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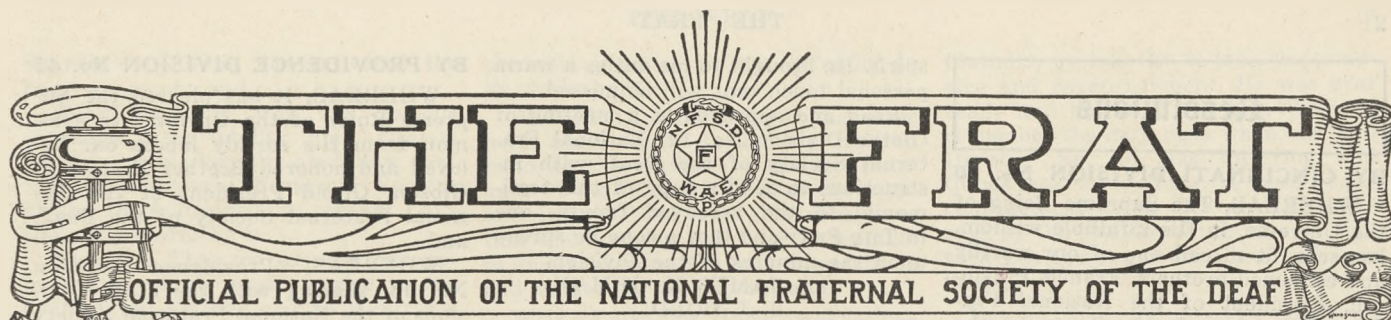
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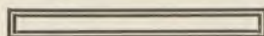
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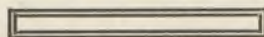
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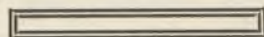


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## Resolutions

### BY CINCINNATI DIVISION No. 10

WHEREAS, The Supreme Being of the Universe, in His infallible wisdom, has seen fit to call one of our worthy and esteemed brothers, Francis P. Gibson, President of the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf, to the Great Beyond; and

WHEREAS, This Division laments the unexpected passing of our beloved brother, Francis P. Gibson, whose benignity, courage and sympathy won the confidence and good will of our fellow-members; and senses the great loss of the unexcelled services and guiding hand of our most trustworthy brother whose perseverance elevated our Society to its present proud position and financial standing; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we express our heartfelt condolence and sympathy to the family of the deceased in their great loss; and be it further

RESOLVED, That our pulpit be draped in mourning for a period of six months, that these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of Cincinnati Division No. 10, and that a copy be furnished THE FRAT, The Ohio Chronicle, The Kentucky Standard and The American Deaf Citizen, and that a copy be sent to the bereaved family of our deceased brother.

WYLIE DAVID ROSS,  
B. L. ALLEN,  
A. H. STAUBITZ,  
Committee.

### BY OLATHE DIVISION No. 14

In the passing of our Grand President and brother, Francis P. Gibson, Olathe Division No. 14 shares with all its affiliated Divisions a sense of irreparable loss. He knew almost every member personally and by all he was regarded as a friend. To the bereaved family the Division extends its deepest sympathy.

Francis P. Gibson was a leader in the full sense of the word. More than anyone else he was responsible for the growth of the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf to its present size and strength. He leaves a name that will always be remembered as one of the greatest in the annals of the Society. He blazed the path that we have only to follow. Through his wise and foreseeing leadership we are enabled to look confidently to the future, knowing that the foundations he was so largely instrumental in building will stand the test of time.

But it was as a friend, rather than as a builder and executive, that he will best be remembered by us who remain behind. His great personal qualities won him friends wherever he went. His easy grace and natural cordiality attracted all who knew him. For highest and lowest alike he always had a sympathetic ear. His was a fine example of the true fraternal

spirit. He brought to his duties a warm personal touch that will be missed.

Read and approved at a meeting of Olathe Division No. 14, National Fraternal Society of the Deaf, with instructions to send a copy of this testimonial to the bereaved family, one to THE FRAT and that a copy be spread upon the minutes of the Division.

JAMES N. ORMAN,  
J. J. DOLD,  
E. S. FOLTZ.

### BY KANSAS CITY DIVISION No. 31

WHEREAS, The Heavenly Creator removed from our midst our esteemed friend and beloved president, Brother Francis P. Gibson; and

WHEREAS, The deceased had given most of his life to the upbuilding of the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf; and

WHEREAS, The deceased was a man highly respected, a friend of all, and had won a lasting place in our hearts; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the members of Kansas City Division No. 31 deeply mourn the loss of our beloved president, and that we extend to the bereaved family of the deceased our heart-felt sympathy; and be it further

RESOLVED, That these resolutions be entered upon the minutes of our Division, and a copy be sent to the Home Office for publication in THE FRAT.

FRANK W. REBAL,  
FREMONT S. OFFERLE,  
HARDIN W. LOEB,  
Committee.

### BY PORTLAND DIVISION No. 41

WHEREAS, Divine Providence has called to eternal rest Francis P. Gibson, for many years connected with the Home Office of the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf; and

WHEREAS, Francis P. Gibson, by his tireless labors and devotion to the happiness and welfare of his fellow deaf people, and by his genial spirit, sterling character and jovial disposition, was universally esteemed, respected and loved; and

WHEREAS, He labored unselfishly and wholeheartedly for the N.F.S.D. almost from the time of its inception until the time of his illness and final passing from us, so that he was largely instrumental in placing the N.F.S.D. on the firm foundation upon which it now stands.

We mourn his untimely passing; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of Portland Division No. 41, N.F.S.D., direct that a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the family of Francis P. Gibson as an expression of our sympathy; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy be sent to THE FRAT and the Deaf-Mutes' Journal for publication, and that a copy be spread upon the minutes of this Division.

B. L. CRAVEN,  
F. S. DELANOY,  
C. H. LINDE,  
Committee.

### BY PROVIDENCE DIVISION No. 43

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Supreme Ruler of the Universe to summon from His earthly labors our beloved and honored Brother Francis P. Gibson, Grand President of the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf; and

WHEREAS, Providence Division No. 43, sharing with the other Divisions of the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf a profound sorrow in the death of our late esteemed and honored Grand President, laments the loss of one whose passing came as a shock to all who have had intimate associations with and revered him; and

WHEREAS, Even the most extensive summary of the varied service that the late Francis P. Gibson rendered in his day and can in nowise measure the quality of our beloved president's contribution and devotion to the uplift and betterment of the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of Providence Division No. 43, give public expression to its respect for one dearly beloved who had the highest sense of obligation to his fellow brothers of the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf; and be it

RESOLVED, That we herewith extend to the bereaved family our comprehension of the depth of their sorrow and our heartfelt sympathy and condolence; and be it further

RESOLVED, That out of respect for our late president our charter be draped in mourning for a period of six months and that these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of Providence Division, a copy be sent to THE FRAT for publication, and to the family of the bereaved.

ARTHUR H. ENGER,  
WALTER E. CULLEN,  
EARL F. GARDNER,  
Committee.

### BY HUNTINGTON DIVISION No. 50

WHEREAS, Our beloved brother and Grand President, Francis P. Gibson, was taken from us by our Heavenly Father in His wisdom; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of Huntington Division No. 50, express our deepest sympathy to the family of the deceased; and be it

RESOLVED, That the charter of our Division be draped in mourning on our 16th anniversary in July for thirty days; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of these resolutions be forwarded to the family and to THE FRAT for publication, and that they be spread upon the minutes of our Division.

D. J. BIAGI,  
G. C. BURCHAM,  
CLARENCE HENDERSON,  
Committee.

BY WACO DIVISION No. 68  
WHEREAS, Our friend and brother,



Francis P. Gibson, has answered the final summons; and

WHEREAS, It was due to his character, his ability, his tireless efforts, and his love for his fellow deaf that the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf attained its present position; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we express our appreciation of his great service to the deaf of the nation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to THE FRAT, and that they be entered upon the minutes of this Division.

A. M. BOWMAN,  
J. D. LOWREY,  
J. Q. ADAM,  
Resolutions Committee.

#### BY TORONTO DIVISION No. 98

WHEREAS, The sudden passing of our beloved brother and president, Francis P. Gibson, filled us with the deepest sorrow; and

WHEREAS, The deceased, whose ingenuity of mind, incomparable organizing ability, and unsurpassed tact were instrumental in upbuilding the organization and in making it what it is today; and

WHEREAS, Our beloved brother whose broad mind, stout heart and genial personality fostered among the deaf an international spirit of good will and good fellowship, and this was responsible to a great extent for the birth of the first Canadian Division, TORONTO DIVISION No. 98; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of Toronto Division, express our heartfelt sympathy and sincere condolence to the bereaved family; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a portrait of our departed brother with his last words "Carry On" inscribed on it, be hung in our assembly room, that his memory may always be cherished and honored, and his last words always inspire us towards making his life's work, the N.F.S.D., a bigger and better organization; and be it further

RESOLVED, That these resolutions be recorded in the minutes of our Division and copies be forwarded to the bereaved family, to the official organ of the Society, to the Canadian, and to the Deaf-Mutes Journal.

JOSEPH N. ROSNICK,  
CHAS. L. McLAUGHLIN,  
ARTHUR H. JAFFRAY,  
Resolutions Committee.

#### BY THE BOARD OF MANAGERS, ILLINOIS HOME FOR THE AGED AND INFIRM DEAF

WHEREAS, Francis P. Gibson, after personally watching and guiding, for twenty-seven years, the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf's growth and expansion and resourcefulness, from a small band to its present international status, was taken from our midst at a time when the Society was about to realize and value the indis-

pensable impetus he was bringing to its work; and

WHEREAS, The N.F.S.D. has ever held itself ready to lend a helping hand to the equipment and maintenance of the Illinois Home for the Aged and Infirm Deaf, and this consideration and activity has been acceptable to and, therefore, has been appreciated and valued by the Home; and

WHEREAS, The Home is conscious of the loss that the Society has sustained in the departure of Mr. Gibson, the loss being one that can hardly be fully filled directly; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Home assures the Society of its understanding of the nature of the Society's loss in the death of its leader, and, therefore, extends its sympathy to the Society; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the N.F.S.D., and another copy to the Gibson family, and another be spread upon the records of the Home.

RILLA S. BLAIR,  
GEO. F. FLICK,  
PHILIP J. HASENSTAB,  
Committee.

