved unbeatable; he's now entering on his 16th consecutive term. . . . Brother Branigan has passed from a bachelor to a benedict, he

having been married on Turkey Day to a Miss Gass at the Little Church Around the Corner, the favorite wedding scene of the celebs. . . . At our Jan. meeting, Brother Sussman was presented with a gold fob in recognition of his good work as President during the past two years. He had sufficient "pep" left only to mumble his thanks and announce his intention to make his 3rd term a memorable one in point of accomplishment. Let's hope so. . . . Brother Worzel is coaching the H.A.D. Five, which is favorite to cop the newly formed interstate league crown. . . . Brother Magnus wants everybody to know that he has already left the rank of bachelors by marrying. His squaw was a Chicago lass.

**BROOKLYN** (By Edw. J. Sherwood)—Final arrangements have been completed for a big celebration commemorating the twenty-ninth anniversary of the founding of the Brooklyn Division, No. 23, N. F. S. D. The Grand Ballroom of the Center Hotel, West 43rd St., near Broadway, New York, will be the scene of festivities, in which will gather the Frat members of all divisions in the East, as well as specially invited guests. The date is Saturday, February 12. The guests will enjoy themselves with dancing and witnessing a first-class floor show and entertainment. Many surprises are being prepared by the entertainment committee for the edification of the guests, and those in charge have left no stone unturned to make this affair a complete success.

One hundred members answered the roll call at the regular January meeting. President Nicholas McDermott presided and sent business along speedily, which was mostly routine. Installation of officers was the main feature of the meeting. Another feature was a presentation of a gold-plated fob to our able president, Bro. Nicholas, who has just completed a year as president. In reply to the address and present Nicholas thanked the members and told them that it was an honor to be their president and promised that he would give the division the best service he could in the future.

December 10 (Gallaudet Day) deemed a proper occasion for social amenities, Edward Sherwood arranged for the evening of December 11 one of those delightful card and bingo parties for members and friends of our division at the Livingston Hall. The play was spirited and there was much friendly rivalry and good-natured banter between players. Miss Kluin, R. Lieber and Agnes Costello of Section A, and Miss Sacks, M. Gross and Mrs. Krieger of Section B captured the card prizes; Mrs. John Martin earned the bingo prizes. The committee assisting Edward with entertainment features of this pleasant and successful social affair, consisted of Joseph Call, William Renner, Emil Mulfeld and Ben Friedwald (the coming ball committee). As a matter of fact, not even a single complaint was registered with the committee in charge. The social was certainly packed with some unusual surprises, one of which was the appearance of Harry P. Kane, one of the founders of the Brooklyn Division. The President must have enjoyed the affair thoroughly if the excitement shown on his face was a mirror of his inner feeling.

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Having passed the 300 mark in 1937, the membership drive to bring the N. F. S. D.'s roster up to 400 is in full swing. This appeal to "Make It 400" is to every member of the Brooklyn Division to lend a helping hand. Each brother should bring in at least one member. If this is done the Brooklyn Division not only will surpass its goal, but bring the numerical strength of the division near the top in the N. F. S. D. It is to be remembered that the drive to increase the membership of the Brooklyn Division is likewise part of a national drive in which the Grand Division is offering five dollars for each block of five new members for the period commencing December, 1937, and ending November 30, 1938. With the one dollar usually given by the Division to the endorser of an applicant, the contestant is having a chance to make ten dollars on each block of five new members obtained. In the anxiety to bring in new members it has been urged not to lose sight of certain principles and the following have been suggested: Bring in members with whom you and your brethren would be proud to fraternize and associate. Consider applicants who are your equal and the equal of your brethren. Do not sponsor anybody just for the purpose of joining. The Brooklyn Division desires members who will carry on and bring glory to the institution. From a practical point of view this drive to "Make It 400" is an opportunity for some brethren in the Brooklyn Division to win one of the money prizes offered by the Grand Division. It is an opportunity for the Brooklyn Division to reach the top in the N. F. S. D.

Michael Hamra, whose speeches at the monthly meetings are something to look forward to, has been conspicuous by his absence at the gatherings. "Whatsamatter, Michael?"

**READING (By E. C. Ritchie)**—Television with all its popularity in deafdom has not made its fondly expected entrance into our domesticity, so instead of sitting in my easy chair and signing off this and that for dear old Reading No. 54, yours truly is compelled to pound the Royal keys and send off a batch of copy to be lino-ed and passed on to all humble readers who have been wondering whether Reading, Pa., was still on the map.

The stork paid a visit to No. 54 and left us a beaut in the person of James N. Cutler, an oralist trying hard to pick up the sign language. A member for only one month he went at things a la Livshis, the Chicago wonder. We hesitate however to prognosticate too far ahead as to the results of his activity.

Brother and Mrs. Paul P. Albert along with Mrs. Raymond Fritz left December 28 for a month's sojourn in sunny Florida to visit Mrs. Albert's parents in Jupiter, near Palm Beach. Cards state they're getting tanned and having a wonderful time. In his absence Vice President Yiengst handled the meeting with credit.

All division officers were retained for the coming year with the exception of the president, who declined another term, and was reluctantly relieved of his duties.

March 13, the division begins Sunday meetings at 10:30 a.m. The change in time was made to permit the large number of non-residents as well as residents with late Saturday night working hours to attend. Many will find it convenient to come Sundays and spend a whole day with the division at its hall, 510 Court Street.

Harry H. Weaver passed away December 23d after an illness of over two years. He was a most loyal Frater and a splendid example for the younger generation to emulate.

Tentative Schedule of Events: March, Bro. Ferguson, Philadelphia No. 30 leader and noted writer will be our guest; April, Ping Pong and Dart Tournament; (exhibition); May, Fraternal visit to Allentown; June, Outing; July, Picnic; August, Open; September, Corn Roast; October, Smoker; November, Bal Masque; December, Christmas Party; January, Whist and Bingo.

Seen and Heard—George H. Knaut, sergeant for the nth year . . . Oscar T. Weidner and Robert Yiengst, father and son, trustees . . . Sidney Goldberg sporting a new Chevrolet without battery trouble . . . H. H. Sommer and Elmer L. Eby, the old war horses present at January meeting and C. A. Smith climbing the anthracite hills to get here . . . "Bim" cutler seeking "When, why and where did who do what" . . . David F. Tobias, 65, still carrying coal with youthful agility . . . Clarence Goldberg vying for ping pong championship . . . Reading Division No. 54 in a new lease of life—not a movie—a fact. More anon!

