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THE FRAT



APRIL

APRIL! The first month of Spring, when Mother Earth is awakening from her long winter sleep.

April! The very sound, as we repeat the word, brings to our memory-ears the patter, patter of the showers which are the fore-runners of May flowers. With Spring, comes the hour of earth's release, who with her banners proudly unfurled, awakens us as of an army singing, and we see green leaves, green grass, the budding trees and battalions of lovely crocuses and daffodils. We should take heed of the meaning of Spring's awakening and in our hearts uproot the evil weeds of malice, unkindness and injustice and cultivate the beautiful flowers of kindness, truthfulness and fairness. In doing this we are following the golden rule of doing unto others as you would they should do unto you.

APRIL, 1938

The Spotlight

By J. FREDERICK MEAGHER

SEATTLE'S big Bill Root was best man at my wedding, 1911. And old Bill proved himself truly the BEST man on Lincoln's birthday! Had his split-second choice of either jumping to safety—and letting a drunken speeder kill his young wife—or shove her violently backwards and himself take-it-on-the-chin for the last time. They picked up the battered old red-head 75 feet away. An hour later Seattle's famous Puget Sound Ass'n—wondering why he was late for the annual election—joyously pounced on young Milo Root, who had just entered with red eyelids: "Will your pop be here to be elected, as usual?"

"No. Father elected to die!"

Our venerable Veditz in 1910 decreed those Seattle Stalwarts the best-drilled parliamentary body in all Deafdom—men like NAD-Pres. Hanson, Root, Wright, Axling, Partridge and Spotty. The first two of those valiant Vikings have already gloriously gained Valhalla! . . .

REMEMBER Miss Emma Maser, Nebraska's "blond beaut" who was called "queen of conventions"? She is now wife of the Rev. E. C. Mappes. This hearing pastor dedicated Omaha's new Lutheran deaf church, Feb. 20, and next day married the brainy beauty.

4th NATIONAL Deaf Basketball championship tournament in NYC, April 9-10, already has three of our four sectional winners—N.J., Wis., Miss. Mid-West tourney plays after this edition goes to press. . . . Grand V-P Neesam's cagers dedicated new quarter-million gym in Delavan by beating Ind. in last three seconds; has finest indirect-lighting system of any gym in world. Wis., Ind., Mich., Ohio, Mo. in order. Wis. set "world's deaf tourney record," scoring 63 points in one game. Zero cold; icy roads; even Leisman—NAD's "safety-first auto warner"—badly hurt in wreck. (He was not driving.) . . . Next week-end balmy summer weather, Southern meet in Little Rock. Infuriated by bragging of this "dam half-pint Yankee"—Ark. cracked record by a 67-point game; also rang up new individual single-game scores: M. Smith, Ala., 46; Howton, Ark., 39. Longest goal, 73 ft., railroaded by Alton Smith, Ark.—just aged 16, height 6:4, 247 lbs. (Alton has great future as pro wrestler or boxer—IF rightly handled!) In hullabaloo over this lucky goal, timekeeper Principal Nathan Zimble accidentally fired his 22-cal. pop-gun—shooting blank into his hand; was rushed to physician for tetanus injection in stomach to prevent lockjaw. Standings of this most colorful tourney: Miss., Ark., Ala., Texas, La., Okla., Ga. High-scorers were M. Smith, Ala., 126; Howton, Ark., 102. One-day team scores (two games) Ark. 119, Ala. 113. . . . Year's record for one-day team-scores goes to Edgewood (Pittsburgh)—three games, 122 points. Eastern tourney at Edgewood finished New Jersey, Pa. (Mt. Airy), Edgewood.

KNOW—National AAU women's basketball champions play all their "home games" on floor of our Ark. school gym? . . . Founder

of Southern tourneys, the Rev. J. W. Michaels, aged 87, "tossed in first ball" then danced a jig, March 10? . . . Ark. "press bench" saw deaf writers from NYC, Chicago, Talladega and Dallas, with several hearing city reporters? . . . Ark. saw deaf pull the greatest "faulty-rule" stunt of the year—which will be submitted to Spalding's for rule-revision?

CREDIT should be given deaf sportsmen for detecting this flaw in rules, which no wise-guy "hearie" ever dug up. In brief: Rule forbids walking or running while carrying ball. In Ark.-Ala. game, three giants pulled "one for the book." Alton Smith, 6:4, 247-lbs. took his teammate Howton, 6-ft., 142-lbs., on his shoulders; ball passed to Howton; Alton walked to goal, and Howton dropped it through from his towering 12-ft. height. (Man with ball, did not walk; man who walked did not touch ball.) While walking, pair were "personal fouled" by Marvin Smith, Ala., 6:3, 184-lbs.; Ark. claimed TWO "personals" on one play, demanding FOUR free-throws instead of two. Teacherman James Smith (that makes three of the pesky Smith clan, bad cess to 'em, cushla) did the arguing for Ark.; All-America boardman Baynes batted for Ala.; after spectators laughed themselves sick, referee Murphy threw out the whole play. (Six irate Irishmen—and St. Patrick's Day a week away! Boy, it was better than a circus!)

RESIGNING life-membership in the bachelor Club after many heroic years, Atlanta's Percy Ligon married Alabama's Miss Susie York right here in Meagher's Irish Shanty, March 5. The ball-and-chain was welded by our venerable Rev. Hasenstab—captain of Gallaudet College's great first football team of 56 years ago. At Philly '18 convention, Percy and Spotty had a spat—Ligon won our 1921 convention for his Atlanta, while Spotty seconded Freddie Plick's nomination of St. Paul. And now the ungrateful Johnnie Reb swipes my "star boarder," while I was away at a basketball tournament.

BOWLING binge headquarters, April 23-24, Hotel Syracuse in Syracuse—few minutes walk from the Jefferson Alleys which are considered finest between NYC and Cleveland. Last two binges saw over 2000 deaf visitors at each. . . . Syracuse University just voted to award "minor letters" to its bowling team—first college ever known to do so. . . . If Indianapolis lands 1939 bowling binge, our 5th annual National deaf cage tourney will likely be held there at same time—making a double-header for crowd of some 3,000 visitors.

FLASH! Unusual honor for deaf! Penna. Democratic organization appointed our Rev. Warren M. Smaltz as Lebanon county chairman of primary campaign committee—on his birthday, March 11.

ORCHIDS to Brooklyn's ball, 1500; and Crocker's Chi-First masque, 800 crowds. Also to two unnamed Detroit fraters who gave week's supply of food to family of a hard-up brother. . . . Only joke in last month's Div. Notes was Philly's Cusack's; more, please. . . . Only new feature was interesting Spokane "Auxfrax" dept., by Helen Moss Wallace. . . . Touching touch; Frisco's "father and son" combine, the Nortons, attending installation of Hollywood Oral 119. . . . Westchester's Bowdren asks: "Big Boy Meagher, batter hit beauty to center, 8 cows there, fielder couldn't find ball; where did ball go?" That's easy. Ball went over the fence!

MILLIONAIRE frater! Will of big-hearted brother, Robert Osborn Blair—charter-member Chi-Oral-106—left \$1,048,333; Federal inheritance tax is \$107,629, state tax \$31,140, papers state. Big Bob Blair was a regular fellow; good-mixer, well-liked; wish we had more like him!

SCHOOLS—Nebraska's report-cards use word "citizenship" instead of "conduct." . . . Walnut pedestal made by Oregon carpenter class features office of Governor—supporting a bust of his excellency. . . . Fanwood is trying to arrange a National Deaf horseshoe-pitching sweepstakes with other schools—by mail. Rochester (NY) and Vancouver (Wash.) held mail chess-match in 1916.

FLASH—Papers state Ernest Draper, ass't sec'y commerce, just appointed member of Federal Reserve Board. He is the hearing son of our late Gallaudet College professor. His mother was hearing, dad deaf.

BITS—Indiana Home for Aged Deaf is billed for \$4,000 fee by lawyers. . . . Anton Schroeder, delegate to Atlanta '21 who won our 1924 convention for his St. Paul, broke hip shortly after releasing his latest novelty—alphabet-napkins. . . . Cops estimate 200 lives a year will be saved in Chicago if horns are taken off cars; Fulton's Farry postals this as a great "break" for us deaf. . . . Gallaudet College studes are hunting a crack graduate to take over post of manager of athletics, and arrange its schedules. . . . Only deaf boxer in annual Golden Gloves—some 30,000 fighters embroiled—to make finals was James Egan, pupil of the Ill. school; knocked-out in 2d round in 118-lb. finals, Chicago. (Year ago medicos barred two deaf fighters simply because they were deaf, imagine!) . . . Miss Mae Austra of Manhattan wins that free trip to Los Angeles 1940 NAD convention; ballyhoo already started—clever press-agent persuading some branch there to "vote to refuse the convention"; just like Tex Rickard boosting a heavyweight fight. (They can't fool us, buddy; you and I are bright birds!). . . . Right now I gotta hunch Bobs is about to grab the scissors to dump the rest of my copy in the basket; here's where I fool bright boy Bobs by using the last remaining period in Kable's case—see it?

Which Are You?