#### GIB

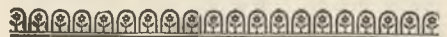
##### By C. C. Neuner in the Ohio Chronicle

What a shock to us all who knew him, admired him. Why? That's easy. He was what a man should be. He made friends so easily it seemed almost a miracle, and what was more, he kept them. From the time we first met him in 1907, and we met him many times since, we always found him to be the same old Gib, and loyal to us all. As State Organizer and Grand Financial Secretary, we had occasion to meet Gib quite often, at Indianapolis, Louisville, Cleveland, Chicago and Omaha, not mentioning his visits to good old Columbus town. When here he usually visited at our wigwam where he knew he was always welcome. At conventions Gib was always conspicuous, being the busiest man present and a marvelously hard worker. Still he was able to overcome any and all obstacles that any one threw in to obstruct his smooth running machinery of the Society. He never knew what fear or failure meant. All wise and powerful in business, he did not let this spoil him, as has been the case with most men who reach the position of "high boss." This reminds us that when we were Grand Financial Secretary and he found us ever ready to oblige him in so many ways in our work, he dubbed us "Will-in' Hoss" and at other times "Old Hoss," which has stuck to us all these years. Once commenting on our salary, he remarked it was a shame to deprive the "Old Hoss" of his share of oats. Such remarks always amused us for he knew so well how to express his sympathy in our discouragements. In the old days when the Society was in its infancy and had a hard time getting a

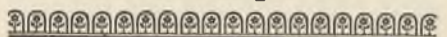
foothold, we had Gib to look to for advice and encouragement. He was ever ready and his word was law. We well remember the dark days when our own Division No. 18 was tottering and things looked very blue. A word of encouragement from Gib was like the rays of the sun dispelling mist or fog, such was the power our Chief had over us all.

But for this good man, we admit we do not believe the Society would have succeeded and been what it now is, a million and some organization, because of the strong opposition of many misguided persons, many of whom awakened one morning and saw that it was possible, changed their minds and applied for membership. We do not blame them, for we are all human and have our misgivings. But the glory belongs to Gib for the unfaltering stand he took to uphold what his vision pictured was the only salvation for the deaf as far as insurance is concerned. Isn't this reason for the deaf all over the country to mourn the passing of our good Gib? Verily we'll "carry on," as his last words appealed to us to do, showing how much he loved the good work and that he gave his life for the Society. He was active and bright of mind and looked good for many more years of usefulness, but alas, he was snatched from us. It causes us to pause in our hurry and scurry after the almighty dollar, and realize that money is not going to save us. We are all heading back to dust to be sure, but we feel that the older ones ought to go first and let such valuable men as Gib be spared. However, such is life and we might as well submit to the inevitable.

We were not aware that Gib was ill when we sent in our November items for THE FRAT. Secretary Roberts answered with thanks, and added that Gib was away just then. Imagine our shock when the next we heard was Gib died yesterday, funeral Saturday! We have been trying ever since to write a tribute to our good Chief, but words fail us and we cannot express our great grief at the loss of the good collaborer we have had for so many years. The many tributes from the deaf all over the country in THE FRAT are abundant evidence of the great grief that is felt in the passing of our Chief and the sincere sympathy that is felt for Mrs. Gibson and Donald. Gib is at rest. May his slumbers be peaceful.



**THE NOBLEST CHARITY**  
of them all, is helping a  
brother to help himself.





**"THAT" GIBSON MEMORIAL**

By George Wm. Veditz

Brother T. L. Anderson's communication in the February FRAT under above caption must have been read with interest by Frats everywhere.

However, I beg to criticize Brother Anderson for stigmatizing the memorial resolution he refers to as "effusive." That memorial resolution was the official utterance of sympathy, esteem and appreciation of Denver Division. No utterance by any Division intended to convey appreciation of Gibson's services to the N.F.S.D. could possibly be too strongly laudatory.

It may be regarded as certain that there will be a Gibson Memorial. The idea is not new so far as I am concerned. Twenty-three years ago while standing with a prominent deaf man, then the foremost leader of the Southern deaf, on the steps of Gallaudet College, looking at the Gallaudet Memorial, he pointed to that Memorial and after a brief reference to the Society remarked: "The man who can bring the idea of fraternal union among the American deaf to a successful culmination will deserve as great a monument as Gallaudet's yonder."

In the years that followed Gibson proved to be this man. His achievement far surpassed what either my friend or myself had in mind in 1907.

Assuming that there will be a monument, Brother Anderson's criticism of Rosehill Cemetery as the place is immaterial. That location was merely a suggestion. Even at that it must appear ideal to many. Our cemeteries, wherever located, are made places of beauty. There the mind is most likely to look inward. Friends who have gone before come back to us. Our own end, and the end to which our fraternal insurance does look, must be in such a cemetery. If Rosehill was good enough to please Gibson as a final resting place, we should withhold all slurs. When we think of our particular cemeteries it is as they are during the pleasant seasons of the year. Brother Anderson probably saw Rosehill under the most desolate conditions possible, in snow and slush and storm.

Some public square or park in Chicago might be selected, but it should not be forgotten that Chicago is constantly changing. What seems attractive now may be a dirty, commercialized, God-forsaken spot fifty years hence. We do not want this memorial as an advertisement or for the eye of the unthinking, indifferent multitude of passers-by. We want it for OURSELVES, the gathering place from year to year of such members of our order who may be in Chicago on Gibson Day, to help Division No. 1 and Division No. 106 to eulogize our friend and to fan to brighter flame the spirit of fraternalism he fostered.

But it is immaterial to discuss the location before a memorial has even been decided upon.

Moreover, while Brother Anderson indulges in the easy game of criticism, he offers no constructive suggestion. I had intended amplifying in THE FRAT the notion of a monument conveyed in the Denver Division Memorial, but an attack of bronchial pneumonia just after Christmas and from which I am still convalescing, and taking treatment, intervened.

I would respectfully offer the following suggestions: The Memorial ought not to cost less than fifteen thousand dollars. The more the better. I would suggest two ways of raising the money. The notion of promiscuously soliciting subscriptions is repugnant. Each Division might pledge itself to raise a sum of, say, \$2.50 per member. This money might be raised during a fixed period, say four years. It might be five. Each Division might decide how to raise this quota. It might be by entertainments or by a fixed monthly assessment on each member. These monthly individual contributions need not be more than five cents.

Or, the convention of the Grand Division in Boston next year might take up the problem and decide upon a regular assessment each month for each member for a fixed period for each and all the Divisions.

I would respectfully suggest that President Neesam take the necessary preliminary steps by appointing a committee or commission to investigate ways and means and to report at the Boston Convention. If the approval of the Board of Directors is necessary, this approval should be secured.

This committee might communicate with the several Divisions and secure expressions of opinion to be embodied in its report.

It must be evident that, apart from being the embodiment of our appreciation of Brother Gibson's services, the moral influence of such a memorial will be incalculable. It must result in greater patriotic feeling, in greater spread of the fraternal spirit, in larger membership, and in greater solidity of our Order.



**A PERSON who is on good terms with his job is on good terms with the future. Our futures are what we make them.**

**C. M. ROBERTS—BOWLER EXTRAORDINARY**

By H. D. Hetzler

Brethren, meet your Brother Charles Maynard Roberts, of Indianapolis, Vice-President of No. 22.

Brothers Roberts, know all men, is a bowler, and as such anyone in Indianapolis will back him against any other deaf bowler in this well known whole flat world.

Consider: In the Community League since Christmas, Charlie has rolled three game series of 648-636-711. These games were under A. B. C. sanction, with new pins, foul man, and in the toughest kind of competition and pressure. His 711 was based on games of 246-246-219, and was probably the highest three game total ever bowled by a deaf man in league competition. To top off this staggering total, on February 2, Brother Roberts entered a singles tournament on strange alleys and pulled down first prize over the heads of a hundred hearing bowlers with a series of 200-256-234, totalling 690. The prize was a diamond studded watch and \$38.00 cash. He is on exhibition each Monday at the Indiana alleys, and on Thursdays at the Uptown. Come down and see him.

His team mates in both leagues are all deaf and frats with one exception, a hearing man, John Harris, son of N. Lee Harris, who also is a member. The other members of the team are Brothers Martin Dryer, William James, Carl Schmidt, Cy Sochalski, and Hartford D. Hetzler. Averages are Hetzler 179; Roberts 178; Dryer 175; Sochalski 173; Schmidt 173; James 170; J. Harris 165; N. L. Harris 149.

**ENGAGEMENTS**

Samuel Hewson and Nellie Perliskey, both of Detroit, Mich.

Max Schrieber and Agnes Perliskey, both of Detroit, Mich.

Joseph Rzepecki and Marvel Nunn, both of Detroit, Mich.

Louis B. Orrill, Dallas, Tex., and Gypsy Bengé, Austin, Tex.

**MARRIAGES**

August 28—Thurman Hawley, Cleveland, O., and Pearl Cooper, Dallas, Tex.

September 1—Benjamin Jurczik and Agnes Ewald, both of South Bend, Ind.

January 27—Wilbur Morford, Akron, O., and Ruth Mowery, Lima, O.

February 8—Arthur Clark, Whitinsville, Mass., and Helen Ahr, Maynard, Mass.

February 15—Elmer Fiedler and Clara Bednarz, both of Minneapolis, Minn.

February 15—Frank McMullan and Alice Ronski, both of Cleveland, O.

March 1—Albert J. Rose, Washington, D. C., and Ruth Shannon, Huntington, W. Va.

March 1—Webster Winn and Mary Zenk, both of New York, N. Y.



## BRING THEM IN

It has been decided to give three prizes in the Gibson Memorial Membership Drive now under way. Here they are:

First Individual Prize for the member scoring the largest number of points: White gold emblem ring set with blue sapphires, suitably engraved.

Second Individual Prize for the member scoring the second largest number of points: Choice of gold emblem charm, engraved, or special emblem button set with diamond.

Division Prize for the Division scoring the largest number of points: Handsome gavel made of wood from the Old Hartford School, and of historical value.

We have endeavored to work out a scoring system that will give every member and Division a fair chance to win. We do not claim it is perfect. Local conditions among our Divisions vary greatly. The larger Divisions, as a rule, have more prospects than the smaller ones. To equalize this we are allowing one point for every new member brought in and one point for every per cent of Division membership increase obtained. The Division's membership of Jan. 1, 1930, is to be taken as the basis on which to figure this per cent of increase. Any member obtained from Jan. 1, 1930, to Dec. 31, 1930, will count in the race. This will award those who have been at work since our first appeal for membership increase was made.