**BALTIMORE (By George M. Leitner)**—Newly elected officers for 1938 were installed at Division 47's January meeting and all pledged themselves to making their terms periods of progress in all our activities.

Our New Year's Eve Watch Night party attracted a large attendance, many of them Fraters from out-of-town. There were two floor shows, mainly dancing numbers by pretty performers. Between shows the celebrants took the floor and if their hoofing was not so smooth as that of the professionals, at least nobody complained. There was ample refreshment on hand, both liquid and solid, and the moment of 1937's departure was greeted without regrets and 1938's arrival hailed with plenty of joy.

Division 47's basketball team has obtained permission to use the gymnasium of the Montebello School, one of the finest in the Baltimore public school system, for its game against the Maryland School for the Deaf Varsity team on January 29. At stake in the game will be the beautiful silver trophy posted by our former president Ray Kaufmann, which will repose permanently in the possession of the team winning it three consecutive seasons. The School was victor in the 1937 contest. This year the Fraters enter the contest again handicapped by an almost total lack of practice, but we are hopeful that the silver statuette will stand on our shelves for the next twelve months.

The Christmas season was marked by a great deal of visiting in Baltimore's deaf colony. One of the largest gatherings was on the evening of January 1 at the home of Mrs. Alfred E. Feast.

Bro. and Mrs. Joseph Pfeiler were given a housewarming party at their new house in Hamilton. A handsome six-way lamp was given to the couple by their guests.

C. Martin, of New York, who just returned from a tour of Europe, was a recent visitor here and told of his experiences and observations in France, Germany, Italy and other countries. The Italian Government, he reported, now prohibits the formation of organizations by the deaf. Division 47 plans to invite him to address our April meeting.

**SPRINGFIELD, MASS. (A. P. Gunther)**—Our annual Christmas party on Dec. 18 came out splendidly. There was a beautifully decorated Christmas tree and there were more children than ever before. Dear 'ole Santa was ably played by Bro. Rogers' father, and several toys were distributed to each kid. After that there was a grab-bag for the adults, and there were several good jokes. Some motion pictures were shown by Bro. Zisman. The credit of this successful affair belongs to Bro. Rogers, who was the chairman. He was assisted by Brothers Gatlin and Zisman.

Yes, we are still paving the way for the most stupendous ball in the division's history on May 28. The place will be none other than Hotel Kimball, the most famous and luxurious hotel in the entire city of Springfield. Many of you know it well. Bro. Gatlin has accepted the responsibility as general chairman of the whole thing and he has behind his back a very able committee composed of energetic youngsters, including Bro. Zisman, who will work as the Publicity agent. The ball promises to make history. Say, have you marked that date (May 28) on your calendar?

**SPOKANE (By J. E. Skoglund)**—The division sponsored another annual party which was enjoyed by 60 people. Arthur Sackville-

West earned his show of honors in conducting some fine games—a task in itself. The committee should be congratulated for preparing such a successful party.

The division wishes to congratulate the Seattle deaf women upon their organization. The Spokane Frats have found their name susceptible to adoption by other groups.

Frank Lobaugh has completed building and remodeling Chas. Howell's house at Millwood. It has become a model of a secure and comfortable home.

John Wallace is the only deaf man who runs a greenhouse business in the Northwest, with steady work he has quite a future ahead of him.

**FARIBAULT (Toivo Lindholm)**—The Aux-Frats, aided by the Division entertainment committee, gave a fine Christmas party the evening of December 23. The program opened with a song, "Joy to the World," signed by Mrs. Emery Nomeland. Mr. Lauritsen gave a talk on "Making People Happy." Then followed a pageant entitled, "Christmas Customs in Other Lands." The actors were appropriately costumed to represent the countries whose customs they talked about. Mrs. Boatwright represented Holland; Mr. Nomeland, Sweden; Miss King, France; Mr. Klein, Germany; Mrs. Thompson, Wales; Mrs. Dobson, Spain; Mrs. Nomeland, Norway; Mr. Boatwright, England; and Mrs. Spence, America. Little Nancy Lauritsen and Allen Lindholm recited "Jolly Old Saint Nicholas," one singing and the other signing. A playlet was next, "The Christmas Story." Mrs. Dobson preceded it with a rendition, "O, Little Town of Bethlehem." Mrs. Elwyn Dubey portrayed the Madonna holding the Child, with Doris Sweet and Nancy Lauritsen as angels, Raymond Sweet and Charles Lauritsen as shepherds, and Mr. Doheny, Mr. von Rueden and Mr. Boatwright as the three wise men. June Spence closed the playlet with "Silent Night" which she sang and signed simultaneously. Mrs. Lindholm closed the program with a recitation, "Santa's Surprise Party," just before Santa Claus came in. And what presents and joy old Santa gave everybody. Then followed refreshments at a nominal cost. Everybody was having such a fine time nobody hurried home till late in the night.

Because the hall where the Frats meet regularly was not available the eve of the new year, we met in the dining room of the Elgin's Cafe. January's regular business meeting was held then, public installation of the officers followed. Then cards and refreshments in the midst of which the new year was ushered in. May the new year be the happiest each and every brother and sister has had in many a year!

**WESTCHESTER (R. W. Bowdren)**—The Seventh Annual Banquet of our division, held at "The Ski Club" is now a matter of the past. It was very well patronized and three-quarters of the guests being novices at skiing—skidded

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home with red probiscusses! George Lynch was the chairman of the Banquet committee, ably assisted by Dan. Lynch. It was a pleasure to see every Brother there.

Due to a misunderstanding on the part of the House committee of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, we will not be able to lease their hall for 1938. Chairman Geel of the Entertainment Committee promises a lively year—so Brothers, get back to him and give him all the support you can. The first affair under his direction will be held at Elk's Club, 245 South 1st Ave., Mt. Vernon, on Saturday, February 19th. Directions: Take Lexington Ave. subway to 241st Street and White Plains Road. Take trolley marked "A" to 1st Ave. and 3rd St. Walk ½ block to right. Bring the Mrs. or the "Light o' your heart!"