Are you an active member, the kind that would be missed,
Or are you just contented that your name is on the list?
Do you attend the meetings, and mingle with the flock,
Or do you stay at home and criticize and knock?
Do you take an active part to help the work along,
Or are you satisfied to be the kind that "just belong"?
Do you ever go to visit a member who is sick?
Or leave the work to just a few and talk about the clique?
There's quite a program scheduled that I'm sure you've heard about,
And we'll appreciate if you, too, will come and help us out.
So come to the meetings often and help with hand and heart,
Don't be just a member, but take an active part.
Think this over, member, you know right from wrong,
Are you an active member, or do you just belong?

—The Carpenter.

Notable Deaf Persons

By GUILBERT C. BRADDOCK

XVI. Gilbert C. W. Gamage

IN THE early days of the state schools for the deaf, when the sign language was the chief and often the only medium of instructing the deaf, the need of publicity for this method evolved a special sort of genius—that of the pantomimist who could tell a story in signs comprehended alike by the deaf and the hearing. Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet was an expert at pantomime, and so was Laurent Clerc; but the greatest of them all was Prof. Gilbert Gamage of the New York Institution. At least, he is the only one whose achievements have received historical recognition.

Gilbert C. W. Gamage was born in 1820. He had a sister who was also deaf. His father, Gilbert A. Gamage, was one of New York's minor poets, and one of his masterpieces, "The Refuge" was written after he had taken his two children to school for the first time. "Come to these willing gates, ye blighted blossoms of my early hope!" said the fond parent; "come to these peaceful walls, while yet your little hands are warm in mine." The boy possessed a fine intelligent countenance, and became one of the brightest pupils in the Institution. His sister also became a well-educated and amiable woman; so both these "blighted blossoms" were restored by the beneficent atmosphere of the Institution.

The school records give 1844 as the commencement of G. C. W. Gamage's career as a teacher of the deaf. For about a year prior to this date he had been the chief exhibitionist at the Annual Exhibitions and other public occasions such as the visits of the Board of Directors and the Legislative Committees; and he contributed his bit toward keeping the legislative appropriations flowing into the Institution treasury. The New York newspapers from 1843 to 1850 give accounts of his performances at these events, especially at the Annual Exhibitions which were held in Broadway Tabernacle and which drew crowds as large as four thousand people. The reporters sometimes did not get his name right, and never were sure whether he was a teacher or a pupil.

He seems to have begun with the usual imitations of workmen engaged in various occupations — carpenter, blacksmith shoeing a horse, etc.—but these were too easy, and were relegated to the younger pupils. Then, as now, the boys had lots of fun acting these parts, putting lots of life into the technical motions and in every instance chewing an imaginary quid of tobacco, and ending every job with the satisfied pocketing of imaginary wages. Gamage graduated while yet a pupil into "the portraying of the various passions, such as veneration, fear, anger, hatred, scorn, pity, pride, vanity, love, etc., in a manner which seemed to speak them all louder than words could have done." One critic commented as fol-

lows: "The expression of his features in the passions was such as we seldom see equalled by professional actors." Also, at the solemnities of dedicating the new school chapel on Dec. 3, 1846, he introduced a new feature into the exhibitions: the portrayal of professional men. To quote from the *New York Herald*: "The most amusing part of the entire exhibition was the representation of the lawyer, the doctor, the clergyman and the dandy, by Master Gamage, one of the pupils. The clergymen present enjoyed the graphic fidelity with which their profession was portrayed, while the ladies were kept in a roar. Next came the doctor; and everything, from the lancet to the dose of physic, was given to the life. Then the lawyer—the ill-disguised affectation of zeal—his gravity in the study, his blustering and earnest address to the jury—down to pocketing the fee—all were given with astonishing accuracy and kept the whole audience convulsed with laughter. The dandy was next portrayed, and never was a Broadway swell so admirably caricatured—the eyeglass—the cane—the pompous walk—all were well hit off."

His classic number, however, was "Christ Stilling the Tempest," in which he had been perfecting himself from the start and which he repeated on every occasion. The gradual calming down of the angry waves into the stillness of a peaceful lake required some ingenious arm motions in addition to facial expression. He also attempted the Crucifixion scene, and "Elijah in the Desert." In 1847 he added to his repertory the story of David and Goliath, eighty years before Charlie Chaplin issued his moving-picture version. In the same year first appeared the famous "The Minister and His Pet Monkey," a highly ludicrous representation of a funny anecdote about the monkey which followed his master, an English clergyman, to church, and, perching on the pulpit top above his head, amused the congregation by mimicry of his master's preaching gestures. This venerable piece of smooth and skilful pantomime has come down to us through the late William G. Jones, on whom Gamage's mantle fell in after years, and is preserved in a celluloid film owned by the New York School for the Deaf, made during Prof. Jones' lifetime.

Mr. Gamage was a strict teetotaler, and some time between 1847 and 1848 he took the platform as a temperance lecturer in Broadway Temple and other places. No details are given of these performances, but in these years George Cruikshank began issuing his series of drawings showing the evils of drunkenness, and it is to be assumed that Gamage's efforts were a sort of "Rake's Progress" inspired by these vivid pictures, transferred to the rostrum from the prints in illustration of some impassioned clergyman's words.

Henry Clay witnessed the "Stilling of the Tempest" when he visited the New York Institution in 1848. So did the Prince of Wales in 1860. At the mon-

ster benefit on May 22, 1856, for the Building Fund of St. Ann's Church for the Deaf, Mr. Gamage delivered scenes from Shakespeare, the story of Elisha and Jezebel, and the Tempest scene, on a program featuring Signora Eliza Valentini and other opera singers of the day who volunteered their services to help the cause. Mr. Gamage's Shakespearian recitations were not straight pantomime, and he was accompanied by an interpreter.

G. C. W. Gamage's name appears on the roll of professors and teachers until about 1876, when he became a Supervisor in the Educational Department. He retired in 1883, but continued to reside in the Institution until his death in October, 1893. The school report of 1867 pays this tribute to him: "Mr. Gamage, an early pupil of the Institution, remarkable for the grace and graphic power of his pantomime. The son of a poet, his signs seem an embodiment of poetry. He has been for more than twenty years a very efficient teacher of the younger classes." He was the first clerk of St. Ann's Church for the Deaf, and the Rev. Thomas Gallaudet's first assistant in conducting church services, as well as a member of the Building Fund Committee. He made the first of several trips to Europe in 1851, with the Peet family. In 1853 he launched a movement to place a bust of Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet in every school for the deaf in the country, and in 1854 was one of the distinguished speakers at the erection of the Gallaudet Monument in Hartford.



SPARE ME MY DREAMS SONG

RELENTLESS Time, that gives both
harsh and kind,
Brave let me be
To take thy various gifts with equal
mind
And proud humility;
But, even by day, while the full
sunlight streams,
Give me my dreams!

Whatever, Time, thou takest from
my heart,
What from my life,
From what dear thing thou yet
may'st make me part—
Plunge not too deep the knife;
As dies the day, and the long twi-
light gleams,
Spare me my dreams!

RICHARD WATSON GILDER

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

APRIL, 1938

Modern Goose Rhyme

BY PAUL REVERE WYS

Jack be nimble, Jack be quick,
Jack jump over the candlestick,
But take a hint before you go,
For ailments, accidents perchance
Get security, insurance
In the NFSD, Chicago.

THE time comes around again—as it does with disconcerting regularity—to put “bright” thoughts on paper for the further torment of our long suffering readers. And then it gets HOT—the weather, we mean.

Nearly 80 degrees, and in the Ides of March!

Wiseacres claim that unseasonable weather, spots on the sun, and all that, point to War—World Turmoil. They are always pointing with alarm.

To us, it points to early buds and blooms—a bright, brave, colorful world, where happiness should reign, but alas, doesn't.

Already our lawn is green with the sheen of Old Erin. The hedge is sending forth green sprouts that will presently unfold into dark, shimmering leaves. The perennials peep tentatively above the ground, prudently awaiting the sig-

nal of Mother Nature to come bravely forth and add their beauty to a troubled world.

Nature will not be downed. Though Dictators tread the earth and rape the nations, cannon roar and encompass their slaughter, the buds and blossoms come forth in brave array and bloom alike on the graves of the slain and the fields of the living, seeking to shame the brutality of man and the cruelty of his passions.

Soon our grounds will be in full bloom. In this second Summer, we hope to complete the plans envisioned to make of them a beauty spot of which our members may be proud when they come to visit THEIR home office.

A Better Hook-up

SOME of our good friends have taken us to task. They say we are acclaiming the millennium through Labor Bureaus for the deaf; that indirectly we level criticism at our schools and teachers; that we open the way for political meddling in education; that we may convert the deaf into pawns of the undeserving. And a lot else.

We must, of course, expect divergence of views in any worth while

movement. We must also expect the element of self interest to play a considerable part in resistance to change or improvement. Possibly this resistance would be less and disappear altogether were all phases of the question at issue thoroughly understood.

Nobody should be naive enough to believe that Labor Bureaus will bring the millennium tumbling into the laps of the deaf.

We do not think Labor Bureaus will completely solve the economic troubles of the handicapped.

But we do think such bureaus will go a long way toward relieving the economic stress on the deaf, brought about in considerable measure by prejudice, misconception, and downright cussedness.

That is, if such bureaus are properly conducted and adequately financed. Human salvage is surely important enough to be adequately financed.

We have no criticism for our loyal educators who often work under the handicap of insufficient funds and equipment. We spent fifteen years in a schoolroom attempting to teach, and we know.