Here are illustrations of how this scoring system will work out.

A member of a small Division of say twenty members gets four new members. His score is:

20% membership increase.....	20 points
4 new members.....	4 points
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>24 points</b>

A member of a large Division of say two hundred members gets sixteen new members. His score is:

8% membership increase.....	8 points
16 new members.....	16 points
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>24 points</b>

A member who gets a new member for some other Division than his own will be credited with a point for this new member and the per cent of increase the new member makes in the Division he joins. The Division which the new member joins gets the points for the Division prize. Any fraction of a per cent that is equal to or greater than one-half will be counted as one per cent in the final reckoning. Any fraction less than one-half will not count except in case of a tie in points.

Now go to it, boys. The race is on.

## No. 22 ON DECK

There was a reception for the coaches of the visiting school teams at the Central States Basketball Tournament at the Indiana School for the Deaf, Thursday night, March 6th. The members of the Indianapolis Division turned out in a body. Following the reception, President Neesam spoke on

the way affairs of the Society are handled, its strength, prosperous outlook and general policies. He closed with a plea for help in increasing the membership. He was followed by Supt. Jones of the Ohio School and Supt. Bray of the Wisconsin School. They spoke on the wisdom of life insurance and gave the N. F. S. D. their hearty endorsement.

Frats were conspicuous at the tournament. The Indianapolis members pepped things up. Bro. Martin's Kentucky team won the championship while Bro. Kuglitsch, of the Wisconsin team and one of our youngest members, was awarded the Sportsmanship Trophy.—N.

## THE REVOLVING DOORS OF THE N. F. S. D.

By Mrs. Elmer S. Havens

(Delivered at the 17th Annual Banquet of Pittsburgh Division No. 36, on Feb. 22.)

It is not my intention this evening to bore you with a speech on how revolving doors are made and where the materials to make them come from, as they do in text books, so sit back more comfortably in your chairs.

A very interesting editorial on "It's the Men Behind Who Make the Man Ahead," in one of the popular magazines is responsible for my choosing this queer title. The writer described how he got spewed in a revolving door of an office building he was leaving by a barrel-backed chap with a jutting jaw, very much in a hurry, and mindful only of his own purpose. This writer had quite a difficult time pushing his way out. Behind him there was a young man who lent aid. Now this barrel-backed chap had been rude, forgotten all courtesy and had shown a kink in human-nature that had its origin with Cain, when he coined the phrase, "Am I my brother's keeper?" or what we, the deaf, in our own sign-language would say, "Your own fault. Blame me not."

This editorial was so interesting that I decided to stand by one of these revolving doors—there are many of them now—and see what there was to see that I had not seen before.

I saw all kinds of human "squirrels" whirling in and out. There were some self-centered young things; there were others who thought of the one behind and ahead. Some showed no difficulty whatever in pushing their way in and out. Others had to be pushed from behind.

It all proved very interesting to watch. Then it dawned upon me that the revolving door was after all our world in smaller form. We, the deaf, live in a world of our own. We have a language of our own, the language of conventional signs, which we are trying hard to preserve, our own social centers, and this great organization, The National Fraternal Society of the Deaf.

We needed pushing in our youth to get ahead; the effort was difficult on account of our deafness, but behind us

were some good and brave men and women to help us ahead.

Organizing this Society was no easy task. That little band of men, just out of school, way back in 1901, had difficulty in going through the revolving door of this undertaking, but there stepped behind them one who had great faith and pushed them ahead and has made this organization what it is today, the greatest fraternal insurance society of the deaf.

It is the men behind who really make the man ahead. There are among you in this organization some who are pushing ahead to be leaders.

May the revolving doors of the N. F. S. D. revolve forever.

## BIRTHS

May 18—Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Hill, Lansing, Mich., a boy.

September 30—Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Weber, Loveland, Colo., a boy.

November 7—Mr. and Mrs. Leon Charbonneau, Riverside, Ont., a boy.

November 14—Mr. and Mrs. Victor Brunke, Kansas City, Mo., a boy.

November 15—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Landberg, Buffalo, N. Y., a girl.

December 13—Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Sanders, Kansas City, Mo., a girl.

December 16—Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Hackbarth, Milwaukee, Wis., a boy.

January 7—Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Herzog, Manton, R. I., a girl.

January 18—Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Gunderson, Silverton, Ore., a girl.

January 25—Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Timpani, Cranston, R. I., a girl.

February 8—Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Glenn, Salt Lake City, Utah, a boy.

February 10—Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Sharpe, Gresham, Ore., a boy.

February 14—Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Williams, Durham, N. C., a boy.

February 15—Mr. and Mrs. Turner Williams, Memphis, Tenn., a boy.

February 19—Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Gilbert, Flint, Mich., a boy.

February 20—Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Gagnier, Meriden, Conn., a girl.

February 20—Mr. and Mrs. K. J. Douglass, Flint, Mich., a girl.

February 22—Mr. and Mrs. V. F. Herzberger, Colorado Springs, Colo., a boy.

February 26—Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Roller, Akron, O., a girl.

February 27—Mr. and Mrs. James Langford, Evansville, Ind., a girl.

February 28—Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Wurtsmith, Detroit, Mich., a girl.

March 3—Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Mayne, Flint, Mich., a boy.

March 3—Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Miller, Goshen, Ind., a girl.

March 3—Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Knapp, Toledo, O., a boy.

March 4—Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Empson, Houston, Tex., a girl.

March 5—Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Stafford, Chicago, Ill., a girl.

March 10—Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Lewis, Binghamton, N. Y., a girl.

—Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Schaumberg, Newark, N. J., a boy.

—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Fredrickson, N. Plainfield, N. J., a boy.



# WE WANT YOU

There were scoffers in Noah's time, as there have been scoffers in every period of history. The scoffer and the knocker are twin brothers. Few of them have the mental adaptability to get the right point of view on the things they knock.

But history has shown, on very many occasions, that the scoffers and the knockers eventually come to grief. They either repent or they are swept into oblivion with a thoroughness that only unrelenting time and the march of events can accomplish.

The National Fraternal Society of the Deaf is no longer a "hip pocket" society. Mencken calls them "tin horn" fraternities. There may have been some of that variety in the past. There may be a few of them now. But the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf is not one of them.

This has been amply demonstrated. From first meetings held in a hall bedroom and a treasury carried around in a pocketbook, to a \$1,255,000 corporation and a far flung field in thirty-eight States and Canada is some step. It was not accomplished easily. The scoffers and the knockers hung on with great tenacity. The step has covered twenty-eight years through almost insurmountable difficulties. But it has been accomplished. The tin pan beaters have taken to cover, or repented and come in to help along the good work. A tin pan beater of other days is welcome in the Society if he has the right spirit and consigns his pan to the junk man. We hold no grudges. The lexicon of the fraternalist does not contain the word grudge.

We are trying to spread the benefits of this Society to every corner of the country and Canada. We know that ours is a sound society, on as strong and firm a basis as actuarial science can make it. No society or old line company can do more than that. We know from actual experience that the benefits conferred by our Society are many and varied. We see this fact manifested every day in the lives of our members.

Death and disability, poverty and hardship, these are spectres that have haunted the human family since the dawn of history. Man has constantly endeavored to lessen their effect. A fraternal society such as ours can immeasurably lessen their effect among its members. We have done this to the extent of some \$500,000 in benefits, and we expect to make it \$500,000,000 before we are through. On second thought, we never expect to be through, as long as there are fraternal societies in existence.

WE ARE HERE TO STAY. WE WANT EVERY MAN BETWEEN THE AGES OF EIGHTEEN AND FIFTY-FIVE TO REAP THE BENEFITS OF OUR SOCIETY. AID IN ADVERSITY, FELLOWSHIP AND GOOD WILL, UNITY IN A GREAT MOVEMENT FOR THE DEAF, THESE ARE THE BENEFITS WE OFFER

## You





1931—BOSTON—1931

Meet me down in Boston, boys, and  
break a bean with me  
In a cafe overlooking where they  
dumped King George's tea.  
We'll grab a bunch of culture as we  
wander to and fro,  
While searching the location of the hal-  
lowed Alamo.  
Beneath the shade of Treaty Elm where  
Teach and Bowney hung,  
The ladies darned the breeches of their  
husband Brigham Young.  
Our forefathers foregathered there for  
what I now forget,  
Perhaps to cuss the baseball team—it  
finished last, I'll bet.  
We'll journey to the battleground  
where Custer stood and died,  
And find where fell poor Paul Revere  
—they took him for a ride.  
We'll climb the heights of Bunker Hill  
into the traffic jam  
And scan the scope and features of the  
Plains of Abraham;  
And in the misty distance we will find  
there sparkles still  
The Stream of Henrik Hudson, and be-  
side it Sutter's Mill.  
We must see the mission buildings and  
Frau O'Leary's cow,  
The bard of Avon's birthplace, too, and  
also Paddy's sow.  
The rocky road to Dublin, if the  
thoroughfare can be found,  
Leading straight to Quebec through  
the dark and bloody ground,  
We'll follow to its finish with a patri-  
otic tear,  
And send cards home to wife with the  
thought, "Wish you were here."  
So meet me down in Boston, boys, be-  
fore our course is run.  
The date? Oh, say, the Summertime  
of 1931.

## A CORRECTION

Last month in a fit of absent-mind-  
edness I started pulling the wrong way.  
Bright-eyed and alert I made this stir-  
ring call: "Up and at 'em—pull it  
through—Fourteen thousand by thirty-  
two," when even a blind Frater knows  
the goal is set to be reached at the  
end of 'thirty. I'll try again:

Let's each work hard and get all dirty—  
Fourteen thousand by thirty. Ouch!

Broke a string. Again, now all to-  
gether:

Work to get one till we're dirty—  
Fourteen thou' by nineteen thirty.

Not so hot, but 'twill serve until bet-  
ter rhymes for "thirty" are invented.  
My dic. gives flirty, shirty, spurty, and  
squirty—besides Gertie can be used if  
she don't mind. Help yourself. Some  
ingenious rhymster might make a  
stirring appeal out of them. I can't.

But anyway we can all put our  
shoulders to the wheel and pull with  
long, sturdy steps ever onward to our  
goal.