**QUEENS (By Larry Ward)**—This division takes especial pleasure in announcing its "party to end all parties," to be held at the Anoroc Democratic Club, 45-23 47th St., Woodside, L.I., N. Y., Saturday evening, March 19, 1938, at 8 P.M. There will be games for all who come. The admission is 40 cents per person. All are welcome.

For the benefit of those who usually get lost, directions are hereby given. All subways will do, but I.R.T. is best. Via that from Grand Central to Bliss St. station, a walk of two blocks will take you there in 10 minutes flat. If you think that is too slow, jump into any one of the L.I.R.R. crack trains at Penna. Station and in five minutes, more or less, you will be saying "10 no trump," I hope.

Bro. Dlugatch, chairman of the "Triple or Nothing" entertainment committee, reported at the January meeting that he has received several requests for tickets, though the affair is still far away. Such unusual interest can only mean that our party will surely go over the top, probably before it starts. This unwonted enthusiasm has never been shown before, and must be attributed to the fact that it is expected that President Bonvillain will again open up a bag of new surprises for everyone who attends. Well, here's to you for a most enjoyable evening. More and final revelations next month.

The installation of new officers was witnessed by a good attendance. President Bonvillain gave a speech thanking the members for elevating him to his high office, and he urged all to co-operate with him in all things for the greater good and glory of the NFSD. Five new members have been admitted during 1937 and it is hoped that we will triple our record this year.

Notice: The address of our new secretary, Michael Ciavolino, is 52-17 Skillman Ave., Woodside, L.I.

Extra notice: All members please attend our next meeting, as there will be loads of lively discussions with nary a dull moment, and free cigars will be promised to one and all by Bros. Zinna and Paterna. Catch on? I'll be seeing you.

**DETROIT (By Asa Stutsman)**—The New Year of 1938 was ushered in amid good cheer by the NFS Deaf in and around Detroit in spite of the existing partial unemployment and doubtful outlook for a better turn in the near future. The first big event for the day was a "New Year Open House" held in Washington Hall, I.O.O.F. building on Randolph St., sponsored by Detroit Division No. 2. The doors were thrown open at 4 o'clock, and fully 200 people, young and old, from near and far, passed through them. The object of the open-house was

## Contenders in 1938 Derby

Name	Division	New Members
Elmer Rosenmund	Cleveland	7
Hugh Courter	Des Moines	4
Joseph Bruno	Jersey City	3
George Laramie	Salt Lake City	2
Edgar Dykes	St. Louis	2
Roy Hiatt	Indianapolis	2
Ralph Bunting	Grand Rapids	2

The list is growing, fellows. And look at Elmer! Don't let him get too big a lead on you. Give him some competition.

the installation of the division's new officers. The audience was seated à la horse shoe, four rows deep. Soon after 6 o'clock, Bro. Davies, president, ascended the "throne," and with all the officers in their proper places, rapped on the table for attention and administered the solemn oath to the newly-elected officers. Bro. Peter Hellers, the N.F.S.D. No. 1 Frat, and the first Grand President, was next given the directorship for the evening, and he did the job in a very dignified way which awed the audience. As each and succeeding new officer was ushered to his place and was decorated with the ritual cap and sash, the retiring officer bowed himself out.

The new president appointed the retiring president as patriarch for the new year, Ivan Heymansson, the erstwhile patriarch, retiring. Mrs. Lottie Wilhelm rendered the ever-beloved recitation—"Join the N.F.S.D." in graceful signs. Short speeches were given by Nelwyn Speers of Bay City, and Bros. Stutsman and Hartley, after which "bread lines" were formed, and sandwiches and icecream and chocolate milk were served gratis. It was 10 o'clock when the audience dispersed, each bidding the other good luck for the new year.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lynch motored to St. Louis for their Christmas vacation, and returned here in time for the open-house. Roy brought the St. Louis Division's greetings for this Division.

Bro. Heymansson announces that he will hold a Keno social some Saturday in February, and that among the prizes there will be six lamps of the newest style and designs. Watch for later announcement for the date for the social.

The first "come-back" for the year was George Ed. Phillips, endorsed by Bro. Baird. Who next?

George Hansz is still confined to his house by illness, but with a brave and cheerful look on his face, and is ever ready to extend a welcome to any one who drops in for a visit.

**COLUMBUS (By E. J. Kennedy)**—The Mid-Winter social was a great success in every way in spite of the inclement weather. Nearly 200 were there and stayed until midnight to bid farewell to the old year and to welcome the new one. It was a gay and happy crowd altogether. Games were the favorites of the evening. These were followed closely by the confectionery and food booths. A good profit was turned over to the treasury. Bro. Inman was in charge, and deserves much credit for its success.

Bro. Hines of Springfield was recently married to Mrs. Eli. Myers of the same city. They are now residing in Elida, Ohio, where they have a large farm. The division extends its congratulations.

Bro. and Mrs. Romoser have gone to Florida again. This time they are to be away for two months. Several of our old friends are residing in that state, Cory, Patterson, Jones, Smielaw. Without saying, the Romosers will get a warm welcome. The trip was made in their new Dodge.

Bro. Mather has purchased a beautiful home in Richmond, Ind., and as soon as school is out in June Mrs. Mather will join him and settle in the Hoosier city.

**ST. PAUL-MINNEAPOLIS (By H. Von Hippel)**—The New Year Dance was a great success financially and in attendance. It was under the guidance of an old hand, Bro. Langford, amply assisted by Bros. Inhofer, Cadwell and Kees. A first class orchestra was furnished by

the brothers of Bro. Slechta. Everybody had a good time.

Mrs. Von Hippel, Secretary and Treasurer of the Ladies' Auxiliary, turned \$40.50 over to the local fund. In token of appreciation for their work, the division voted to give the officers of the Ladies' Auxiliary \$5.00 to go to movies, to have some chop-suey or whatever would satisfy their whims most.

J. J. McNeill contributed his bit toward bringing about the building of the primary building, which is being built now at the Fairbault School for the Deaf. He urged his friend, legislator, to push the bill through, providing a building for little deaf children. Well done, Bro. McNeill! It pays to have a friend among legislators to look after things.

Bro. Burris bagged a doe at his uncle's place known as Linger Longer Camp at Cook, Minn. He was the only frater here who joined the trek of the big game hunters last fall.