There appear to be two schools of thought among educators with regard to vocational training. One holds that only general training in the manual arts should be given, with a minimum of tools and machinery, the student to complete his training in actual field practice. The other, that the student should be trained with adequate tools and machinery by expert teachers to step into a good paying position.

The arguments on both sides are numerous and often convincing.

But while we are arguing, aren't we losing ground?

The world is moving pretty fast just now. We should try to do something for a class of people who often find it extremely difficult to gain a reasonable livelihood. Labor Bureaus, rightly organized and conducted, should be in a position to aid large numbers of the deaf and deafened to obtain a foothold in the economic scheme, when by their unaided efforts the great majority are becoming more and more helpless in a highly competitive world. Not only the obtaining of jobs, but the rehabilitation of those who may be inadequately prepared for remunerative employment. Our efforts should be directed in the immediate emergency toward the eradication of the term “unemployable” when applied to the deaf.

In our humble opinion, efficient Labor Bureaus working for the benefit of the adult deaf could be of immense service to our schools, serving as a connecting link between them and the exactions and requirements of industry as regards human material. We believe it would lead to better vocational training, better preparation of the deaf for life, better schools all around. We say this without criticism of our good friends in the profession. On the contrary, we wish to co-operate with them for the benefit of all the deaf.

Alex L. Pach

BY the death of the late Mr. Alexander Lester Pach there has passed away one who in his day was a successful business man, an accomplished photographer who took the lead over many competitors in his line of business. His photographic work was of the highest grade, and his keen sense of business brought him into considerable prominence. His deafness and, as he himself acknowledged, with no ability in lip-reading, made extraordinary demands on a highly cultured mind. His life furnishes another proof that even with the handicap of a missing sense, ability and pluck will accomplish desirable results. His career adds to the accomplishments of many deaf men and women who did not fail in the determination to make their lives worthwhile and useful to others.—Deaf-Mutes' Journal.

DIVISION NOTES

April

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2. Social.....	Rochester
2. Penny social.....	Albany
2. Bingo social.....	Newark
2. Sweepstakes Party.....	Jacksonville
2. Card party.....	New Haven
2. Social.....	Buffalo
2. Bingo party.....	Syracuse
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2. Social.....	Wichita
2. Box social.....	Fort Wayne
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30. Anniversary dinner-dance.....	Johnstown
30. Banquet.....	Fort Worth

May

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June

12. Outing.....	Reading
18. Lawn fete.....	Cincinnati
18. Appreciation banquet.....	Houston
19. Picnic.....	Faribault

CHICAGO NO. 106 (By F. L. Bush)—Congratulations to Brothers Pick and Henningsen, who are now proud fathers. See the list of births elsewhere in this issue.

Congratulations also to Hiram Haarvig on his marriage to Miss Pearl Dahl of Minneapolis on Jan. 3.

The pinochle tournament now on between divisions No. 1 and No. 106 is creating considerable interest. The score is close and rivalry keen.

AKRON (By F. X. Zitnik)—Charles Ewing will again head the local committee of our annual picnic, which will be held sometime in July. He promises to make it a humdinger of an outing.

The division's publication, "Division Journal," which is featuring timely and helpful editorials, has been drawing favorable comment lately from its out of town readers. A page of "Candid Cleveland Candor," written up by Mrs. Lillian Friedman, has been added, and the publication committee hopes eventually to make our little paper of interest to all Ohio divisions.

MEMPHIS (By Morris Campbell)—Brothers, we worked overtime on our last meeting day on our 25th anniversary banquet, fixing this and mending that, so that everything will click. We sure fail to see how any long faces can stay long very long at this banquet.

Bros. Armstrong, Todd, Willis and Asbridge attended the banquet of Little Rock Division last month. Each reported a swell time.

Now remember April 16, the date of our banquet in the Cadet Room, Hotel Peabody. Plan to meet your friends over the punch bowl, and have a right good time.

UTICA (By J. H. Thomas)—The March meeting was well attended, in spite of the slippery streets, which made walking and driving extremely hazardous. The division voted to a man to cooperate with the Empire State Association in its efforts to secure a labor bureau for the deaf. It is well known that the deaf are not getting a square deal in many places, and they are waking up to the fact that they must do something about it or fall in line for the march to the County Home.

Industrial conditions as regards deaf workers are necessarily of prime importance to Frats everywhere. We know of a lot of eligible young men who are only longing for a steady job in order to be able to join the N.F.S.D. During the waiting period they are showing admirable progressive spirit by joining the Utica District League of the Deaf. This organization, which started with 22 members the first of the year, now has 31 members on its roster. They are a wide awake, energetic bunch, keenly interested in everything pertaining to the deaf.

Last month marked the honorable three score years and ten for the writer, and by means of tricky wires, the news was broadcast in advance, and an avalanche of greetings, cards and gifts surprised him. They were greatly appreciated, the more so as he was feeling rather lonesome during the temporary absence of the wife.

CINCINNATI (By L. J. Bacheberle)—The division's banquet at the Hotel Metropole on Feb. 26 was truly a fine and wonderful affair. It was in commemoration of the establishment of the division on Feb. 22, 1906. The Hotel Metropole is famed for its cooking, and the 171 guests who sat up to the festive board did full justice to the good things provided.

After the wants of the inner man had been satisfied, Sam. J. Taylor, toastmaster, introduced the less material, but just as satisfactory part of the program. Mrs. Ancil Lippert recited "America" as a prelude to the welcoming address of division president Gus. Straus. This was followed by Buford L. Allen in a tribute to the Aux-Frats, and Louis J. Bacheberle on "Way Back When—and Future," in which he extolled the courage of the charter members in founding the second division in Ohio in the face of the derision and mockery so prevalent in those early

days. The wind-up was an excellent floor show arranged by Mrs. Albert Bender, of which one of the high lights was a cartoon "Chalk Talk" by Howard Weber, who did exceedingly well, considering that it was his first attempt.

Of the original 10 charter members of the division, only three answered "present" at the roll-call. They were Charles Barth, Samuel Taylor and Buford Allen. Of the remaining seven, six are dead, and the seventh is no longer connected with the Society, if still alive.

Out of town visitors at the banquet included Roy B. Conkling of Versailles, J. Barry Taylor and William G. Harmeyer of Dayton, all of whom were admitted through Cincinnati Division.

The Union Printers' Bowling Tournament held here Feb. 19 attracted several deaf bowlers. Among them were Pret. Munger, Cleveland; Tom Allen, Sandusky; William Myles, Columbus; Barry Taylor and Cortland Ridler, Dayton; Gordon and Robert Kannapel and Adrian Bohnert of Louisville, Ky., and Howard Weber, Cincinnati. Whether or not any of them landed one of the coveted prizes, I am unable to say.

Coming division events include an Aux-Frat social, lawn fete and annual picnic. Watch the "Coming Events" column for dates. Also later issues of this paper for details.

PORTLAND, ME. (By H. V. Jarvis)—The committee of charter members having charge of our coming 25th anniversary banquet on April 30 have about completed their work. Plenty of good things are in store for those who attend, both at the banquet and in the city.

Hotel Falmouth, 212 Middle St., has been chosen as the place, and the entertainment will last from seven in the evening until the wee sma' hours of the morning. The price is \$3.00 per person, and reservations close on April 25, so get yours in on time. Seating will be eight to a table, so if you want your party to be together, make reservations early. Remit to Keith M. Leighton, 34 Sargent St., Westbrook, Me., and avoid disappointment.

In addition to the banquet proper, there will be a floor show, dancing and speeches by prominent persons, deaf and hearing. State senator Fernald, a good friend of the deaf, has promised to attend, and may speak over the radio from the banquet hall.

On Sunday, May 1, Albert L. Carlisle will hold a church service in Portland, the place to be announced at the banquet.

We were chartered in 1913, and to all other divisions established in that year we extend our heartiest greetings and good wishes for another 25 years.

NEW ORLEANS (By F. J. Labourie)—Our smoker on Oct. 30 was a success in every way. The eats, drinks and smokes were free. Two new members were introduced to our goat. They were Angus Edwards and Thomas Artieta, both of Baton Rouge. In addition, a vaudeville show and exhibition of magic helped to make the evening a pleasant one.

Another enjoyable affair was our masquerade party on Feb. 26. The committee under Mathias Chenevert put on a fine entertainment, with plenty of games of various kinds. Refreshments were served, and a nice profit realized.

COLUMBUS (By E. J. Kennedy)—Remember May 14, the date of our annual Gibson Memorial Banquet at Hotel Fort Hayes. Several prominent speakers will be on the program. A floor show will also add to the attractions of the affair. Reservations will be \$1.00 per plate, and should be sent in early. Send them to Ray Stallo, Pilgrim Press, Town St., Columbus. Further details in the next issue.

The after-meeting social to follow our next meeting will be in charge of Bros. La Fountain and Kennedy. As movies are Brother La Fountain's hobby, this will be the main attraction. They will select the best silent films available, and strive to make the affair interesting for everyone. Refreshments will be served. Be sure to come.

Brother Romoser has returned from his sojourn in Florida. At the March meeting he gave a very interesting account of his trip. He expects to go again next year, and for a longer stay.