## HI THERE KIPLING!

Eyes of grey, a dash of spray,  
A block of ice, a patch of sky,  
A star from out the milky way,  
Azure of the deepest dye.  
Hear my wail, my dying song,  
The litany I have to give,  
Scornful eyes, don't say it's wrong:  
Love like mine will always live.

JOVE UNLEASHES A THUNDER-  
BOLT TO SWAT A FLY

Dear Hetz:

You and your page, "Wise Und Udderwise,"  
make me sick. What you need to read is high  
class stuff like what comes in *my* column,  
"The Arkansas Breeze," published in the  
"American Deaf Citizen." I'm the greatest  
writer in the world! Carbolie Alley Yours,  
Hallea H. Stout.

This letter is by way of being a  
literary oddity, inasmuch it embodies  
a boost and a knock. I am pleased to  
give it circulation for that reason.  
Another reason is we deaf, with a few  
illustrious exceptions, are far too  
prone to diffidence, bashfulness and  
circumlocution. The lady of the above  
murrain is guilty of none of these  
three deadly sins. She knows what's  
what and don't care who knows it.  
In the words of Fam Salter Woss:  
"She works for a smith by the side of  
the road, and hammers the anvil  
hard."

HERE BEGINS A CONTROVERSY  
ON THE WAY OF SAYING  
"CIRCE"

Oh Hetzler, dear Hetzler, my soul is in pain.  
And I writhe in the grip of a terrible curse.  
To be frank, I'm particular, and I disdain  
To see Hetzler, my Hetzler, rhyme "Circe"  
with "verse!"

T. L. A.

Oh Thomas, dear Thomas, this straining of  
mercy  
I find is a matter for crying.  
I probably fooled the rhyming of "Circe,"  
But give me the credit for trying!

If Byron could rhyme "Juan" with  
"new one," Purdum "hair" with  
"lyre," and Meagher "Boche" with  
"Scotch," why can't I rhyme "Circe"  
with "verse?" Swinburn succeeded,  
and, I think, Shelley did too. Tho T.  
L. A. is right as usual, I am in dis-  
tinguished company. May I plead  
this:

In Wintertime my mind is cursed,  
And life is coal and full of frets.  
'Tis then you'll find me at my worst,  
A bad and grouchy rhymster—Hetz.

## THANKS, NELL

If you had only faint praise, your  
verse would have headed the col. I  
am depending on increased circulation  
to tell of my many excellencies. Only  
a few have discontinued their sub-  
scriptions since I started moulding  
literary tastes amid these purlieus, and  
that fair lady behind the Spotlight is  
expected to snare them in again. I  
am deeply appreciative, anyway. You  
should get in communication with Mrs.  
Stout and compare notes.

## SPEAKING OF LADIES

(Annie Laurie)

Although of Annie's glad perfection  
Another bard was wont to sing,  
My vagrant thoughts take this direction—  
Oh, what a neck she had to wring!

## WELCOME, CARRIE

I extend professional greetings to  
the newest wielder of the baton, Carrie  
Yon, who is judiciously guiding the  
Spotlight over the field of deafdom.  
A clever verse-maker is Carrie. Her  
style is decidedly reminiscent of that  
descendant of Brian Boru—James of  
Meagher. If it should develop that  
Carrie wears pants, I'm going to lean  
against the nearest lamp standard and  
have a good cry.

That reminds me. I have it on the  
word of Eri, ex '49, who has evidently  
reached his anecdote, that—

There was a feed and seed salesman. He  
was calling on a farmer near Elyria who had  
not been in this country very long and who  
still had some difficulties with the language.  
It was June, and the farmer had a specially  
fine tree loaded with ripe cherries. Towards  
the close of their negotiations, the salesman  
offered to buy the entire cherry crop on the  
tree.

"I don't know 'bout that," said the cautious  
rustic, "I moost see my wife."

"Haw, haw," hawhawed the witty American,  
"It is easy to see that your wife wears the  
pants around this farm."

"Vell, no. Not now, she don't. In winter  
she do but in summer she don't."

## OUR VILLAGE

Kentucky won the tournament.  
Populary victory. Martin bore his  
honors with becoming modesty. Mar-  
shall was first to congratulate him.  
Neesam wasn't far behind. Fred  
Moore came down from Columbus.  
So did Mr. and Mrs. Jacobson. Like-  
wise Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy. Kennedy  
has a car. I had a ride. Purdum was  
present. Tall and slender. Supt.  
Jones of editorial fame came too. He  
saw the cow that had cats. Mr. and  
Mrs. Ohlemacher. Mrs. Carmichael  
told me she likes this page. Well, I  
like Julia. All square. Silent Olsen  
with a fair damsel. Ohio didn't win a  
game. Poor Coach Miller. Weren't  
his fault. Lots I didn't meet. Fine  
time. Bed at dawn. All aboard for  
Illinois, 1931.

## MORE NOTES

The best cheer leader, Gordon Kan-  
napel. Translator, Miss Green. Mimi-  
cry, C. M. Roberts. Scorer, Mc-  
Kissic. And they didn't get a prize.  
Crutcher didn't come. Neither did  
Queen Wilhelma. Nor Meagher. The  
girls cried. Enough for the nonce.

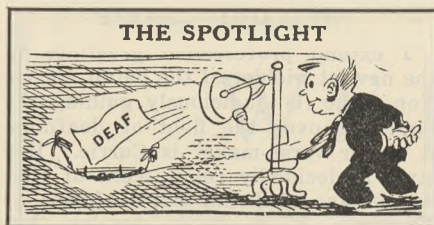
The Wise column is conducted by Hetz,  
Otherwise Haffold D. Hetzler, 1234 W.  
34th St., Indianapolis, Ind.



Sincere sympathy is extended Broth-  
er Edwin Hazel, conductor of this  
column, on the death of his wife, which  
occurred at Omaha March 7, 1930.  
For this reason Brother Hazel is un-  
able to furnish material this month for  
his column.



## THE SPOTLIGHT



Frat Facts No. 1—Last year the Society took in \$64,548.04 in interest alone, which is more than the \$54,559.72 paid for all benefits—death, accident, sickness and old age!

BOOST FOR BUFFALO AND BOOM FOR BOSTON

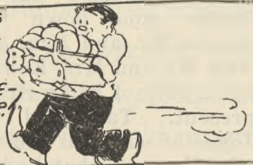
The "Gibson Memorial Drive" for new members seems going like wild-fire. This GMD appeals to even Scotchmen who wouldn't pay a cent to perpetuate anyone's memory in flowers, marble or granite.

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Arthur ("Cinch") Hinch, who personally secured a larger number of Detroit members last year, proclaims: "The pickings are good; the time is ripe; let us all go out in the vineyard of non-membership and pluck the grapes!"

"Grapes" is it? If Art Hinch wants to beat his present record, he will have to pick grape-fruit.

15 CONDITIONS  
STAND NOW IT  
LOOKS AS THO  
ART IS GOING  
TO PICK GRAPE-  
FRUIT THIS YEAR!



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The two Chicago Divisions pay, from their own local funds, the \$3.00 headquarters' fee on all members admitted during the GMD.

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Council Bluffs holds Council in a sumptuous three-room suite in the Y. M. C. A. building, and Bluffs the landlord into accepting a rental of only \$3.00 per night. President Norman Scarvie, that much-hunted bachelor de luxe, has a room right over the meeting hall, having deserted his chair as Professor of Practical and Applied Dishwasherology in the Bachelors' Bungalow on the edge of civilization. Franz Jacobson is accordingly trying to sign a substitute professor.



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Akron has the best prospective. Defying the "squawkie" craze, it is about to buy a complete movie-projection outfit, and give "silent" films

at all meetings—and probably in between meetings. Evidently the admission charge for non-frats will be so exorbitant that the "nons" will see the economy of joining No. 55.

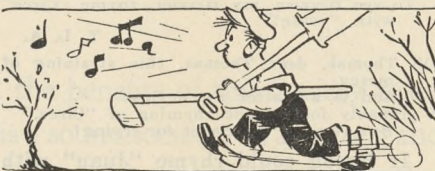
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Old Timers remember when our disability benefits were a beggarly \$5.00 per week, or so. How we have grown! January disability claims show individual payments of \$100.00, \$150.00 and \$250.00. But I spy no payment for the broken leg of Brooklyn's vice-president Cohen. Not a cent for his broken leg. What-ho, up drawbridge, guards; let the portcullis fall! There is dirty work at the crossroads. Why no pay for a broken leg? Is there no truth, no right, no justice in our ranks? Shall the proud escutcheon of Fraternity be trampled him in the mire? I point with pride—no, mean view with alarm! May the good right arm of King Arthur draw his trusty Excalibur and cleave the midnight murkiness surrounding this mystery! I demand to know!

(P. S.—The mystery is solved. Brooklyn No. 23 "adjusted" all claims for Cohen's broken leg by buying a bottle of LePage's glue and a couple of thumb tacks. It was his wooden leg he broke. My faith in Fraternity remains unshaken.)

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You ought to hear Jim Brady sing And whistle just because it's Spring. With hoe and spade he digs in glee New members for the G. M. D.!



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Frat Facts No. 2—Total paid for salaries and services at headquarters in 1929 was \$13,959.50. Show me any other solvent million-dollar-corporation paying only that!

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Non-frater "Dummy" Mahan, of Tombstone, Arizona, now sleeps under a tombstone. Admittedly one of the five best welterweight boxers of his day, he bade "23" to life on Feb. 23, at San Francisco's municipal airport. Fell 3,200 feet (a trifle under two-thirds of a mile) in a crazy press agent attempt to "regain his hearing." Squashed like a fly by a beer-maul.

He was warned, by pencil and paper, to jump and "count seven" before pulling the rip-cord of his parachute, strapped on his back. Mahan was not very bright, and evidently did not understand what was written. He pulled his rip-cord as soon as he jumped, which caused the top-parachute to catch on the stabilizer of the airplane before he could "clear," and it was torn off. This small, thin top-parachute acts to drag out of its bag

the big, heavy main parachute, so it can open. It never did.

Mahan's last fight was a two-round defeat by world's champion "Jackie" Fields, early this winter in Kansas City, with Jack Dempsey acting as referee.