**CHICAGO No. 1 (By Thos. O. Gray)**—Bro. Lorenz, who had the misfortune to be in an auto crash, lacerating his face, is now back at work. He suffered from loss of blood and shock. Bro. Vezinsky is another on the ailing list, the result of standing on a ladder resting on damp linoleum. It scooted from under him, he falling, striking a ventilator. His left ear required six stitches to make it stand up naturally again. And the latest news to come in is that Bro. Liebenstein's legs failed to behave while at work and the floor came up to meet him with such force a fracture of his hip occurred, necessitating a sojourn of a week or two in Presbyterian hospital. That completes No. 1's ailing list this month. We hope no more cases come around to plague our treasury.

There are times when "Potlight" Meagher's enthusiasm reaches great heights. But he seems to require more space than is contained in the speakers platform. While debating a new idea foreign to the Division's general routine, his enthusiasm became so hot the 100-volt bulb above him exploded with a bang! The shower of glass interrupted the proceedings long enough for his ardor to cool. He finished his talk in a dimmed atmosphere.

Our new calendar is now ready and is a "Jim Dandy" in appearance. Non-resident members can have one, and should have one, for the low price of 10c and five cents extra for postage for mailing the calendar to their home address. If secretaries of other divisions wish one for the benefit of their respective divisions they can get one by sending 15c in stamps to Secretary Gray, P. O. Box 293, Oak Park, Ill., and it will receive prompt attention while the supply lasts.

By the time this item is out our 36th annual mask ball will be in full swing. Chairman Crocker has worked faithfully the past two months to get the transmission in perfect running order. The date is Feb. 5, 1938, an ideal day to have some fun dancing and merrymaking before the lenten season arrives. Ravenswood Masonic Temple, 4605 North Paulina Street, is the hall where the hall will be held. The Wilson Avenue bus line skirts the door; The North, South and West patrons can take the "L" line to Wilson Ave. Station and then walk west about three blocks. The Lawrence avenue car line is also just two blocks North of the Hall. Those taking this car line from the west should tell conductor to let them off at N. Paulina St. and walk South two blocks to hall. The same holds good for the Montrose car line, only you

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**LOS ANGELES (By J. A. Goldstein)**—Big doings, Brothers, double big doings on Saturday, Feb. 26, 8:00 P.M., at Loyala H. S., Venice Blvd., West of Vermont. Basketball game: Frats vs Helm's Bakeries, and dancing after the game. Admission only a measly 35 cents per person. Bro. Peterson and a capable gang of hustlers in charge. Promises to be greatest event of all time. Seating capacity only 350. Make reservations at once. Remember the date and the time, and don't say we did not warn you.

Installation ceremonies were conducted without benefit of trumpet or fanfare, but from first-hand indications, it looks like a banner year for the division, with newly elected president Rosenkjar leading the parade.

A solid gold enlarged Frat emblem was presented outgoing president Elliott as a slight token of the division's esteem and regard for his work the past two years. Bro. Rosenkjar made the presentation speech. Appropriate response by Bro. Elliott.

An interested visitor was Ed Nelson of Milwaukee Division. He holds certificate No. 735.

The first meeting of the newly formed Hollywood Division No. 119 was held on the morning of Feb. 9. Out of 23 members on the roll, but 5 were unavoidably detained. Purpose of meeting was to elect officers for the ensuing year, and to formulate plans for the future. Bro. Greenberg officiated. It was through his efforts in the face of adverse criticism; his perseverance in spite of discouragement; his largess in giving of his time and money freely that has at long last made this new division a pleasing reality. Credit where credit is due. Those who stuck with him are also deserving of applause. To us fell the honor of being appointed acting secretary at this first meeting, and a more interested, enthusiastic, carefree lot of youngsters we have yet to see. They are rarin' to go. Regret space forbids naming all the officers, (H.O. will do that later) but to name just three will not be amiss. Bro. Greenberg was elected president, and Bros. Stebbins and Tibbetts, secretary and treasurer, respectively. Installations will be held at a public meeting, Friday, Feb. 4, 8:30 P.M. with appropriate ceremonies. Everybody cordially invited to attend.

Division No. 27 congratulates the Baby Division, its officers and its members and is happy and pleased to welcome them into this great Brotherhood. And, boys, give them a hand.

**PHILADELPHIA (H. J. Cusack)**—So long 1937—hello 1938! We hope the new year will be as good to us as the one just departed. Complete harmony among the officers, and cooperation with the members is all that a division can expect. Our division had its share of it. With Bro. Messa firmly set in the driver's seat, we see no reason why we shouldn't surpass or at least equal our 1937 record.

The Frat Frolic Committee has about completed all arrangements for our affair on Feb. 5. The committee is headed by Bro. Roach, and when Johnny is at the head of any affair, you can expect the best. The old maestro will be assisted by Bros. Jennings, Long, Wadleigh and Donohue. Dancing, floor show, etc. We wonder how many will have to be turned away.

The job of secretary of a large division requires a lot of things. A good memory is essential. We have had our troubles trying to spell such names as Miecznick, Ignatovitch, et al. And there was the Krakover brothers, Hyman, 6 ft. 1 in., and Leon, 5 ft. 5 in. For the life of us we couldn't remember which was which until Bro. Ferguson tipped us off that he called them High and Low—High for Hymie and Low for Leon. Fan mah brow with a crowbar! All went well until the brothers Urofsky joined up. Which was Ben and which was Abe? We figured that one out for ourselves. Above and Below—Abe and Ben.

Aside to the Spotlight! Do you know that Cleveland's Rosenmund (we almost said Rosenbloom), once bagged 24 out of 25 fouls when playing for the Mt. Airy quintet way back in '16? Despite his yeoman work his team lost in 2 extra periods by a single point. The team that won was Central High, city champs that year.

**AKRON (By F. X. Zitnik)**—Congratulations, Cleveland, your Rosenmund sure possesses the gift to convince all that meet him that they simply have to become Frats if they want to lead a useful life. Not since the days of Detroit's Hinch has any of us ever exercised the power that makes others sign on the dotted line as does Bro. Rosenmund. At the present we will have to admit that we may bow to Cleveland to take the lead of Ohio's divisions, but at the same time we are not going to surrender the honors without a stiff competition. After Bro. Ayers' inspiring talk at our January meeting we feel like throwing our hats in the ring and pick one out that will fit on Rosenmund among our own members who will keep No. 55 just one hop ahead of Cleveland's No. 21 when it comes in signing up new members.