HOLYOKE (By A. H. Enger)—Our March meeting was well attended, despite the inclement weather, which goes to show that our routine of business, as adopted, has proven a boon to out-of-town members who previously have had

to be excused early, to catch the last train home. We intend to keep up this interest, if possible, by having swell programs monthly, and to inform individual members in advance of what is in store for them.

An interesting feature of the last meeting was the presentation of \$5.00 to William Minshall in recognition of his having rounded out 10 years of active membership. This is a custom in vogue in the division for many years, taking the place of the presentation of fobs and cuff-links formerly given.

Final arrangements for our card party and movies on May 14 have been completed, except for a few minor details. It will be held in the spacious ballroom of the Masonic Temple, located on Chestnut St., between Essex and Cabot Sts., and claimed to be one of the most beautiful in New England. Bob Floyd is the chairman of this affair, and has been working overtime to make it an enjoyable one. Four hours of solid fun, about evenly divided between coronation whist and movies. Circulars are being printed for distribution; watch for them, or write R. L. Floyd, care Root, Carl St., West Thompsonville, Conn., or Arthur H. Enger, 273 Maple St., Holyoke, Mass.

SEATTLE (By N. C. Garrison)—The tragic death of William S. Root on Feb. 12 was a great shock to his host of friends, not only in Washington State, but the country over. With his wife he was on his way to a meeting of the local deaf. As they stepped off the curb to board a street car, an auto driven by a drunken youth flashed down upon them at high speed. Brother Root pushed his wife back out of the way, but was unable to save himself. He was struck and instantly killed, his body being dragged nearly 75 feet. The driver was later arrested, confessed, and is now awaiting trial.

Brother Root was born in Illinois, but at an early age moved to New York state, where he attended the Rochester School for the Deaf. He came to Seattle about 38 years ago, and secured work on the Post-Intelligencer. Later he went into partnership in a printing business with L. O. Christenson, later going it alone under the name of Root's Printery. He was prominent in church, fraternal and social circles, local and state, well liked and respected by everyone who knew him. He is survived by his wife and son Milo. Interment was in Mt. Pleasant cemetery. The active pall-bearers were Bros. Bodley, Reeves, Christenson, Oelschlager, Koberstein and Garrison.

BROOKLYN (By E. J. Sherwood)—The March meeting was interesting and well attended, and it is hoped that the interest and attendance will be kept up. A law committee was appointed to revise our outmoded local rules and bring them up to date. The committee, comprising Brothers Renner, Dramis and Goldberg, will make a tentative report at the next meeting. Harry Bellin was elected to the Board of Trustees to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Edward Kerwin, who has accepted a position up-state, and which may keep him busy until fall. Secretary Goldberg gave an interesting survey of the efforts being made to establish a state labor bureau for the deaf, and asked for the cooperation of every member.

The committee in charge of our movies to be held on April 2 is working at top speed to make it a financial success, as well as a social triumph. The Livingston, 301 Schermerhorn St. is the place, and the division will try and finish its routine business before 9:30, so non-members will not have to wait long. The proceeds will be devoted solely to the purposes of the Labor Bureau of the Deaf, the time, energy and expense of which is considerable.

The ball and entertainment on Feb. 12 went over in a blaze of glory. The committee wishes to thank everyone who attended for their generous support, which made success possible.

Preparations are already under way for our 30th anniversary banquet to be held next year. Ben Friedwald will be general chairman of the affair, and we know from experience what Ben can do.

ST. LOUIS (By C. H. Fry)—The mask ball held at Joffa Hall on Feb. 12 was a pronounced success, thanks mainly to the efforts of Chairman Frank Myers and his committee. There was an attendance of about 400. Much interest was displayed in the queen of the ball. Miss Catherine Joell won the coveted honor.

Brother Greiser will manage our annual picnic. It will be held July 10 at Mueller's Park. We hope for a big crowd.

LOWELL (By M. S. McGeever)—Lowell Frats journeyed to Manchester, N. H. on Feb. 19, and conquered the Manchester deaf in a bowling match at the A.C.A. Club. Our thanks are due Brother "Mike" Mayo for the invitation. The hospitality of the Manchester people could not be improved upon. We found them an interesting bunch, and hope—and believe—some of them were enough interested in us to later become members—a matter of mutual benefit. A return match will be played on the Rex alleys in Lowell on March 19 or 26, followed by a social party at Brother McCord's home.

We have been invited to participate in the bowling tournament at Syracuse, N. Y., but have to decline, with thanks. We roll on duck or candle pins, so would have no show there.

Our members learned with sorrow of the death of Brother Eddie Weymouth, at the Danvers Home for Aged Deaf on Feb. 14. He was greatly interested in our division, and on several occasions allowed us the use of his home for socials. Our sympathy is extended to his wife, who is also at the Home.

PITTSBURGH (By J. K. Forbes)—Our division and the Pittsburgh Association will hold a joint smoker and entertainment on May 29. Location will be made known later. This date is the day following the banquet of the Western Pennsylvania Alumni Association at the Fort Pitt Hotel, and will give visiting members and friends two evenings filled with enjoyment. Paste the dates in your hat.

Peter R. Graves is a shining example of stick-to-itiveness. Starting years ago with a motor cycle and side car delivering papers, he has worked his way up until now he is vice president of the newspaper union truck drivers, and also supervisor of drivers, with office in the Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph. Something to brag about, what?

A large crowd of rooters were at the basketball tournament on Feb. 26. The last game between Maryland and our Pitt was a thriller, with a close score.

TORONTO (By F. E. Doyle)—The Valentine Frolic on Feb. 12 was a very interesting occasion, with an attendance of about 100 persons. The main attraction was three acts depicting the rival advantages of fraternal insurance as opposed to endowment insurance—the one used solely for the protection of dependents, while the other may be drawn out and spent by the insured during his lifetime. Other skits were "John Gilpin" and "Why I am a Bachelor," featuring Brothers McLaughlin and Shilton, a "Lost Sense" play by Miss Lowson and five other girls, valentine songs by Miss Lowson, and a wordless valentine playlet by Miss Clark. It was an evening enjoyed by all.

Our next coming event will also be a fine attraction. It will be a lecture on April 30, and will be given at 56 Wellesley St. Bring your friends. Then comes the greatest attraction of all—our third annual banquet on May 14, at Hunt's, Bloor and Yonge Sts. Full particulars later.

Members having old application forms will please return them to the secretary and obtain new forms.

SYRACUSE (By A. S. Pabst)—Our Washington's birthday masquerade party held at the Larned Building on Feb. 19 was a very successful affair. Secretary Pabst, who managed the affair, certainly put it over big.

The next affair will be a bingo party on April 2. Brother Kinsella will be in charge, in itself an assurance of a good time. Tell your friends about it. Everybody welcome.

But the biggest event of all for Syracusans will be the annual meet of the Great Lakes Deaf Bowling Association. April 23 and 24 is the date when all roads will lead to Syracuse. Everything is being made ready for a record crowd. Both bowlers and mere visitors will be well taken care of and well entertained. From near and far they will come;

from New York cities; Cleveland, Akron, Detroit; even far-off Chicago will be represented. If you miss this, you will miss the time of your life.

Brothers Merrill and House have been appointed to represent the division in creating the new New York State Labor Bureau for the Deaf.

CHICAGO NO. 1 (By Thos. O. Gray)—Ingval Dahl is the 3rd victim of falls that have caused disability cases among our members. He missed his footing returning from replacing a blown out fuse in the basement. The result was a backward plunge that ended on top of a keg. The force of the fall caved in five of his ribs. He will be confined to his apartment for several weeks.

A telegram from Beverly Hills, California, brings tidings of another disability case. Ward Small lost his balance and fell, spraining his hip and knee severely. Bro. Small used to live in Evanston, on the north side, and is a loyal and faithful member of Division No. 1. We sincerely hope his case is not as serious as reported.

In the intra-divisional Pinochle tournament going on between Division No. 1 and Chi-Oral Division No. 106, the former is leading by a considerable margin. Chairman Bro. Crocker of No. 1, is elated, but he may have crowed too soon, for the tournament is still young, and those pesky Oralists always have something up their sleeve, and might overtake the overconfident players of No. 1. It's a case of who gets to the finish first, just like a dark horse, and there are plenty dark complexioned players among the Oralists who might be dark horses. Watch them at the finish.

President Erickson appointed Bros. Hagemeyer and Crocker to be chairmen of the annual Smoker. This is another brand of entertainment that will grace the billboard of No. 1 alongside the annual Picnic and Mask Ball. Bro. Shawl is responsible for digging up this idea. This will make a variety of amusement full of laughs. This year Bros. Hagemeyer and Crocker will stage their own idea of a Smoker. Announcements will be made later on, so members can salt away enough dough to make good bread for the suppering evening.

We had the honor of meeting Bro. Ligon, treasurer of Atlanta Division, No. 28. He attended our meeting and gave us a nice talk. Bro. Ligon was here to wed an Alabama maiden by the name of Miss York, and take her back to the Sunny South. Division No. 1 extends heartiest congratulations.

Two transfers were received by No. 1 that added two more active members to our list. Bro. Pines came over from Chi-Oral Division No. 106 and Wm. Mallman came over from Dayton Division No. 8. But Bro. Mallman is at home in Chicago, having been born and raised here. We are glad to have these two new members. Bro. Pines is hot in the Pinochle tournament.