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In Paris, the bronze cast of the Hanan statue of Abbe de l'Eppe has been completed. The monument will be unveiled in Buffalo during the 50th anniversary celebration of the National Association of the Deaf, August 4-9. This epochal event is certain to be shown in "sound" news-reels all over the world (maybe your own picture will be included) but just how we silents are going to inject the "sound" qualities in sound films is as plain as mud.

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"Parson" Purdum advertises Toggenberg goats for sale. Goats? Now you know why Buffalo and Boston fraters have been writing Chicago's Purdum. He must be dieting two of his varmits on dynamite.

BOOST FOR BUFFALO AND BOOM FOR BOSTON

A special handclasp of sympathy for our fellow columnist, Parliamentarian Hazel, whose beautiful young wife died on March 7. Sometimes Fate does seem unreasonably hard on the worth while and the deserving.

The Spotlight is manipulated by J. Frederick Meagher from the heights of 3135 Eastwood Ave., Chicago, Ill.

## DEATHS

January 4—Abraham Stein, father of Nathan Stein, Buffalo, N. Y.

January 5—Infant son of L. A. Hackbarth, Milwaukee, Wis.

January 13—Harold Laughlin, son of C. H. Laughlin, Olathe, Kans.

January 25—John Enger, father of Arthur Enger, Providence, R. I.

February 14—Julia R. Cahn, sister of Ike B. Ries, Dallas, Tex.

February 14—Son of Edward Hansmann, Kansas City, Kans.

February 17—Laura I. Brant, wife of Fred Brant, Minneapolis, Minn.

February 19—Barbara J. McLean, wife of William McLean, Jacksonville, Ill.

February 22—C. D. Pickett, Sr., father of C. D. Pickett, Dallas, Texas.

March 1—Mrs. S. G. Lloyd, sister of Troy E. Hill, Dallas, Tex.

March 6—Infant daughter of A. J. LeBell, Hartford, Conn.

March 6—Infant son of E. O. Wurt-smith, Detroit, Mich.

—Amelia Hertell, wife of C. J. Hertell, Lehi, Utah.



## MEMBERSHIP BY DIVISIONS

Net total number of members in each Division is given after making additions and deductions due to transfers, lapses and deaths.

Division	New Members Since Jan. 1	Total Members Mar. 31
Chicago No. 1.....	11	305
Detroit.....	7	260
Saginaw.....	..	16
Louisville.....	..	80
Little Rock.....	5	99
Dayton.....	..	49
Bay City.....	..	15
Cincinnati.....	..	120
Evansville.....	..	27
Nashville.....	..	23
Springfield (O.).....	..	16
Olathe.....	..	64
Flint.....	1	103
Toledo.....	..	91
Milwaukee.....	..	109
Columbus.....	..	134
Knoxville.....	..	49
Cleveland.....	2	98
Indianapolis.....	..	144
Brooklyn.....	7	303
St. Louis.....	4	205
New Haven.....	..	40
Holyoke.....	4	28
Los Angeles.....	..	194
Atlanta.....	..	67
Philadelphia.....	7	199
Kansas City.....	..	93
Omaha.....	2	70
New Orleans.....	..	71
Kalamazoo.....	..	29
Boston.....	..	166
Pittsburgh.....	3	125
Hartford.....	..	47
Memphis.....	..	40
Portland (Me.).....	3	31
Buffalo.....	..	67
Portland (Ore.).....	..	100
Newark.....	..	76
Providence.....	..	43
Seattle.....	..	84
Utica.....	..	65
Washington.....	..	72
Baltimore.....	..	76
Syracuse.....	..	40
Cedar Rapids.....	..	44
Huntington.....	..	54
Albany.....	1	38
Rochester.....	3	69
San Francisco.....	..	89
Reading.....	1	100
Akron.....	1	155
Salt Lake City.....	3	24
Rockford.....	..	43
Springfield (Ill.).....	1	39
Davenport.....	..	38
Worcester.....	1	34
St. Paul-Minneapolis.....	..	93
Fort Worth.....	2	58
Dallas.....	6	99
Denver.....	..	57
Waterbury.....	3	22
Springfield (Mass.).....	..	34
Waco.....	..	38
Bangor.....	..	30
Kenosha.....	..	40
Birmingham.....	..	44
Sioux Falls.....	..	27
Wichita.....	..	34
Spokane.....	..	25
Des Moines.....	1	42
Lowell.....	..	38
Berkeley.....	..	38
Delavan.....	..	65
Houston.....	2	53
Scranton.....	..	27
Richmond.....	..	58
Johnstown.....	..	31
Manhattan.....	3	157
Jacksonville.....	..	42
Lewiston.....	2	38
Peoria.....	..	26
Jersey City.....	..	53
Bronx.....	2	64
Columbia.....	..	34
Charlotte.....	1	40
Durham.....	..	49
Dubuque.....	..	19
Grand Rapids.....	..	27
Toronto.....	3	149
Duluth.....	..	21
Canton.....	1	22
Faribault.....	1	32
South Bend.....	1	37
Council Bluffs.....	2	38
Fort Wayne.....	1	27
Schenectady.....	..	24
Chicago No. 106.....	1	68
Miami.....	1	22
Binghamton.....	..	27
Wilkesburg.....	..	32
San Diego.....	1	13
Eau Claire.....	..	17

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## INDIVIDUAL SCORES IN MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Below are the names of the four leading contenders, so far, and the number of points scored, in the race for individual honors in our membership drive:

Name	Points on New Members	Points on Div. Increase	Total Points
T. E. Hill, Dallas.....	5	5	10
L. Krakover, Phila.....	4	2	6
A. M. Hinch, Detroit.....	4	1	5
A. H. Migatz, Chicago.....	3	1	4

## OBITUARY

## Wilbur L. Stichler

Brother Wilbur L. Stichler, 43, died at Omaha, Neb., February 13. He joined the Society through Omaha Division No. 32, September 1, 1915, and held certificate No. 2407.

## Orie C. Maust

Brother Orie C. Maust, 44, died at Pittsburgh, Pa., February 16. He joined the Society through Pittsburgh Division No. 36, June 1, 1916, and held certificate No. 2649.

## Hardy A. Dugger

Brother Hardy A. Dugger, 35, died at Waco, Texas, February 25. He joined the Society through Waco Division No. 68, May 1, 1926, and held certificate No. 7799.

## Frank E. Cook

Brother Frank E. Cook, 58, died at Toledo, Ohio, February 23. He joined the Society through Toledo Division No. 16, May 1, 1914, and held certificate No. 2016.

## Edward E. DeMott

Brother Edward E. DeMott, 59, died at Schenectady, N. Y., February 26. He joined the Society through Albany Division No. 51, June 1, 1916, and held certificate No. 2656.

## James H. Hull

Brother James H. Hull, 76, died at Detroit, Mich., February 28. He joined the Society through Detroit Division No. 2, April 15, 1905, and held certificate No. 163.

## Timothy W. Gorman

Brother Timothy W. Gorman, 51, died at Pittsburgh, Pa., March 2. He joined the Society through Pittsburgh Division No. 36, November 1, 1909, and held certificate No. 781.

## William H. Engle

Brother William H. Engle, 56, died at Chicago, Ill., March 7. He joined the Society through Chicago Division No. 1, January 2, 1913, and held certificate No. 1557.

## William H. Smith

Brother William H. Smith, 57, died at Chicago, Ill., March 11. He joined the Society through Chicago Division No. 1, February 1, 1910, and held certificate No. 880.

Life is but one long voyage where tempest and calm intermingle. Tossed about on the waves of human passions, for a time, at last we reach the harbor of peace.—de Montville.

## FEBRUARY DISABILITY CLAIMS

J. B. Showalter, Columbus.....	\$ 25.00
S. A. Richardson, Utica.....	250.00
A. Schroeder, St. Paul-Minneapolis.....	50.00
C. H. Hagel, St. Paul-Minneapolis.....	20.00
F. J. Low, Duluth.....	10.00
*F. Peterson, St. Paul-Minneapolis.....	25.00
*H. Tegtmeyer, Chicago.....	10.00
L. W. Alderman, Richmond.....	15.00
W. C. Correll, Memphis.....	20.00
P. J. Murphy, Bronx.....	50.00
E. R. Cowley, Pittsburgh.....	15.00
C. H. Paxton, Philadelphia.....	10.00
P. O'Brien, Philadelphia.....	50.00
W. Geiger, Cincinnati.....	25.00
T. Baxter, Kansas City.....	30.00
F. S. Offerle, Kansas City.....	30.00
M. L. Francisco, Kalamazoo.....	10.00
W. H. Miller, Grand Rapids.....	15.00
J. M. Freeman, Grand Rapids.....	60.00
H. K. Andrews, Grand Rapids.....	10.00
C. W. Goswellin, Baltimore.....	20.00
R. M. Kauffman, Baltimore.....	50.00
M. McCook, Cedar Rapids.....	25.00
R. H. Rhoads, South Bend.....	15.00
B. C. Darling, Fort Wayne.....	15.00
V. C. Coomer, Chicago No. 1.....	10.00
J. D. Sullivan, Chicago No. 1.....	25.00
J. F. Lonergan, Brooklyn.....	30.00
A. B. Meacham, Boston.....	50.00
J. D. Malone, Boston.....	15.00
W. M. Stewart, Pittsburgh.....	75.00
N. P. Henick, Toledo.....	30.00
C. H. Holland, Grand Rapids.....	35.00
H. J. Lamoreaux, Springfield, Mass.....	10.00
C. C. Clark, Council Bluffs.....	50.00
N. L. Lehman, Fort Wayne.....	20.00
L. J. Koehler, Detroit.....	25.00
M. Wolfe, Milwaukee.....	50.00
T. Jelinek, Olathe.....	10.00
J. H. Fleharty, Olathe.....	10.00
W. J. Hansen, Bronx.....	40.00
W. R. Plattel, Dallas.....	30.00
T. Law, San Diego.....	10.00
J. A. Blevins, Akron.....	20.00
M. Lindstrom, Los Angeles.....	50.00
J. D. Lowrey, Waco.....	15.00
L. A. Sittig, St. Louis.....	15.00
*C. Y. Blessing, Reading.....	200.00
*G. E. Tilleskjor, St. Paul-Minneapolis.....	35.00
*J. A. Blevins, Akron.....	15.00
*C. B. Cook, Columbus.....	20.00
*N. Hanson, Houston.....	15.00
*O. O. Curtiss, San Francisco.....	10.00
*E. W. Lohmeyer, San Francisco.....	10.00
*W. R. Hartzell, Kansas City.....	50.00
W. C. Goss, New Orleans.....	45.00
C. D. Lewis, Little Rock.....	50.00
W. H. Lyles, Jr., Columbia.....	30.00
J. R. Gardner, Atlanta.....	15.00
B. L. Craven, Portland.....	50.00

Total for the month.....\$2,025.00

\* Denotes accident claims.