Our Division again resumes after-the-meeting Socials, Feb. 5, at 84 S. High St., to which everybody is invited. A good program will be in order that night. The event is going to be engineered by our Board of Directors.

Our Division, through Bro. Schowe, found out that the Ohio State board of WPA, by ignorance or neglect was discriminating against the Deaf being employed on some of its projects, and promptly voted funds to enable Bro. Schowe and his committee to get the facts, and the result was that henceforth the WPA will examine every deaf applicant for work in this district for his or her ability to perform certain kinds of work with a reasonable assurance of personal safety. However, this should not be an incentive to other deaf to flock to Akron with the hopes of finding employment here, as there are more unemployed than the WPA can possibly take care of. But it should put the members in other divisions on guard, and demand their citizenship rights to be employed at the public works projects at par with other hearing citizens.

The front page of the January FRAT is really striking, and it looks like the Editor found the very first photo of little Arthur calling, "Lo, Ma, where's my breakfast?" At least the likeness to our Grand Pres. Roberts' first debut to our world is truly amazing; let's hear your opinion about it folks.

**HARTFORD (By Max Friedman)**—Hartford starts its Silver Jubilee year with a set of officers who promise to iron out the bumps which may beset the path of the Division. Bro. McMahon has been returned to the chair for his third year, a reward for two years of work well done. Max Friedman is secretary, and Edgar C. Luther is again behind the cashbox. The secretary receives his mail at 139 North Main Street, West Hartford.

A little hitch has come into our plans for our Silver Jubilee banquet which had been planned for April 23. The ballroom of the Hotel Bond has been engaged by some other organization, and rather than take a second choice for a banquet hall, the committee may postpone their banquet to some later date. Friends and Fraters are requested to watch these columns. The next issue will carry the date set for the Silver Jubilee celebration.

By way of warming up for the banquet, the Division is holding an Initiation and Smoker for Frats only, on March 19 in I. O. B.B. Hall, 327 Trumbull Street. Billy, he of the hoary beard and sharp horns, has been casting a bloodthirsty eye about him, and certain of our younger members have been detected seated in pails of brine. Make a note of the day, Brothers, if you delight in the sight of blood and human misery. You will get a bellyfull on that night. Bro. Silverman is chairman of the Initiation Committee, and his assistants have been chosen after having their biceps and hearts tested beneath a pile-driver. The committee is planning an excursion to the stockyards to brush up on their technique.

A spread was served to invited friends and wives of members after our installation ceremonies Jan. 7. Some 60 people were in the hall, among them a number of prospects. We hope very soon to report they are on our rolls.

**WASHINGTON (By G. E. Montgomery)**—Installation of our new officers took place at the January meeting, and much new business was discussed. To our disappointment, many of our members were absent. All members are urged to attend the February meeting, when more weighty matters will be dealt with.

Bro. Hauser, with the missus, spent the holidays with their relatives in North Carolina.

The Rev. Guilbert C. Braddock of New York City attended our last meeting, and gave us a short but very interesting talk.

Anthony Cicchino is sporting his new 1938 Ford V-8 Deluxe "85." Take care Tony, or you'll get a ticket one of these days.

The Capitol City attracted many out-of-townners during the holidays. Lynn Miller of the Columbus Division was with us, also Merle Goodin and his brother from Fredericksburg, Va.

Bro. Duvall is "batching" again since the wife left for Florida recently. She will remain there for several months.

Members of the local division are looking forward to the Smoker in April, as the goat has been idle for several years. From rumors among the members of the Degree Team, it seems that this will be one of the best Smokers here.

L. Schulte went to Pittsburgh for a recent week-end visit with his brother. On Monday he returned and resumed his work at the Government Printing Office when he received a wire informing him that his brother had passed away. Mr. Schulte went to Pittsburgh for the funeral services. The division members extend their sympathy to him and the bereaved relatives.

The New Year was ushered in with a Watch Night Party given by members of the local division. There was a large attendance and from all reports it was a gay affair enjoyed by all.

There are about a dozen fine young men steadily employed in D.C. and eligible "fraters." Eight of these fellows have been employed by the Coca Cola Bottling Company for nearly a year. Let's hope that our new deputy organizer S. B. Alley and his assistants will get them into our division.

**UTICA (By John H. Thomas)**—Our annual New Year's party was held Saturday evening, Jan. 1, at Maccabee hall, and was in charge of Chairman Sobek Adams.

An unexpectedly large number were present and the younger element took an active part in the various games. John L. Kennedy, who was to have been in charge of entertainment, was detained at home by a severe cold and Mrs. Kennedy acted in his stead. Several new and exciting games were tried and the prizes were well worth striving for. The refreshment table, in charge of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, was completely sold out and at a late hour the crowd dispersed after a final toast to 1938.

During the blinding snow storm the night of Dec. 31, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schubert of Oneida Castle were struck by a car as they were crossing Route 5 about 200 feet from their home. They were on their way to a restaurant to cash a pension check and the traffic light changed before they got across. Both were taken to Oneida City Hospital suffering from internal injuries and shock. Examination showed that Mr. Schubert's pelvis was fractured and Mrs. Schubert has a three-inch triangular scalp wound. Both are in their late sixties and suffered badly from shock. Latest news from the hospital reports their condition as fair. The passenger car which struck them contained four people, all of Syracuse.

Our next get-together will be a Smoker at our lodge rooms on Feb. 5. Two novices will

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be conducted over the scorching sands, and if they survive the ordeal, will have a better opinion of themselves—for being Frats.

There's a lot of splendid material among the younger set to be recruited later, when business picks up. Much as we like to have them join while young, we realize it is unwise to urge them until they secure permanent jobs and can keep their membership in good standing.

Business is pretty dull these days and a lot of our members are either not working, or only two days or so a week.

Our financial wizard, Thomas D. Harter, will have charge of preparations for No. 45's Silver Jubilee which is being planned for November. This may seem premature, but things usually favor the early bird.

**TORONTO (By F. E. Doyle)**—Toronto Division held only a short business meeting on Jan. 6 at the Royal York Hotel in order to allow their friends and ladies to see the new officers for 1938 installed at the close of the meeting, with Fred W. Terrell in charge of the installing ceremonies. Afterwards we sponsored a bingo party. Refreshments were served, including ice cream and fancy cakes. An enjoyable time had by all.