BOSTON (By L. H. Snyder)—Bro. Pike went on his mid-winter vacation with his better half. They decided to take in New York, that teeming metropolis of expectancy. They visited friends for a few days, then took in the Frat Ball on February 12. After a few days more in that city, they returned to Boston.

Vice-Pres. Amico was stricken with pneumonia on Feb. 28, and rushed to the Boston City Hospital. On last reports he was recovering slowly, and the M. D. said he would be out of danger in a few days.

The March 5th Whist party was a bigger success than expected. Bros. Ruggiero, Shea and Whitehouse carried on in the stead of Bro. Amico. The hall was well filled. The prizes were a sight, as was attested by all present.

HARTFORD (By Max Friedman)—The arrangements for Hartford's Silver Jubilee Banquet are about complete. Chairman Szopa and his committee have been working for two years to put this banquet over, and it now looks as though their two years of work will be crowned

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with success. A fund has been raised to be used on the banquet. The three dollars charged for admission will not cover the expenses of the affair, and the deficit will be taken care of by the special fund. Guests of the division will include charter members, of whom there are eight or ten still living. The piece de resistance will be planked steak, and the rest of the menu is as appetizing and as ample as the steak promises to be. There will be no picking at chicken wings, and remember, Hotel Bond's chefs have a reputation to maintain. Each guest will be given a souvenir, something beautiful and useful and not a useless gadget. A floor show, and then dancing in Hartford's best ballroom to the music of one of Hartford's best orchestras will round out a full evening. The place: Hotel Bond. The date: April 30. The time: 7:30 p. m. The occasion: Hartford's Silver Jubilee Celebration. If the recession is troubling you, come to our banquet and you'll forget your worries in the food and the good fellowship you'll find there. Reservations should be made before April 23 through Chairman Edward J. Szopa, 68 Sumner Street, Hartford.

The writer feels he is speaking for the Hartford Division as well as for himself when he takes this occasion to thank the Worcester Division for their splendid display of cooperation and fraternity. Worcester had planned a dance for April 16 but had called it off when they found that date was too close to April 23, the date originally set for our banquet. When we found it necessary to change our date to April 30, Worcester decided that the 16th was not too close to our affair to be a rival attraction. Thanks for your cooperation, Worcester. We are glad to know you did not have to make the sacrifice for us. We hope to return the favor some day, and best wishes to the success of your April dance.

ST. PAUL-MINNEAPOLIS (By H. von Hippel)—The Masquerade Dance has come and gone, but not without leaving some coins in the coffer. Economic conditions have affected deaf people in the Twin Cities during the winter months, but they were willing enough to part with their dough for such a worth-while enterprise. There were very few visitors at the dance. Taking all that into consideration, the Entertainment Committee under Chairman Pangrac did a pretty good job.

Dwight Burris presented many fraters with his business cards at the meeting. He has just started a service station of his own with his hearing brother as assistant, in Minneapolis. He wishes it to be known that he would appreciate it greatly if you fraters and friends patronize his place. The place is located on Seven Corners at Cedar Av. bridge.

A large number of fraters and wives plan on going to Faribault to see the Midwest Basketball Conference and root for our Minnesota team March 25 and 26.

BIRMINGHAM (By Sam Rittenberg)—Howdy, Folks! No. 73 again graces THE FRAT after a lapse of several months, but this does not mean that we have not been doing any-

thing. We have been putting on social affairs once a month, and enjoyed them. New members are trekking in slowly but steadily, through transfers from other Divisions. We have our meetings at the Y.M.C.A. the second Sunday afternoon of each month. Brethren contemplating paying the Ham a visit will please bear this in mind in order to make their sojourn doubly pleasant by taking in one of the meetings. A big welcome awaits you.

The International Typographical Union will have its annual convention in the Magic City beginning Sept. 10 and lasting through the week. We can boast of having the second largest group of Deaf Union printers in the country, second only to Washington, D. C. Therefore we will be in a position to entertain deaf printers from out of town coming for the "fun." Division secretaries will please notify Secretary Harper in case they know of any Deaf union printer or printers planning to take in the gathering.

It has been more than eight years since a member of our Division passed away. Bro. Gould of Mobile, was killed by a hit-and-run driver a few weeks ago when he was attempting to get on a street car. The driver of the car was caught and given a long jail term. Bro. Gould had been a member of the N.F.S.D. 19 years, and his death was a severe shock to all who knew him as a fine man and brother.

BERKELEY (By Andy Mack)—When will the next initiation be? That is what the boys are asking each other. At the March meeting eight sturdy lads were sent through the paces consisting of 8 tests of torture. Brothers initiated were Clement Hutton, Alex Borsoff, Alfred Cola, Arthur Jatta, Edward Matson, Valrie Owen, Emil Ladner and John Imhof. Bro. Ladner thoroughly enjoyed the set-to, having been originally initiated at the Chicago smoker last summer. All that remains to be done now is to round up a few new members and groom the "goat" to test them.

Committee for a tentative banquet as selected by President Cronin includes: Bros. Henry Bruns, Henry Franck, and Emil Ladner.

No. 79, slow of growth, is one of those divisions that keep on going! There are many young boys, prospective members of the brotherhood, in this locality. Two stumbling blocks confront all brothers seeking to encourage these youngsters to join: (1) The lack of work makes them unable to pay their dues, and (2) Quite a few youngsters have the stock answer that there is a greater advantage in a regular insurance company, some of them are already insured in such companies. What are we FRATS going to do about this?

John Schwartz of the Faribault Division, a retired teacher at the Minnesota school, now living here, made a brief talk chiefly centered upon annuities. Bro. Schwartz is now drawing a monthly stipend in lieu of a death benefit.

PORTLAND, ORE. (By C. H. Linde)—The sudden death of Brother Root of Seattle created quite a deep sense of loss among a wide circle of friends hereabouts that he had made in his frequent trips down here.

In the recent dedicatory ceremonies attendant upon the opening of a new gymnasium at the Vancouver, Wash., school, said to be the finest in the country, Brother W. S. Hunter experienced the surprise of his life when the gym was named in his honor in recognition of his 32 years of coaching service at the school.

No. 41 held its annual Masquerade Feb. 26, with its officers in charge. Despite the disappointingly small attendance, everyone had a grand time.

Scheduled for this month are the SFL aux, home-cooked dinner on the 12th, and a benefit party on the 26th.

Addition of five new members within the last two years furnished such material for a goat ride that we decided to stage a smoker right after our next meeting. After the initiation ceremony, the doors will be thrown open to the "sisters" and refreshments served.

ALBANY (By W. M. Lange, Jr.)—Andrew Lapienis has ended his Southern Odyssey, and his cheerful countenance again brightens our frat meetings. Andrew has been regaling his friends with tales of the South as he found it. Us stick-in-the-muds have been enjoying his stories and secretly wishing we too could be foot-loose and fancy-free.

The Albany frats have moved back to their old headquarters at Maccabee Temple, 734

Broadway. Community Hall has been sold to make way for a restaurant and dance hall. There is a new janitor on the premises, so let's hope for better service in the future.

While their husbands were at the Frat meeting March 5, several of the Aux-Frats met at the home of Mrs. Milton Harris for several rounds of pinochle, not to mention a round of refreshments. Mrs. James Wall carried off top honors at cards while Mrs. Lyman consoled herself with the booby. No, we won't tell who carried off top honors at packing away refreshments.

The Bowling tournament to be held in Syracuse in April seems to be the chief topic of conversation in these parts. Several Albanians are planning to go. We hope New York Staters will show as much interest in the coming Convention to be held here in July. James Lewis of the Binghamton Division was a visitor in Albany and showed up at our meeting on March 5.

WASHINGTON (By J. E. Montgomery)—The committee for the Silver Jubilee Celebration announces that the informal dance scheduled for April 9 has been shifted to April 23. Admission charge for men is \$1.00, ladies 50c and there will be no additional charges during the remainder of the evening. Those expecting to attend are requested to make their reservations early, as the hall is limited to 100 persons. The dance will be held at the Hay Loft, between 13th and 14th Streets on Massachusetts Avenue, Northwest. To reach this hall, one must enter the alley near Thomas Circle Club which stands in front of the Hay Loft. The committee promises a great time for all. Reservations are being accepted by the following: Roger Scott, J. B. Davis, E. E. Bernsdorff and ye reporter.

John O'Rourke of the Boston Division spent a few days in this city recently on business. While here, he called on many of his old friends.

Many out-of-town brothers were in the Capitol City during the week-end of March 12 to attend the annual Kappa Gamma banquet.

The local Division's bowlers won the annual match with the Baltimore Division by 109 pins. Three cash prizes were awarded and all were won by our bowlers. Bro. Slaughter surprised us by leading the bowlers with a 326-pin set, followed by Louis J. Pucci with a 316-pin set. J. B. Davis captured the show position with a 309 set.

The Degree Team hints that it is preparing an evening of merriment for the Brothers at the Smoker to be held at the Masonic Temple Building on April 9. Five new members are to be initiated and possibly seven.

LOS ANGELES (By J. A. Goldstein)—The basketball game and dance sponsored by the Division on Feb. 26 lived up to expectations; a full house; a nice financial take, an exciting and thrilling time. Net profits will be earmarked and used for a Frat night celebration on a certain day allotted during the 1940 N.A.D. convention. The division five licked the Helms Bakeries regular team, and in the prelim, the Hollywood division five did the same to a team from the Helms shipping department. Chairman Peterson and his aides are highly commended for making this event one of the best on record. Thanks are extended to officials of Loyola H.S. who donated the use of their gym gratis.