The English Bible—a book which, if everything else in our language should perish, would suffice to show the whole extent of its beauty and power.—T. B. Macaulay.



## TREASURER'S REPORT

## Division Collections for February

Grand Division .....	\$ 51.40
Chicago No. 1 .....	801.39
Detroit .....	522.08
Saginaw .....	40.00
Louisville .....	142.40
Little Rock .....	211.81
Dayton .....	118.55
Bay City .....	26.61
Cincinnati .....	348.90
Evansville .....	37.32
Nashville .....	47.97
Springfield, O. ....	23.40
Olathe .....	332.23
Flint .....	218.52
Toledo .....	396.49
Milwaukee .....	179.55
Columbus .....	220.85
Knoxville .....	110.02
Cleveland .....	220.49
Indianapolis .....	302.92
Brooklyn .....	865.33
St. Louis .....	517.46
New Haven .....	86.73
Holyoke .....	57.60
Los Angeles .....	502.72
Atlanta .....	195.75
Philadelphia .....	354.78
Kansas City .....	148.68
Omaha .....	197.26
New Orleans .....	188.71
Kalamazoo .....	79.66
Boston .....	279.43
Pittsburgh .....	293.47
Hartford .....	121.63
Memphis .....	99.98
Portland, Me. ....	69.73
Buffalo .....	194.46
Portland, Ore. ....	249.27
Newark .....	156.01
Providence .....	54.12
Seattle .....	160.96
Utica .....	193.01
Washington .....	166.71
Baltimore .....	128.81
Syracuse .....	121.41
Cedar Rapids .....	191.64
Huntington .....	90.98
Albany .....	84.49
Rochester .....	195.15
San Francisco .....	259.73
Reading .....	175.16
Akron .....	562.33
Salt Lake City .....	85.78
Rockford .....	121.61
Springfield, Ill. ....	66.78
Davenport .....	75.53
Worcester .....	88.57
St. Paul-Minneapolis .....	257.54
Fort Worth .....	278.87
Dallas .....	332.36
Denver .....	121.56
Waterbury .....	62.26
Springfield, Mass. ....	63.56
Waco .....	102.98
Bangor .....	64.67
Kenosha .....	116.45
Birmingham .....	102.48
Sioux Falls .....	98.13
Wichita .....	84.05
Spokane .....	40.02
Des Moines .....	47.80
Lowell .....	85.11
Berkeley .....	51.48
Delavan .....	224.88
Houston .....	187.04
Scranton .....	95.23
Richmond .....	124.64
Johnstown .....	47.62
Manhattan .....	441.74
Jacksonville .....	121.87
Lewiston .....	87.16
Peoria .....	71.19
Jersey City .....	143.87
Bronx .....	167.46
Columbia .....	75.28
Charlotte .....	71.09
Durham .....	173.73
Dubuque .....	52.97
Grand Rapids .....	76.51
Toronto .....	360.02
Duluth .....	43.35
Canton .....	45.75
Fairbault .....	91.01
South Bend .....	89.96
Council Bluffs .....	91.85
Fort Wayne .....	71.34
Schenectady .....	67.20
Chicago No. 106 .....	179.56
Miami .....	55.91
Binghamton .....	103.97
Wilkesburg .....	98.85
San Diego .....	29.44
Eau Claire .....	50.12
Total Collections .....	\$17,284.26

TREASURER'S STATEMENT  
FOR FEBRUARY, 1930

## Balance and Income

Balance, January 31 .....	\$1,255,444.31
Division collections .....	17,284.26
Interest, mortgage loans .....	3,601.31
Interest, bonds .....	600.00
Interest, banks .....	8.71
Lodge supplies .....	45.85
Recording and registry fees .....	36.00
Subscriptions to FRAT .....	3.00
Advertising in FRAT .....	18.50
Surety bond premiums .....	360.77
Exchange on checks .....	2.50

Total balance and income \$1,277,405.21

## Disbursements

Death benefits .....	\$ 3,500.00
Sick benefits .....	1,415.00
Accident benefits .....	610.00
Old Age Income payment .....	4.06
Investment expenses .....	300.00
Accrued interest on mortgages .....	340.00
Salaries .....	370.83
Services .....	615.00
Insurance dept. fees .....	655.00
Official publication .....	405.84
Furniture and Fixtures .....	358.13
Rent .....	250.00
Lodge supplies .....	194.00
Printing and Stationery .....	194.00
Office expenses .....	161.01
Postage .....	18.73

Total disbursements .....\$ 9,391.60

## Recapitulation

Balance and Income .....	\$1,277,405.21
Disbursements .....	9,391.60

Balance Feb. 28, 1930.....\$1,268,013.61

No matter what your attainments,  
your biggest room will always be room  
for improvement.

## TRUSTEES' REPORT

## Ledger Assets, February 28, 1930

Real Estate .....	\$ 11,000.00
Mortgage Loans .....	976,650.00
First mortgage bonds .....	242,910.31
U. S. Liberty bonds .....	15,000.00
Canadian bonds .....	10,996.20
Cash in banks:	
Central Trust .....	5,123.71
Bank of Montreal .....	5,735.48
Sec'y-Treasurer's cash ..	597.91

Total ledger assets.....\$1,268,013.61

## Balances in Funds

Reserve Fund .....	\$1,119,931.44
Mortuary Fund .....	21,990.45
Sick and Accident Fund .....	93,587.66
Unallocated interest .....	7,991.82
Convention Fund .....	10,619.94
Organizing Fund .....	1,850.80
General Expense Fund ..	12,041.50

Total in all Funds.....\$1,268,013.61

## Investments

There were no maturities of investments in February. The Society acquired first mortgages to the amount of \$12,500.00 during the month.

## NEW MEMBERS

Chicago Division No. 1—Stephen Belezny, Louis Greenberg, Herman Baim, Forrest Reid.

Little Rock—Maynard Hyler.

Brooklyn—Michael Goldstein, Peter Liskiewicz, Edward Taggart, William Clark, Christopher McNally, Wm. McDermott.

Omaha—Charles Hitshe, John S. Reed.

New Orleans—Angelo Chiappetta.

Portland, Me.—Benjamin Zeitman.

Newark—Joseph Lisny.

Seattle—Pennock Bedford.

San Francisco—Crom Boam.

Akron—Mathias Schmidt.

Salt Lake City—Floyd Underwood.

Dallas—Guy Browning.

Waterbury—Leroy Todd.

Houston—Russel Lavender, Leander Stuart.

Manhattan—Reuben Lieber.

Toronto—Charles Robinson, Eddie Reinhorn.

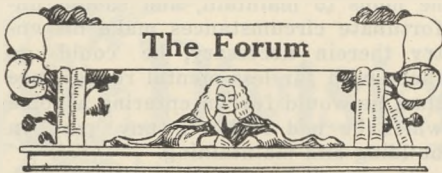
Ft. Wayne—Roy Gardner.

Chicago No. 106—George Carlson, George Briot, Oliver Peterson.



**SUCCESS** is measured  
only by the way in which responsibilities are met and undertaken.





In the past, we were put to heavy expenses, to send our delegates and alternates to conventions.

For instance, there are six local divisions in the State of Illinois. We ought to elect a delegate and an alternate in each Illinois local division, to meet together at an appointed city. Then they could elect a regular delegate and alternate representing the State of Illinois local divisions, which would mean two delegates from the State of Illinois. At the same time all the local divisions would be assessed according to the number of members of each local division. Under my plan the whole convention would be represented by about 50 or 60 instead of 100 or more. Say 700 members in the State of Illinois would be assessed about 40 cents each paid out of their own treasury, and at the same time it would save every local division a lot of money.

At present the N. F. S. D. constitution and by-laws are about perfected, and it may require about three days to do business after the Boston convention.—F. W. MEINKEN.

The idea of organizing in State jurisdictions is of course not a new one. It is in effect in many of the larger fraternals. The idea was first suggested in connection with our Society by the editor as far back as the St. Paul convention in 1924. However, its adoption should not be attempted without at the same time providing for an equalization of voting strength, in order that the larger Divisions would not control the situation within their own states, to the detriment of the smaller ones.—THE EDITOR.

### THE EYES OF GIBSON

By Troy E. Hill

The eyes of Gibson are upon you  
All the livelong day,  
The eyes of Gibson are upon you,  
You cannot get away;

Do not think you can escape them,  
From nite till early morn  
The eyes of Gibson are upon you,  
Till Gabriel blows his horn.

And this duty he left 'pon you:  
"Carry On" for me.  
Take an application with you  
Wherever you may be;

And sign another member for him  
Every time you can,  
Do your duty with a vim,  
Don't be an also ran.

The eyes of Gibson are upon you  
From nite till early morn,  
The eyes of Gibson are upon you  
Till Gabriel blows his horn.

People who worry most about what they cannot understand spend the least time living up to what they cannot help but understand.

### TO DIVISION SECRETARIES

Please send in reports of meetings, claims, applications for membership, etc., immediately after each meeting of your Division. Delay in doing so will hold up the payment of claims, and also delay the publication of THE FRAT, as we must hold back the sending of copy to the printer until all reports are in, and applications for membership and other matters recorded for publication in the paper. Your cooperation in this is earnestly requested.

Also, in making out transfer cards, remember to enter thereon both the mortuary and the disability-expense rates. This is necessary, since now members carry different amounts of disability insurance, and rates therefore vary with the amount of insurance.

Please bear in mind Sec. 93, where-in secretaries are not to allow lists of members to be copied, given out, or loaned, without permission from the Home Office.

### FEBRUARY DEATH CLAIMS

Paid to Genevieve Brown Owenson, Beloit, Wis., for death benefit of Clyde L. Brown, certificate No. 6612, deceased January 17, 1930, \$1,000.

Paid to Marion and Angus J. Heeke, and Marjorie H. Brent, Washington, D. C., for death benefit of Joseph H. Heeke, certificate No. 4837, deceased December 5, 1929, \$1,000.