The old year was bidden good bye, and the new year 1938 welcomed in at midnight on Dec. 31 at Assembly Hall, 56 Wellesley St. The hall was a great attraction to all. At midnight colored boxes were released from the ceiling containing gayly colored balloons, favors, noisemakers, etc. After the treasure hunt, games were played, how pleased we all felt during the whole entertainment.

A pantomime show will be held at Assembly Hall, 56 Wellesley St., on Feb. 12. Full particulars later. It is hoped that this affair will be a real success.

**ST. LOUIS (By C. H. Fry)**—Our coming Mask Ball on Feb. 12 will be held at Tower Grove Hall. To get there take Grand car to 3158 South. Frank Meyer is chairman. Tell your friends about it. Make it a success.

On Dec. 31 our Watch Party was a success. About 200 people attended it and enjoyed themselves. E. Dykes was the chairman, and is one of the hustlers of our division. He is the first Frat of our division to get two members in one month.

Just a reminder to non-resident members: our new treasurer, Earl Bueltemann's address is 3334a Pennsylvania.

**SEATTLE (By N. C. Garrison)**—Division No. 44 started the New Year with a new President from the City of Destiny—the city where the name Mt. Rainier is unknown. Pres. James Morris Lowell is tackling his job with vim and vigor that bodes well for the success of the Division for the coming year. Here's to your success, Bro. Lowell.

Bro. Ed Martin, Holger Jensen and N. C. Garrison were in Vancouver and Portland for the New Year's doings. They bowled against a Portland Team on the 1st, and then met the Vancouver boys on the 2nd, losing both games by narrow margins.

Seattle celebrated the New Year at the I. O. O. F. Hall, Dec. 31. A very nice program was run off under the direction of Chairman Wright. The following night a brief business session was held, followed by a social open to the public.

The Aux. Frats now have about 30 members. If the present growth continues, it may be necessary to rent the Civic Auditorium for their meetings.

**SCHENECTADY (By Tom Sack)**—Here we come, 1938! The new officers of Division No. 105 took the oath last month during installation and promised to carry on the work of strengthening our small Division by striving to get new members this year. Hey, listen! You boys get after that fine deaf chap who is now living somewhere on Albany Street. Grab him NOW, in spite of his unemployment, because he is a good egg and we need his help. He ought to join now and get the low rate. Two other nice fellows who were out of school some time ago are hiding in various corners of our city now . . . why not hunt for them,

but don't kill 'em . . . just bring 'em alive to our Frat cage.

An installation supper was held last month under the chairmanship of Paul Sack, and there was a nice crowd and everyone declared the dinner was very delicious and most filling. Followed the speeches, given by President Trainor, H. J. Bedell, Paul Sack, William Abbott, Harry Barnes and Thomas Sack, all of Schenectady. Charles Morris of Albany also made a fine speech.

Congratulations to Joe Cermak for his record of permanent employment at the Schenectady G. E. Works for 25 years, last December. Joe received a beautiful button and an honor membership from the G. E. 25 Years Club. He is the only deaf man employed at this large plant, which employs about 20,000 persons. Just think of it, 20,000 to 1. I remember that just before the depression started here there were 25,000 to 10 or 15. These other deaf workers left or got laid off, and have had a tough time trying to get re-employed at this plant.

John Koeper, a paid-up member of our Division, recently received promotion as foreman of a pattern department at the American Locomotive Company here. He has been employed at this plant for over 20 years. He is a skillful patternmaker.

Well folks, I'll take you to my heart. Won't you come to our annual St. Valentine party on February 12th? There will be a complete line of fancy games, and sparkling entertainment on the stage. Just 25 cents for admission. Please don't fail to attend, no matter what the weather is. Everyone will be wearing their hearts on their sleeves.

**CLEVELAND (By Robert Young)**—We regret to learn of the recent death of Ray Callaghan's brother, of Johnstown, Pa., who passed away Dec. 27, 1937. This Division extends its deepest sympathy.

The improvement of Joseph Turvey has been felt with much relief. Bro. Turvey, who has been confined at home with a severe attack of pneumonia, is now on the road to recovery, and is expected to be seen in harness at our next regular meeting.

A. Cassell seems to be holding his head a little higher nowadays, and the reason for such peacock strutting is the fact that he is now a full-fledged American citizen, having received his final papers recently. Congratulations.

Two more recruits have been added to our already growing list. We are honored in procuring J. Fabry of Youngstown, and a comeback member, Stephen B. Hester of Minerva, Ohio, who once served under the Canton banner.

C. Kolk, who was involved in an automobile accident, suffering only minor injuries, surprised us with his appearance at our January Pow-Wow none the worse for his experience. Bro. Kolk's hesitancy in joining the Society months ago cost him the weekly compensation he would have been eligible to receive. "He who hesitates is lost," should be remembered.

Another injured Brother is Elmer Fink, suffering from a slightly smashed foot incurred while at work; however this did not deter him from the wedding march. His marriage to Miss Mabel Graves took place on January 15, at 2:00 p.m. The reception held at the home of the bride's parents had every available space, from the attic down to the cellar, crammed with relatives and friends. One room alone was devoted to the hundreds of wedding presents. All in all it was a most successful wedding, and this Division extends its best wishes for a happy life-long companionship. The new Mrs. Fink is a cousin of the motion picture actor, Ralph Graves of California.

As chairman of the coming February 19 Social, Abe Mann has something up his sleeve in the way of entertainments. His ability as a hustler will send you home satisfied with the evening's enjoyments. So don't fail to be at the Sphinx Club Rooms, 737 Prospect Avenue, 5th Floor, at 7:30 p.m.

It has been sometime since the stork has paid our fair city a visit. Victor Knaus and the Mrs. are the recipients of a bouncing 8½ pound baby girl, that the stork left on their doorstep January 11. The Division extends congratulations to the new and proud parents.

## DERBY— 1938— DRIVE

During the year 1938 we  
are continuing the

### *Membership Derby*

begun in 1936 and carried  
through two years with good  
results.

IN 1938, the Home Office  
will pay contestants

### *Five Dollars for Each Block of Five*

new members obtained, begin-  
ning with applicants in De-  
cember, 1937, whose certifi-  
cates are issued in January,  
1938, and continuing to and  
including November appli-  
cants whose certificates are is-  
sued in December, 1938.