Practically all the officers and several members of Division 119 were present at our recent meeting. Pres. Greenberg extended a cordial invita-

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tion to all our members to attend his division meetings at any time.

Our division will sponsor a dance on April 23, profit of which will go to the Hollywood Division. A fraternal gesture, indeed. Full details are lacking, but will be known by the time this reaches you. The date, however is correct. Please reserve.

SAN FRANCISCO (By H. O. Schwarzlose)—Waldo Reesink, whom we last heard from in a Hospital in Stockton, was present at the March meeting, thereby proving that he is completely his old self once again. Congratulations, Bro. Reesink.

We are sorry to report the death of the mother of C. Wheeler, recently. The sympathy of the entire Division is extended the bereaved family.

A whist social will be held after the April meeting on the second. All are urged to attend and bring friends. Members must note that the success of a social depends entirely upon those who attend and not on the committee, as some imagine. The committee may have a fine time arranged, and yet only a few in attendance, and therefore make a poor showing. A real frat isn't one that attends meetings and pays his dues regularly. It is one who attends socials also, and gets others to do the same. One who brings in new members and helps in every way he can. Be a real frat.

Wish we had been at the Installation Ceremonies of No. 119 to see Joe Greenberg drinking milk!

Wonder what has happened to the fezzes that our members bought years ago. Haven't seen one worn for years. How about a little more accent on the ritual part of the meeting?

MANHATTAN (By Charles Joselow)—Manhattan Division has the pleasure of announcing its Ball and Entertainment on the Belmont Plaza Roof, at Lexington Avenue and Forty-Ninth Street, New York City, on Saturday evening, May 14, 1938, the subscription price being one dollar. Some of the attractions promised by our Ball Committee will be a professional floor show and dance contests. Nothing new, you would say, but wait a minute! As one notices from circulars freely distributed, the Casino-in-the-Air, Roof Gardens, Fountain Room and Service Bar are mentioned, for good measure for the money. Don't let the first-mentioned attraction frighten you away, especially ladies, or into bringing umbrellas with you just in case of rain. For this happens to be the top flat with a roof, with outside gardens, where you will be greeted with the panorama of skyscrapers, and with the swanky Waldorf-Astoria in the front. The main room will accommodate at least 400 people for the dance and show, with first-class music. In case you become conscious of elbow-rubbing, the Committee will have you know beforehand that the Fountain Room is quite spacious to the extent of another 150 persons who perhaps have the itch of playing cards or bandying wits in a sedentary position. And in case you are thirsty, with the oncoming of heat for the advent of summer, there is also the up-to-date service bar to serve at least 100 patrons without any waiting. As if this is not enough, there are outside gardens, but mind you, readers, the Committee does not guarantee about the rain; there is plenty of walking space for a crowd of lovers of the usual type, and scenery on all sides.

The chairman of the Committee is Franz Ascher, assisted by a sub-committee to be appointed later, and with the gracious help of the efficient Belmont-Plaza staff, with Harry Stein inevitably as treasurer, Edgar Bloom, Jr., as vice-chairman, Jerome Schapira as assistant treasurer, and yours truly attending to publicity business. The whole membership of the Manhattan Division is with us by heartily accepting to sell at least five tickets each, in the hope of emulating the Brooklyn Division with its anniversary events. The various divisions and organizations of the fellow deaf within reasonable distance are being contacted to join with the Metropolitan deaf to make this date a red-letter night.

For further information, get in touch with Chairman Ascher, 419 West 144th St., New York City. He will be glad to answer all inquiries.

CLEVELAND (By Robert Young)—At last, here is Cleveland Division's congratulations and best wishes to the new Division at Los Angeles. (Better Late than Never.)

Preparations are now under way for the coming Aux Frat May Social, which is being await-

ed with keen anticipation. This gigantic event will be under the leadership of Mrs. Samuel Kline and her staff of competent helpers. Mrs. Kline, a product of New York, will have many valuable ideas for a successful social, due to her past experiences and associations in old New York. Your correspondent is not quite certain of the exact date or time, but gives assurances it will be worth your time and effort in making inquiries, so don't fail to be there and see the beginning of better and more entertaining jamborees.

Recently Captain Abe Mann of the good ship "Valentine Social" successfully steered his badly battered schooner into port, through one of the worst storms we've had in many moons. The entertainments on board, which had all the aroma of Hollywood, did much in dispersing all sorts of fear and forbidding on the outcome, and all in all it was a glorious trip if not a financial one. Many thanks are given to Jack Fritz and Miss Theresa Imburgia for their interpretation of the "Big Apple" dance, also to Miss Elaine Ortolfo, long an entertainer to our many socials, and to Miss Helen Hoagland, Mrs. Harrison, Orville Johnson, President Rosenmund and Abe Mann for their various entertainments.

The conquest of Ethiopia by Mussolini and the recent Hitler coup of winning Austria, with storms of protest heard around the world, is nothing compared to President Rosenmund's most surprising move of annexing the Sphinx Club to the division. Only one whimper of protest at this successful move was made by a non-frater, who attempted to get in touch with President Rosenmund's optic, only to come in contact with the great open space.

The present business recession we have been going through lately, does not seem to have disturbed Brother Martin Maynard in the least. Recently he purchased for cash a \$5,000 house on the west side, which seems to indicate that Brother Maynard is well informed as to all the dope of future business around the corner.

Rumor has spread that our youthful Brother Thomas Janosek, who is quite a Sampson as well as a Romeo among us fraters has weakened considerably to the lures of some Juliet, who lives somewhere in Pennsylvania, and it is reported they are practically engaged. Congratulations.

QUEENS (By Larry Ward)—This division wishes to record with astonishment and dismay (?) that like Chicago's "Esquire," our beloved he-man magazine, THE FRAT, has finally been invaded by a woman! The lady in question, according to last month's issue, is Mrs. Helen Wallace, auxiliary member extraordinary of Spokane Division No. 17. However, we think her article is charmingly written, and wish her more success in this new venture.

By the time the good Kable Brothers puts this edition to bed (the press, I mean) our division will have celebrated its card party and dance at Woodside, L.I. Trust to our president, Ed Bonvillain and his "jack in the box" surprises to cause the people of the NSFD of all five boroughs of Gotham to sit up and talk about the novelty of entertainment for which Queens is becoming famous.

But, fellow brothers and members of the auxiliary, you haven't read anything yet. As you all know that the World's Fair will be held in N.Y.C. in 1939, and particularly in Queens County, this division deemed it fitting and proper that we should inaugurate an affair worthy of the occasion. Therefore, to this end, President Bonvillain has appointed a committee of nine under the chairmanship of Vice President Henry H. Brauer to ascertain ways and means of producing such an opportune program. At present plans which are still in the talk stage consist of a series of socials which will gradually lead up to a dinner-dance to be held within the area of the World's Fair if possible. So pretentious a program calls for the best and the most strenuous effort on the part of the committee and all the members have pledged their co-operation to the fullest extent. Best wishes to you, committee of nine.

It is generally taken for granted that this division has consistently striven to protect its hold on the NSFD map, but we seem to be a little behind in our organizing work. If I haven't been mistaken we appear to have been somewhat satisfied with our present quota of membership. We have yet to discover, acquire, snare, waylay, force or just tow in a single new member since the start of this year. Come, come, boys, let's get to work and see if we could make the Home Office stand up and rub their hands in

anticipation of prosperity. Surely there are some who have escaped the recession and are waiting to join our revered association. Boys, let's get busy now, and don't forget the new liberal policy extended to all endorsers. I hope you will notice this little space and govern yourself accordingly.

BALTIMORE (By George M. Leitner)—The Division's athletes can't seem to get anywhere. The Washington Fraters defeated the Baltimoreans by 106 points in their annual tournament. Several Baltimore high scorers failed to enter for the tournament, but that's not an alibi, just a regret. The tournament was held here this year, and a large crowd attended.

Our Division's annual Bal Masque was held at Schanze's Hall February 26. Prizes were awarded to ladies for the best costumes. A Frat card party was held March 2 at the Bond Bakery Hall.

At the last regular meeting the crossed gavel emblem of a past president was ordered for John A. Wallace, now a resident of Spokane, Wash. Emblems of service of trustees were provided for William Dilworth, Clyde Bowen and Oliver Watkins.

DETROIT (By Asa S'utsman)—Ye Scribe has been re-elected Correspondent to THE FRAT for another term, 1938-39.

An error was made in the March issue of THE FRAT about the Division's boat excursion to be run next summer. The date is set for July 10, not June 10. Now, start to lay away a penny or two a day, and don't forget to hide it where your wife or kids cannot lay their hands on it at any time. Listen, Fellow-Frats, if your "wimmin" should pounce on you for the way you hide the coins, be smart and say that you are doing it as a "surprise" for them.

The Division is determined to get a few more new members before this year ends, so it now offers, as a special inducement, to pay new members who are admitted during the present year, their physical examination and initiation fees gratis. This offer also is extended to ex-Frats who want to come back. Now, Frats, get busy. It would be mighty fine if every one of you make a decision to get one new member this year.