Paid to Ethel B. Potter, Concord, Mass., for death benefit of William W. Potter, certificate No. 1711, deceased January 8, 1930, \$500.

Paid to Nellie K. Coen, Knoxville, Tenn., for death benefit of William J. Kennedy, certificate No. 567, deceased January 27, 1930, \$1,000.

### THE GET-ONE DEGREE

Ayers, K. B., Akron Division.

Burlew, J. H., Omaha.

Call, J. L., Brooklyn.

Carman, Philip, Toronto.

Cochran, Orus, Little Rock.

Cohen, Lester, Manhattan.

DiLeo, Antonio, Waterbury.

Doyle, B. L., Newark.

Elben, Rufus, Salt Lake City.

Glidden, D. E., San Francisco.

Goss, W. C., New Orleans.

Hagemeyer, L. J. (2), Chicago No. 1.

Hinrichs, F. W., Chicago No. 106.

Hill, T. E., Dallas.

Livshis, Peter, Chicago No. 106.

Lorenz, O., Chicago No. 1.

Lowell, J. M., Seattle.

Migatz, A. H., Chicago No. 1.

Morriss, R. C. (2), Houston.

Rines, F. M., Ft. Wayne.

Rosnick, J. N., Toronto.

Sherwood, E. J. (3), Brooklyn.

Steinberg, Milton, Brooklyn.

Treuke, O. M., Omaha.

Ursin, B. E., Chicago No. 106.

Walker, A. P., Portland (Me.).

Woods, Herman, Brooklyn.

### CHICAGO GIRDS FOR ACTION

The two Chicago Divisions, No. 1 and No. 106, have cleared the decks for action. They are going after that Fourteen Thousand in dead earnest.

At their February meetings, these Divisions adopted the following plan of procedure in getting new members:

The applicant for membership will be required to pay only the examining doctor's fee. The \$3.00 membership fee going to the Home Office for the general expense fund of the Society will be paid out of the Divisions' local funds. The \$2.00 part of the membership fee going to the Divisions will be waived. Thus the applicant in these two Divisions will have to pay only the medical examiner's fee, usually \$2.00.

The Chicago Divisions figure, and rightly, that they will get back the \$3.00 in local dues from the new member within one year. The local dues in these Divisions amount to 25c monthly, or \$3.00 a year. Added to this will be a larger attendance at socials, dances, picnics, entertainments, and the like and a consequently greater sale of tickets with increased membership.

This arrangement will extend to December 31, 1930.

We think it a good plan, and with an active campaign for new members, it should easily more than double the membership of both Divisions within the present year. In short, it should prove a good stroke of business both for the Divisions and for the Society as a whole. Chicago has a deaf population of approximately 5,000, of which 2,000 are probably eligible to membership in the Society.

The Home Office is giving the Chicago Divisions active support in this plan, just as it will give active support to any other worth while plan adopted by Divisions in their campaign for new members.

First Youth: "Hullo, congenital idiot!"

Second Youth: Hullo, you priceless old ass!"

The Damsel: "I'd no idea you two knew each other so well."



**BACKBONE** won't get you anywhere if the nob at the top of it is made of the same material.





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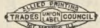
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MARCH, 1930

1931—HUBWARD—1931.

The drive for members is on in earnest. Division after Division reports measures taken to obtain recruits. The results of these arrangements will be awaited with interest.

No Division or deputy organizer should be satisfied with less than a 100% increase in membership during the year.

Do not be discouraged by adverse conditions. In every phase of human endeavor, adverse conditions must be expected, met with courage, and overcome.

There has been a marked depression in industrial conditions throughout the country for some time. This has been felt by our members as well as others. But this let up in industry has been far less serious than the depression of 1920-22. Many of our Divisions are aiding members with their dues in what we hope and believe is a temporary low point in economic conditions. Indications are that the low point in the dip is behind us, and that conditions are improving. This is one of the adverse conditions that must be encountered in our recruiting campaign this year.

We are going forward, prepared to meet every difficulty that may be encountered. Problems to be overcome should prove only an incentive to greater effort. Our problems will appear inconsequential after they are met, overcome and left behind us.

Life rests upon a slender cord, and the shears of fate may sever it at any moment. As in parachute leaps to restore your hearing. These idiotic performances continue, despite repeated warnings. Our own organizations and the American Medical Association have made great efforts to discourage this practice, and to educate the public as to its futility. In most cases, commercialism is behind these stunts. The regulations governing aviation are still far from complete, and are not sufficient to prevent such performances, mostly for gain on the part of the aviators. An aviator taking a deaf person into the air and dropping him in a parachute to his death should be indicted for murder.

#### FOR A FRANCIS P. GIBSON MEMORIAL HOME AND HOSPITAL

Our Society is now upon a secure financial footing. It issues the more important forms of life insurance in vogue today, including ample disability insurance, and these forms will be added to from time to time, in order to meet competition and the needs of our members. The Society carries out a comprehensive social program through its various Divisions scattered over the country. It has developed with time, and this development will of course continue. There are various other features that may be added to our fraternal scheme, and we hope to see these incorporated in the plans of our organization.

One feature which the Home Office has had under consideration and investigation for some years is the establishment of a national home and hospital for our aged and infirm members. We are convinced that such a feature would greatly expand the usefulness of our work, and that in our own Society this departure is entirely practicable and desirable. There are of course many details that would have to be worked out before it could be undertaken, but that would be only a matter of time, and no serious difficulties would be encountered.

One objection to our proposed home might be that it would injure the present State homes maintained by the deaf in certain localities. To this we answer that it would not injure them at all. These State homes are few in number, and by no means meet the needs of the deaf throughout the country. It must be remembered that there will always be a large number of the deaf who will never be members of the Society, for various reasons. State homes will meet the needs of these deaf, as far as location and resources will permit.

We believe that the Society should establish a home of its own, maintained by contributions from its members and from other sources available to the Society. It would be co-operative, and thus free from what some may consider the stigma of charity. Every member would feel that he had a personal interest in the home which

he helps to maintain, and should unfortunate circumstances make his entry therein necessary, he could go there with far less mental repugnance than he would feel in entering a home which he had little if any part in building and maintaining.

It cannot be denied also that such a home and hospital would be a great advertising feature for our Society, and help materially in the addition of new members. This has been the experience of other fraternal societies which have established such homes and hospitals.

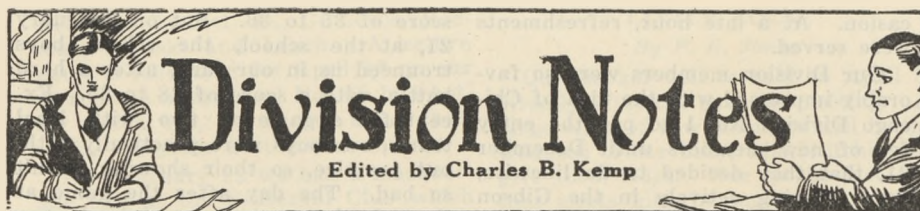
We believe that should this home and hospital be established, it should provide both for its aged and infirm members and also for the wives of these members in need of ministrations.

Aside from contributions of members to maintain such a home and hospital, contributions that need not amount to more than a dollar or so per year, there would be available other sources of revenue that need not be dwelt upon at this time. One phase of our work that has caused concern of late has been the steadily mounting cost of our national conventions. The Denver convention cost in excess of \$25,000, for one week's work. With the reorganization of the Society into State jurisdictions, and the election of one delegate and alternate from each State to the national convention, as is the practice in most sound fraternal societies, this cost would be materially reduced, and at the same time the work of the convention expedited. This saving in money might well be used in helping support a home and hospital. The money would certainly be used to far better advantage.

Another point to be considered is, that instead of spending \$15,000 or \$20,000 on a statue to our late president, the money could be used in establishing what could very well be known as the Francis P. Gibson Memorial Home and Hospital. We believe that our departed friend would want no bronze or marble effigy erected over his mortal remains, that he would desire only a simple headstone to mark his last resting place, and that he would feel his life's work for the deaf abundantly and fittingly commemorated by such a home and hospital bearing his name, and maintained by the Society he loved and for which he labored. The writer of these lines broached the subject of a home and hospital to Brother Gibson some years before his death, and had often discussed it with him since. He thought the idea should be worked out to an actuality, and, had he lived, he would have been one of its chief advocates.

The mind has a great influence over the body. Saving makes you think success thoughts. It creates in you a desire to get ahead, and desire is the first step toward attainment.





Edited by Charles B. Kemp

### COMING DIVISION EVENTS

#### April

- 5. Party.....Salt Lake City
- 5. Social.....Albany
- 5. Smoker.....Little Rock
- 5. Kid party.....Des Moines
- 12. Social.....Cedar Rapids
- 12. Box party.....Reading
- 12. Smoker.....Washington
- 12. Card party.....Manhattan
- 12. Literary night.....Schenectady
- 13. Banquet.....Memphis
- 15. Bazaar.....Houston
- 19. Box auction.....Richmond
- 19. Social.....Denver
- 19. Social.....Dayton
- 19. Party.....Portland, Me.
- 19. Penny party.....Chicago, No. 106
- 19. Social.....Toledo
- 20. Spider's Web party.....
- 26. Shade show.....Grand Rapids
- 26. Bean party.....Binghamton
- 26. Oyster supper.....Holyoke
- 26. Banquet.....Hartford
- 26. Banquet.....New Haven
- 26. Card party.....Buffalo
- 26. Smoker.....Portland, Ore.
- 26. Annual dance.....Worcester
- 26. Rally.....Fort Wayne

#### May

- 3. Waffle party.....Rochester
- 3. Balloon party.....Waterbury
- 7. Anniversary party.....Atlanta
- 10. Dance.....Chicago, No. 106
- 10. Smoker.....Faribault
- 10. Strawberry festival.....Bronx
- 10. Banquet.....Lowell
- 10. Chinatown.....Schenectady
- 10. Dance.....Los Angeles
- 17. Whist.....New Haven
- 17. Social.....Toledo
- 17. Smoker.....Chicago, No. 106
- 20. Treasure Hunt.....Houston
- 24. Strawberry party.....Kenosha
- 24. Strawberry festival.....Binghamton
- 24. Social dance.....Springfield, Mass.
- 29. Annual ball.....Providence
- 29. Whist party.....Holyoke
- 30. Picnic.....Des Moines
- 30. Outing.....Flint
- 30-31. Silver jubilee.....Dayton
- 31. Social.....Seattle
- 31. Anniversary dinner.....Syracuse
- 31. Annual party.....Bangor