### *Only Blocks of Five*

will count in the contest. Der-  
by jockeys cannot carry over  
into 1938 credit for less than a  
Block of Five new members  
obtained prior to December,  
1937.

WITH the ONE DOLLAR  
usually given by the Division  
to the endorser of an appli-  
cant, the Home Office prize of  
FIVE DOLLARS for each  
Block of Five gives our Derby  
contestants a chance to make

### *Ten Dollars*

on each Block of Five new  
members obtained.

### *We're Off*

on the 1938 Derby. Put your  
best foot forward, boys, and

### *Bring 'Em In*

## DECEMBER COLLECTIONS

Grand Division.....	\$ 51.20
Chicago No. 1.....	256.35
Detroit.....	174.07
Saginaw.....	35.03
Louisville.....	41.50
Little Rock.....	144.36
Dayton.....	66.84
Cincinnati.....	198.99
Nashville.....	39.44
Olathe.....	67.68
Flint.....	115.16
Toledo.....	110.47
Milwaukee.....	98.02
Columbus.....	173.06
Knoxville.....	27.70
Cleveland.....	165.22
Indianapolis.....	128.83
Brooklyn.....	445.97
St. Louis.....	282.87
New Haven.....	55.01
Holyoke.....	57.34
Los Angeles.....	305.27
Atlanta.....	109.73
Philadelphia.....	321.45
Kansas City.....	113.03
Omaha.....	110.20
New Orleans.....	147.66
Kalamazoo.....	41.33
Boston.....	233.67
Pittsburgh.....	132.28
Hartford.....	63.18
Memphis.....	88.68
Portland, Me.....	113.33
Buffalo.....	67.33
Portland, Ore.....	82.21
Newark.....	94.35
Providence.....	100.47
Seattle.....	103.44
Utica.....	141.58
Washington.....	140.23
Baltimore.....	166.68
Syracuse.....	85.96
Cedar Rapids.....	31.15
Albany.....	31.00
Rochester.....	144.54
San Francisco.....	158.06
Reading.....	98.00
Akron.....	275.00
Salt Lake City.....	89.90
Rockford.....	49.94
Springfield, Ill.....	31.43
Davenport.....	33.66
Worcester.....	45.69
St. Paul-Minneapolis.....	196.41
Fort Worth.....	82.61
Dallas.....	140.53
Denver.....	60.62
Waterbury.....	45.08
Springfield, Mass.....	72.11
Waco.....	33.64
Bangor.....	38.37
Kenosha.....	32.02
Birmingham.....	81.11
Sioux Falls.....	99.89
Wichita.....	70.09
Spokane.....	52.47
Des Moines.....	65.54
Lowell.....	46.69
Berkeley.....	61.91
Delavan.....	116.36
Houston.....	80.02
Seranton.....	49.50
Richmond.....	62.10
Johnstown.....	53.81
Manhattan.....	253.72
Jacksonville.....	41.09
Lewiston.....	27.51
Peoria.....	55.59
Jersey City.....	122.04
Bronx.....	95.32
Columbia.....	75.04
Charlotte.....	75.03
Durham.....	78.10
Dubuque.....	48.71
Grand Rapids.....	17.18
Toronto.....	184.44
Duluth.....	44.69
Canton.....	29.77
Faribault.....	52.59
South Bend.....	44.37
Council Bluffs.....	56.38
Fort Wayne.....	44.08
Schenectady.....	53.23
Chicago No. 106.....	52.78
Miami.....	32.35
Binghamton.....	56.83
Wilkesburg.....	42.86
San Diego.....	21.46
Eau Claire.....	92.06
Sulphur.....	62.38
Vancouver.....	17.31
Westchester.....	32.46
Queens.....	54.62
Montreal No. 117.....	18.00
Montreal No. 118.....	49.64
Total collections.....	\$9,906.95

TREASURER'S STATEMENT FOR  
DECEMBER, 1937

Balance and Income	
Balance, Nov. 30, 1937.....	\$2,108,021.23
Division collections.....	9,906.95
Interest, mortgage loans.....	3,756.25
Interest, bonds.....	3,150.00
Increase in book value of bonds.....	38.86
Mortgage fees.....	225.00
Property insurance premiums.....	93.02
Refund to expense fund.....	7,129.32
Rental allowance Home Office.....	2,400.00
Rents.....	5,676.54
Lodge supplies.....	31.15
Recording and registry fees.....	8.00
Advertising in THE FRAT.....	3.00
Subscriptions to THE FRAT.....	2.20
Total balance and income.....	\$2,140,441.52

Disbursements	
Death benefits.....	\$ 3,229.00
Sick benefits.....	1,495.00
Accident benefits.....	645.00
Old-age income payments.....	84.25
Refund of dues.....	38.27
Bonds written off.....	18,993.73
Decrease in book value of bonds.....	987.40
Accrued interest on mortgages.....	274.09
Convention expenses.....	51.83
Clerical services.....	198.00
Insurance Department fees.....	2.31
Mortgage expenses.....	227.75
Office expenses.....	144.58
Official publication.....	215.99
Officers' and Trustees' salaries.....	780.45
Organizing expenses.....	105.00
Postage.....	14.49
Printing and stationery.....	13.50
Property insurance premiums.....	118.62
Real estate operating expenses.....	2,163.04
Rental allowance Home Office.....	2,400.00
Total disbursements.....	\$ 32,182.30

Recapitulation	
Balance and income.....	\$2,140,441.52
Disbursements.....	32,182.30
Balance, Dec. 31, 1937.....	\$2,108,259.22

## TRUSTEES' REPORT

## Ledger Assets, Dec. 31, 1937

Real estate.....	\$ 707,494.25
First mortgage loans.....	573,630.00
First mortgage bonds.....	183,000.00
U. S. Government bonds.....	105,539.71
State bonds.....	208,070.86
Municipal bonds.....	154,699.04
Canadian bonds.....	21,052.08
Bank deposits.....	149,467.13
Cash in Society's office.....	5,306.15
Total ledger assets.....	\$2,108,259.22

Balances in Funds	
Reserve fund.....	\$1,769,342.60
Mortuary fund.....	127,558.96
Sick and accident fund.....	95,010.80
Accumulated interest.....	48,439.42
Convention fund.....	17,958.08
Indemnity fund.....	2,739.49
General expense fund.....	47,209.87
Total in all funds.....	\$2,108,259.22

## BIRTHS

July 5—Mr. and Mrs. Cloyd Smith, Alliance, O., a boy.  
 December 10—Mr. and Mrs. Harry Grossinger, New York, N.Y., a girl.  
 December 22—Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Weber, Chicago, Ill., a girl.  
 December 26—Mr. and Mrs. Russel Greenwood, Manistique, Mich., a boy.  
 December 28—Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Gorney, Saginaw, Mich., a boy.  
 January 3—Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Slotnick, Roxbury, Mass., a girl.  
 January 5—Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Kustanovitz, Roxbury, Mass., a boy.