The Division has some half-tone copies of the group pictures of the members taken some years ago which it offers to sell at 2 copies for 5c. These copies were kindly donated to the division by Robert K. Baird, with George Phillips assisting in the printing. The size of the prints is 8" x 10," and are easily worth buying at the above-mentioned price.

Jay C. Howard, erstwhile of Kalamazoo, but now of Lansing, was here on March 12, and delivered a talk regarding the Division for the Deaf in the Labor Department of the State, of which he is Director. Mr. George Krogstad, Commissioner of the Labor Department was with him, and also talked, Miss Alberta Sutsman interpreting. Both these talks were very much

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enlightening as to the purpose of the new division for the deaf, and the large crowd, about 400, was more than pleased to hear them.

WESTCHESTER (By R. W. Bowdren)—Our affair last month was well patronized in spite of six other affairs going on in the Metropolitan district. Many new faces were seen there that night, and all have given the assurance that they will be back with us on April 30th, when we hold our "500" and Gaiety Night. The affair will be held at Elk's Club, 245 South 1st Ave., Mt. Vernon, N. Y. Come on, Brothers, bring your wives or the light o' your hearts. Tell your friends to tell their friends and thus we will have a merry houseful again. The Entertainment Committee, under Chairman Geel, are leaving no stones unturned to make this affair the best so far—so do your share.

A Membership Drive is on now. Four prospects already lined up. Surely, there must be many young men who really desire to join our Division, but being at a loss to understand how to go about it, have stayed out. Brothers, get busy. Ask Secretary Geel for applications. Treasurer Lynch is always willing to help you out in figuring the new prospects' dues, and President Bowdren will welcome them with open arms.

The Nomad of No. 114 will be back with us at the April meeting. Drop in and get an eyefull of his narrative of his travels. Ask Bro. McGinnis if he forgot to tell the blonde in Florida you were asking for her or the brunette in Milwaukee that you sent your love to. Anyway, Brothers, come around to the meeting at the Y.M.C.A. on the 2nd Friday of the month. . . . Bro. Donohue, who has been on the sick list for some time surprised us all by dropping in at the last meeting. He looks very good and many of us like to think of Joe as the "Gene Sarazen" of No. 114. As far as we know he was the only Deaf Professional Golfer—Hey Big Boy Meagher, put that down in your book. Cross my heart, it's honest-to-goodness. He was the Professional for the Stamford Golf Club. . . . Nat Cerniglia is starting to save for the Toronto Convention. How about all you, Brothers? Grand thing if we can all go together. Nat says no trains for him. He intends rolling along in his new De Soto Sedan. Heard Bro. Mazur bought a row-boat. Maybe he will paddle along to Toronto, too. Who got new shoes? . . .

READING (By E. C. Ritchie)—A dull, dark and dreary day with incessant rain failed to put a damper on the enthusiasm of the Fraters of No. 54. The failure was complete, for every officer was in his place, and each and every resident member was in attendance. There were plenty of non-residents too, and the total attendance was 106. Brother Ferguson proved yours truly made no mistake in selecting him as a drawing card. He certainly drew and certainly pleased everyone. Brother Roach accompanied him and everybody enjoyed the mingling. Allentown, our next door neighbor, came in full force. Every car owned by the deaf was pressed into service except two who had not as yet secured licenses for 1938.

April 10 the ping pong and dart tournaments will be had. From all indications Allentown is slated to cop the dart crown, with Reading following Philadelphia. But in ping pong Reading's wizards, Goldberg Brothers and Company seem to have the call. We fear a capacity crowd, since there was only standing room with Ferguson speaking.

May 8th, directly after the meeting, the Frat-

Contenders in 1938 Derby

Name	Division	New Members
Elmer Rosenmund	Cleveland	9
Joseph Bruno	Jersey City	8
Hugh Courter	Des Moines	4
George Laramie	Salt Lake City	3
Edgar Dykes	St. Louis	2
Roy Hiatt	Indianapolis	2
Ralph Bunting	Grand Rapids	2
Herman von Hippel	St. Paul-Minneapolis	2
Joseph Greenberg	Hollywood	2
Joseph Rosnick	Toronto	2
William Gibson	Pittsburgh	2
Edward Kolp	Dallas	2
W. T. Griffing	Sulphur	2

SEE the twelve brave lads and true in the race for this year's honors. They are jockeys of calibre. But don't let 'em do all the riding for you. It's not too late yet to get in, burn up the fast track, show 'em all a clean pair of heels. GIVE 'EM YOUR DUST, BOYS, GIVE 'EM YOUR DUST!

ers will line up their cars and proceed to Allentown for a fraternal visit in the L.A.D. rooms. It is understood lunch will be ready on arrival, and for sale all day.

Brother Nizart and Burkert were presented Hamilton watches beautifully engraved by the Textile Machine Works on completing 25 years of faithful service. Had the depression not affected the deaf so completely there would have been a longer list of recipients.

H. Ray Snyder came back to the fold right after Bro. Ferguson's talk. Home Office: I believe they'll soon be lining up. . . . Where, Oh, where was Felix Lutz, whom we missed. . . . The Blessings, of Harrisburg, were present to bestow their blessings on us. . . . York, distance may have forbid representation, but warmer weather will bring them. . . . Secretary Wise for the first time in years had his hands busy with roll call. . . . Dooner and Evans, Philadelphia, are red hot dart enthusiasts—the second time I saw them drive 100 miles to take part in dart contests. Can they play Ping Pong, or are they afraid of me? . . . The janitor of the hall was dumbfounded when for five years he was used to seeing Reading Division No. 54, eight and nine strong, he saw a Greater Reading Division over thirty strong file in to be later reinforced by 75 guests. Remember Reading, 1940. Silver Jubilee year. We will soon get busy and appoint a committee. "Bim," the division's baby will endeavor to entertain you readers next.

FARIBAUT (By Toivo Lindholm)—The Division is bigger now by one by the addition to membership of Hubert Sellner, graduate of the Minnesota School and of Gallaudet College, and now carrying on the retired Mr. P. N. Peterson's sloyd teaching work at the same school. Sellner, heir apparent to Bronko Nagurski's wrestling crown, may be the reason the Division is looking elsewhere for regular meeting quarters—more room to take care of him—and the rest of us. (To the gullible, if any: be careful to swallow this story with a pinch of salt.)

The bank where this Division had deposited its monies prior to the bank's going into receivership, has paid its final check to the Division. We are \$45 poorer in total assets. One of the checks the Division received was for \$.01. Bro. John Schwartz, now acquiring a sun tan in California, at one time treasurer of the Division, received the check for us. Desiring to save the check because of its oddity, he sent us a penny for it and then presented the check to us to show to posterity. Thanks, John.

Bro. Spence, general chairman of the entertainment committee, announced at the last regular meeting the following program for the first few months: April, basket social; May, Homecoming party; June 18, Frat Picnic (note this particularly, brethren and sistren); July, probably another picnic, for "local consumption." Watch for details in this paper and the Companion.

The Minnesota School is entertaining four other state schools in a basketball tournament,

March 25 and 26. Here frat will meet frat from far and near and exchange pleasantries and stories and reminiscences of the old school days. "wish you were here." Don't forget fraternal greetings and handclaps.

Three brothers of this Division at this writing are rooming outside of their homes: John Boatwright, Wesley Lauritsen and Chester Dobson. Reason: there is a case of scarlet fever in each of their homes. The Division extends them condolences and hope by the time this paper gets to them, they'll be enjoying again the joys of their own domiciles. There's no place like home.

ATLANTA (By Wm. J. Scott)—Wake up Brothers, as Atlanta Division has something in mind this time! It surely has been some time since the Division hit the big parade. Now all you have to do is to put in your hat the date and place. Atlanta Division will have the biggest smoker in the history of the South, May 7th, at the Henry Grady Hotel, on the corner of Peachtree and Cain Streets, at 7:30 p.m. Many of you will recall the great smoker they had at the N.A.D. Convention last summer? Well, this one will go very far this time. So please have your tickets ready. Sorry that we are not permitted to relate the program here, so you will have to guess what it is. We, the Committee, promise you one grand time.

Douglas Hitchcock, a newcomer in this Division, has rolled up his sleeves to get things in shape for the Eastern hits. He will have an outstanding entertainment at Saint Mark's Church, on the corner of Peachtree and Fifth Streets, April 16th. He has a full-fledged cop to help him with the bunnies. He promises to make the party a swell one. So those who are interested in the bunnies come down and give this new member a glad hand. He will probably have something for you to carry home after the game.

W. E. Gholdston, an old timer, has his map all laid out for June. He has not yet decided the date and place. Will announce that later. Gosh, it seems like the Atlanta Division is planning a Broadway Show now. Let us hope it will be a million dollar show, anyway.

Percy W. Ligon has been a member of the Atlanta Division for many years, and devoted a great deal of his time to the deaf affairs of the South. He surprised all of the boys by taking a secret trip to Chicago, Feb. 28th. He stated that he was leaving on an important personal trip. Believe me boys, sure enough it was some personal trip! Listen Boys! Brother Ligon and Miss Susie Ardie York, of Mobile, Ala., were married March 5th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Meagher in Chicago. Rev. Hasenstab, of Chicago, performed the ceremony. Mrs. Ligon was graduated from Alabama School for the Deaf, and Vogue School of Fashion of Arts in Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Ligon are now residing here in Atlanta at 669 Willoughby Street, N.E. Good luck to our Brother. Let us hope that his troubles will be little ones.