## MARRIAGES

November 25—Eugene Branigan and Jane Gass, both of New York, N. Y.  
 December 4—Norman Magnus, New York, N. Y., and Fanny Kasnovitch, Chicago, Ill.  
 December 5—Charles O'Neil and Margaret Twomey, both of Lynn, Mass.  
 December 24—Robert Ensminger and Fanny Buchan, both of Toronto, Ont.  
 January 1—Stanley Ferguson and Orpha Downing, both of Olathe, Kans.

## DEATHS

December 26—Lutisha Brown, wife of Anson Brown, Jacksonville, Ill.  
 December 28—Sarah Barrowcliff, wife of William Barrowcliff, and sister of Abraham Goldberg, Cincinnati, O.

## DECEMBER DISABILITY CLAIMS

B. G. Ditzler, Little Rock.....	\$ 150.00
B. S. Whitehead, Atlanta.....	15.00
H. Blachschleger, Indianapolis.....	75.00
*E. G. Berney, Omaha.....	150.00
*Hyman Rubin, Bronx.....	150.00
Walter Hannan, San Francisco.....	120.00
Fred Shatwell, Rockford.....	50.00
J. A. Dexter, Lowell.....	50.00
J. P. Hansen, St. Paul.....	10.00
F. C. Peterson, Rochester.....	10.00
Martin Smith, Brooklyn.....	30.00
Charles Liggett, Columbus.....	50.00
C. K. McConnell, Seattle.....	50.00
Stanley Kaszuba, Milwaukee.....	15.00
*C. M. Brown, Detroit.....	40.00
*R. P. Gerew, Rochester.....	30.00
*I. J. Sewell, Durham.....	30.00
*R. D. Conway, Columbus.....	15.00
*J. M. Fritz, Cleveland.....	10.00
R. J. Collins, Akron.....	10.00
Ludovic Verner, Worcester.....	150.00
M. C. Thompson, Little Rock.....	20.00
J. D. Thomas, Los Angeles.....	50.00
T. S. Jaudon, Atlanta.....	30.00
J. A. Oordt, Council Bluffs.....	30.00
S. P. Harris, Cincinnati.....	50.00
Roy Montgomery, Houston.....	30.00
*E. L. Stevick, Indianapolis.....	50.00
*M. P. Monaclessor, Manhattan.....	75.00
*M. H. Sanders, Portland, Ore.....	50.00
W. B. Moore, Toronto.....	15.00
I. H. Marchman, Atlanta.....	105.00
M. A. Schuettler, Chicago.....	50.00
Earl Hinkley, Akron.....	45.00
G. W. Beam, Akron.....	90.00
R. R. Shannon, Akron.....	60.00
L. K. Miller, Philadelphia.....	30.00
C. H. Ashe, Memphis.....	20.00
Pat McNamara, Dallas.....	10.00
L. E. Anderson, Spokane.....	50.00
*F. J. Chamerda, New Haven.....	30.00
*H. C. Moore, San Francisco.....	15.00
J. E. Crouch, Dallas.....	25.00
Total for the month.....	\$2,140.00

\*Denotes accident claims.

## DECEMBER DEATH CLAIMS

Harry W. Comer, Columbus.....	\$ 500.00
Lewis G. Hirschy, Indianapolis.....	1,000.00
James A. Bowers, Columbia.....	403.00
Herbert C. Stearns, Rockford.....	250.00
Henry L. Nirider, Waco.....	250.00
Chas. F. Rollinson, Philadelphia.....	500.00
*Walter H. Christiaa, Atlanta.....	326.00
Total for the month.....	\$3,229.00

\*Denotes paid-up benefit.

## NEW MEMBERS

Cincinnati:	Des Moines:
Richard Gosney.....	Harold Skalicky
Cleveland:	Richmond:
Joseph Fabry.....	Flae Shook
Indianapolis:	Jersey City:
Fred Hazel.....	John Kennedy
Philadelphia:	Edward Davison
Milton Savage.....	George Tirone
Ft. Worth:	Grand Rapids:
Joseph Atkins.....	Wallace Bodell
Sioux Falls:	Willard Brenner
Delos Nellis.....	Sulphur:
	Ben Neatherly

## THE GET-ONE DEGREE

Cincinnati—Wylie Ross  
 Cleveland—Elmer Rosenmund  
 Indianapolis—Roy Hiatt  
 Philadelphia—Howard Ferguson  
 Ft. Worth—Tom Anderson  
 Sioux Falls—Brandt Otten  
 Des Moines—Palmer Lee  
 Richmond—Spencer Armstrong  
 Jersey City—Joseph Bruno (3)  
 Grand Rapids—Ralph Bunting (2)  
 Sulphur—William Griffing

## COME BACKS

Detroit—George Phillips  
 Atlanta—Horace Sanders, John Cail  
 Grand Rapids—Joseph Virkstis

## OBITUARY

LEON A. FISK, 55. Entry July 1, 1911. Died Jan. 9, 1938. Certificate No. 1177-D. Los Angeles Div. No. 27.  
 HARRY H. WEAVER, 52. Entry June 1, 1915. Died Dec. 22, 1937. Paid-up certificate No. 2351-D. Reading Div. No. 54.  
 ALLEN B. MEACHAM, 76. Entry June 1, 1916. Died Dec. 27, 1937. Certificate No. 2641-C. Boston Div. No. 85.  
 JACOB HERBST, 48. Entry Aug. 1, 1919. Died Jan. 13, 1938. Certificate No. 4605-D. Jersey City Div. No. 91.  
 FRANK W. SCHMITT, Jr., 32. Entry Jan. 2, 1924. Died Dec. 27, 1937. Certificate No. 6793-D. Newark Div. No. 42.