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Mistress: "Marie, when you wait on the table tonight for my guests, please don't spill anything."

Maid: "Don't you worry, ma'am, I never talk much."

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The wife of a small farmer sold her surplus butter to a grocer in a nearby town. On one occasion the grocer said, "Your butter was underweight last week."

"Now, fancy that," said Mrs. Farmer. "Baby mislaid my weight that day, so I used the pound of sugar you sold me."

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*He flew through the air
With the greatest of ease;
But the funny part was
He forgot the trapeze.*

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The applicant for the vacant position had been called before the manager for an interview.

"Have you any ambition?" said the manager.

"I shall never rest, Sir," said the youth, "until I see you out of that chair."

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Customer: "Listen, barber. I'll never make the train at the speed you're shaving me. You hold the razor still and I'll waggle my face."

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"What kind of a store is that fellow over at Tick Ridge running?" asked a motorist.

"Well, he has Ford parts for sale," replied the attendant in the filling station at Ten Degrees, "buys butter, eggs and poultry, deals in real estate, paints houses, marries folks as justice of the peace, runs the post office, sells stamps, hams, molasses, and so forth, and takes boarders upstairs. I reckon you'd call it a drug store."

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"Good heavens—a telephone."
"Why, boss, don't you have dem where yo comes from?"

—Answers

Alford: That boy Percy has his father's honesty."

Martin: "Well, I always thought somebody had it."

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School teacher (to boy in arithmetic class): "You ought to be ashamed of your ignorance. When George Washington was your age, he was a full-fledged surveyor."

Pupil: "Yes, sir. And when he was your age, he was President of the United States."

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"I'm glad you're so impressed dear, by these explanations I've been making about banking and economics," remarked the young husband.

"Yes, darling. It seems wonderful that anybody could know as much as you do about money without having any of it."

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Son: "Say, dad, what does it mean when the paper says some man went to a convention as a delegate-at-large?"

Dad: "It means his wife didn't go with him, son."

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"Oh, mamma, look!" cried the little girl on her visit to the country. "There's a duck! And it walks like it had just got out of a rumble-seat!"

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Lecturer: "Three thousand four hundred and 26 elephants were needed last year to make billiard balls. Now are there any questions?"

Heckler: "Yes. How do they train the beasts to do such delicate work?"

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"Joe isn't much of a driver, is he?"

"No. He always seems to be rehearsing for an accident."

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New Hubby: "If I were to die would you marry again?"

Movie Blonde: "You funny man! What gives you the idea I'll wait that long?"

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Prison Warden: "You say you have a complaint to make? Well, what is it?"

Convict: "There ain't enough exits, sir."

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"I see here another octogenarian died. What is an octogenarian, anyway?"

"Victim of some awful disease, I think—you're always reading about them dying."



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Total collections.....	\$11,282.52

TREASURER'S STATEMENT FOR
FEBRUARY, 1938

Balance and Income	
Balance, Jan. 31, 1938.....	\$2,120,608.41
Division collections.....	11,282.52
Interest, mortgage loans.....	1,743.31
Interest, bonds.....	1,128.26
Indemnity fund premiums.....	257.88
Property insurance premiums.....	70.80
Refund of mortgage expenses.....	80.00
Refund, real estate operating exp.....	5.25
Rents	5,461.35
Lodge supplies.....	9.45
Recording and registry fees.....	8.00
Subscriptions to THE FRAT.....	2.40

Total balance and income.....\$2,140,647.63

Disbursements	
Death benefits.....	\$ 2,091.00
Sick benefits.....	900.00
Accident benefits.....	310.00
Old-age income payments.....	72.15
Accrued interest on mortgage.....	15.75
Clerical services.....	198.00
Insurance Department fees.....	633.00
Mortgage expenses.....	25.00
Officers' and Trustees' salaries.....	780.28
Official publication.....	202.43
Office expenses.....	61.05
Postage	41.46
Printing and stationery.....	252.59
Property insurance premiums.....	60.80
Real estate operating expenses.....	2,499.50
Taxes on real estate.....	1,220.64

Total disbursements.....\$ 9,363.65

Recapitulation	
Balance and income.....	\$2,140,647.63
Disbursements	9,363.65

Balance, Feb. 28, 1938.....\$2,131,283.98

TRUSTEES' REPORT

Ledger Assets, Feb. 28, 1938	
Real estate.....	\$ 706,225.90
Bonds and stocks.....	672,361.69
First mortgage loans.....	603,830.00
Bank deposits.....	144,711.53
Home Office equipment.....	2,479.06
Cash in Society's office.....	1,675.80

Total ledger assets.....\$2,131,283.98

Balances in Funds	
Mortuary funds.....	\$1,974,638.64
Sick and accident fund.....	100,061.87
General expense fund.....	27,404.57
Convention fund.....	18,772.23
Accumulated interest.....	7,295.88
Indemnity fund.....	3,110.79

Total in all funds.....\$2,131,283.98

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*L. H. Buescher, Cincinnati.....	30.00

Total for the month.....\$1,210.00

*Denotes accident claims.

FEBRUARY DEATH CLAIMS

John T. Kiely, Holyoke.....	\$ 500.00
Jacob Herbst, Jersey City.....	1,000.00
*Leon A. Fisk, Los Angeles.....	214.00
*William Hohlt, St. Louis.....	377.00

Total for the month.....\$2,091.00

*Denotes paid-up benefits.

OBITUARY

ALEXANDER L. PACH, 74. Entry April 1, 1910. Died March 12, 1938. Certificate No. 676-C. Brooklyn Div. No. 23.

THOMAS F. BOYLE, 67. Entry April 1, 1912. Died Feb. 26, 1938. Certificate No. 1319-C. Cedar Rapids Div. No. 49.

GERSON TAUBE, 53. Entry Oct. 1, 1912. Died March 17, 1938. Certificate No. 1454-D. Brooklyn Div. No. 23.

WILHELM SCHOLLMEIER, 63. Entry May 1, 1916. Died March 4, 1938. Certificate No. 2627-D. Milwaukee Div. No. 17.

THOMAS D. DELPH, 75. Entry Nov. 1, 1917. Died Feb. 4, 1938. Certificate No. 3455-C. Philadelphia Div. No. 30.

JOHN O. REICHLE, 60. Entry Jan. 2, 1918. Died March 14, 1938. Certificate No. 3714-E. Portland Div. No. 41.

NAAMAN RICHARD, 47. Entry July 1, 1919. Died March 5, 1938. Certificate No. 4524-D. Dallas Div. No. 63.

BIRTHS

August 21—Mr. and Mrs. Albert Slusser, Loudonville, O., a boy.

January 22—Mr. and Mrs. Harry Probert, Johnstown, Pa., a girl.

January 26—Mr. and Mrs. John Johnson, Knoxville, Tenn., a girl.

February 15—Mr. and Mrs. George Pick, Chicago, Ill., a boy.

February 17—Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Cranford, Seminary, Miss., a girl.

February 17—Mr. and Mrs. Morris Ratner, Los Angeles, Cal., a girl.

February 23—Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Shroyer, Springfield, O., a girl.

March 16—Mr. and Mrs. Carter Henningsen, Chicago, Ill., a girl.

MARRIAGES

January 15—Joseph Lowitz and Hattie Kutin, both of Newark, N.J.

February 26—Wesley Stevenson, Pittsburgh, Pa., and Ethel Byington, Canton, O.

February 26—Malcom Pace and Justine Miller, both of Houston, Tex.

March 5—Percy Ligon, Atlanta, Ga., and Susie York, Mobile, Ala.

March 12—Prentis Lucado, Atoka, Tenn., and Anna Bell.

DEATHS

February 23—Neola Loughran, wife of Charles Loughran, Davenport, Ia.

March 16—Wife of Fred Woodworth, Chicago, Ill.

ENGAGEMENTS

Joe Johnston and Girtha Fields, both of Little Rock, Ark.

NEW MEMBERS

Chicago No. 1:	Washington:
Elzie Bailey	Clarence Olson
Cleveland:	Kenneth Nelson
James Abbott	Dallas:
Brooklyn:	Homer Kelso
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Kansas City:	Denver:
Louis Meyer	Raymond Hoza
Boston:	Peoria:
Woodrow Williams	Arthur Maxedon
Pittsburgh:	Toronto:
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Providence:	Remi de Backer
William Marsocci	Faribault:
	Hubert Sellner
	Sulphur:
	Billie Fine

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Cleveland—Elmer Rosenmund
 Brooklyn—Louis Cohen
 Kansas City—Clemenz Dillenschneider
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 Pittsburgh—William Gibson
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THE NATIONAL FRATERNAL SOCIETY OF THE DEAF is a fraternal life insurance association of deaf men. It is organized on the lodge system and has branch lodges, called Divisions, in over a hundred principal cities of the United States and Canada.

Objects

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

Death, Sick and Accident Benefits

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

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

Safeguards

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

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

Cost of Joining

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

How to Join

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

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

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

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

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

Certificate Classes

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

Withdrawal Equities and Income Options

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

Required Monthly Payments

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

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

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

Rate for age at nearest birthday to be taken