#### June

- 1. Silver jubilee.....Dayton
- 21. Lawn social.....Binghamton
- 28. Field day.....Utica
- 29. Annual picnic.....Chicago, No. 106

### CHICAGO No. 1

By C. B. Kemp

Our annual mask ball and Mardi Gras carnival on March 1 was one of the best ever held by the Division. The attendance of 700 taxed the ca-

capacity of the hall, big as it was, and made dancing difficult. The costumes were many and varied, and lent a colorful atmosphere to the occasion. With \$100 to be distributed for the best and most comical costumes, rivalry was keen, and the winners certainly earned what they got. There were 16 prizes, 8 for the most fancy costumes, and 8 for the most comical. In the fancy costume contest the winners, in their order, were: Miss Caroline Hyman, a Frat fantasy; Mrs. Anna Harris, Fatima; Mrs. Joseph Sloan, Colonial Dame; Miss Anna Faltbrun, Grenadier; Mrs. Kitty Leiter, Pierrette; Mrs. Anna McGann, Jumping Jack; Miss Amelia Kutzski, Bulgarian; Mrs. Lacie Shelton, Volga Boatman. In the most comical class the winners were: Mrs. Emery Gerichs, Topsy; Sol. Goldberg, Bum; Joseph Wondra and Max Davidson, Jew Peddlers; Laurence Cosentino, Aunt Jemina; Joseph Sloan, as Lon Chaney in "Thunder;" Mrs. Riall, Old Woman in a Shoe; Miss Rose Schwartz, Dragon; Julius Gordon, "Old Rags." The judges were W. A. Nelson of Davenport, Ia.; Joseph Cordano, St. Joseph, Mich., and Fred Shatwell, Rockford, and they certainly had a difficult task in making selections. A special attraction, pleasing to some, and annoying to others, was a colored spotlight, which was played over the dancers during the so-called moonlight dances. The light was the handiwork of Robert Harding, I understand. Paper caps, toy balloons and confetti were furnished free, and toward the last the fun waxed fast and furious. Everyone sure had a great time, and Chairman Meinken and his helpers deserve great praise for the way the affair was put over. The card and bunco party at the Capitol Building on February 22 was about the best attended affair of its kind we have held. The big banquet hall was packed, and tables placed so close together that it was difficult to move around. "Tex" Hooper sure made a hit, and he and his helpers deserve much praise.

Treasurer Migatz and the Board of Trustees were made happy recently, when the Division authorized the purchase of a new adding machine. The old one was too far gone to be of much use.

The Division has ordered a photo of the late Brother Gibson, and expects to have it hung in the hall at the next meeting. It is the work of Brother Pach, of New York.

New members are coming in, but not as rapidly as we could wish. The almost universal condition of unemployment is mainly responsible. As soon as business picks up, we hope for bet-

ter things in the way of recruiting. Quite a few of our members are having difficulty in paying their dues, because of lack employment, and the Division is considering ways and means of helping them keep in good standing. That is one of the greatest obligations in Fraternity.

The Division has recently been called upon to mourn the passing of two of its members, William Engle and William Smith, who died within a few days of each other. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved families.

Recent visitors at headquarters were Edward Weber, Springfield, Ill., William G. Lambur and Mrs. J. B. Lambur, St. Louis, Mo., W. A. Nelson, Davenport, Ia., Edwin M. Hazel, Omaha, Nebr.

### CHICAGO No. 6

By F. B. Wirt

In common with the other Divisions, we are having a membership drive, after a slow-down in that direction. So we are now again growing by (H) inches. We are following the example of No. 1 in waiving both the \$3 entry fee and the endorser's fee, leaving the applicant with only the medical examination to pay. This arrangement is to stand until December 31. Altogether, we are doing our best to help along toward that 14,000, and we feel sure that we would be the more successful if employment conditions were not abnormal, as they are at present. But we can tie a string to our prospects, and pull them in when times get good again, and everybody busy.

In connection with these membership drives, there will no doubt be more than the usual number of smokers in the near future. We will have ours on Saturday evening, May 17, with Peter Livshis in charge. The location has not yet been secured, but Harold Libby is heading a committee to find one.

Our bowling teams will end their season around the middle of April, and are looking forward to the prize money of several hundred dollars which will be divided among them, according to standing. They intend to arrange for a banquet, presumably in the hotel where they hold their monthly meetings, as they did last year. The prizes will be awarded at this banquet. A picked team from our league played a team from No. 1 on February 23, and won two games out of three. Another game will be played on March 22. They play at the new Mussey alleys, South Wabash at Adams St.

Our "500" party at the Capitol Building on March 8 drew only a fair crowd, which was to be expected at this time of year. The next affair given by the Division will be on April 19, also at the Capitol Building, under the chairmanship of one of our members whose name is being kept dark, that he may better spring some surprises, perhaps. It will be penny party, and all are warned to come well provided with pennies. The admission will be



26 cents, wardrobe, 9 cents, and pennies will be needed for admission to the side shows. More about this affair in the next issue of THE FRAT.

For variety, we will have a dance on May 10 at the Ravenswood Masonic Temple, in the Green Room. The chairman, Earl Nelson, calls it a "crazy hop-hop dance and carnival." Details of this affair are not yet ready for announcement.

Not all of the wives of our members belong to the Auxiliary of the Division. For these women the Auxiliary gave a social in their room while we men folks were holding our March business meeting. They had tables for "500," and also served refreshments. They plan a similar affair for the near future.

### MANHATTAN

*By J. N. Funk*

Manhattan Division started a drive for new members at the March meeting. On motion of Deputy Organizer Lubin it was voted to waive endorser's and deputy's fees for the balance of 1930. Every member is expected to pitch in and help.

The Division initiated the following members into the mysteries of Fraternity at the March meeting: Benjamin DeCastro, Alexander Mirol, Sam Housman, Clyde Walker, Reuben Lieber, Thomas Garelick, Benjamin Brandelstein, Hyman Gordon, Samuel Grossman and Samuel Liebman.

### COLUMBUS

*By J. B. Arnold*

George W. Kinkel, one of our social members, who resides at the Home at Westerville, attended the recent meeting. His birthday occurring on February 22, he passed out the cigars to the members.

The secretary has received two photographs of the late Grand President Gibson, ordered from Brother Pach. One of them is to be hung up in the lodge room at every meeting. The other will be kept in the men's cottage at the Home, which was furnished by the local Division.

Walter Reynolds recently built himself a new house, and has moved in. He has rented his other house.

The basketball tournament at the Indianapolis school was attended by several members of this Division. While there, they had the pleasure of meeting Grand President Neesam.

Our Division treasurer, August Beckert, recently underwent an operation. At this writing he is well on the road to recovery.

### ROCHESTER

*By H. V. Barnett*

The Division held a St. Valentine party at Culver hall on February 15. A good crowd turned out, in spite of the intense cold weather, and everyone had a wonderful time. Glen Folland was chairman of the affair, and arranged games appropriate to the oc-

casian. At a late hour, refreshments were served.

Our Division members were so favorably impressed with the idea of Chicago Division No. 1 to pay the entry fee of new members until December 31, that they decided to do likewise, thus entering actively in the Gibson memorial drive. We hope by this means to get many more members before the end of the year. With the medical examination the only cost, it should be much easier to get new members.

The program committee has arranged for several splendid entertainments this coming year. Among them is a waffle party, a decided novelty to the local deaf, which will be held on May 3. On May 25 it is proposed to hold a picnic in Letchworth Park. This park is about 60 miles from Rochester, and is noted for its beauty. The committee promises a good time, and if you have never been there you should by all means make the trip with us. Full particulars will appear in the next issue of THE FRAT.

Eleven young deaf girls will manage a social at Culver hall on April 11. They want to go to the Boston convention, and are going to try and raise sufficient funds to carry them there. This is a very laudable ambition, and the Division members will turn out in full force to help the young ladies rake in a goodly sum from the social. If successful, they will hold other socials later. We wish them every success. And why not? Doesn't Rochester want to be well represented at the convention. I guess yes.

Latest admissions to our Division are Elmer Kuder of this city, and Frank Murray of Elmira, the latter as a social member, he having passed the age limit for active members. Welcome, brothers.

Brothers Lansing, Klock and Davidson represented the Division at Syracuse Division's masquerade on February 22. They reported having a very pleasant time, and that over 130 deaf were in attendance.

### SALT LAKE CITY

*By E. R. Thurston*

Amelia Hertell, wife of Carl Hertell of Lehi, Utah, passed away recently. Our sincerest sympathy goes to Brother Hertell and his daughter, Blanche Hertell Roberts.

If you happen to approach Ralph Glenn, and notice a broad smile on his face, you may wonder what it's all about. I am going to give the secret away. Why not! Never attempt to keep a secret from a brother Frat. Well, the reason is that he is the proud daddy of a bouncing boy, born February 8. Mother and baby are doing well.

February 8 was a great day for the local Frats as well as for Brother Glenn. That was the day on which we nosed out our polished basketball rivals from the school at Ogden by the

score of 35 to 36. But on February 21, at the school, the school boys trounced us in our turn, after a hard battle, with a score of 28 to 35. Except for a game or two with local teams, our boys were practically without practice, so their showing wasn't so bad. The day after the game at the school we were entertained at a Washington's birthday party. Everybody came home tired, but satisfied that they had had a good time.

Don't forget the party on April 5. The committee, composed of F. J. Stone, Ferdinand Billeter and George Larime, promises to give us the best party ever, so be there, or you will regret it.

Mrs. Justine Keeley and Mrs. Theo. Osborne Smith, widows of our late brothers Joseph Keeley and Harry Smith, will give a St. Patrick's party on March 15. All local Frats and their partners are cordially invited. These ladies are among our best Frat boosters.

### BINGHAMTON

*By J. M. Lewis*

On February 15 our bowling team journeyed up to Utica for a tilt with the bowling team of that Division. As a result, we got badly beaten, losing all three games, but not until we had nearly copped the first game. In that game we were leading until the last few frames, when the Uticans indulged in a spurt that beat us by a small margin. No. 45 sure has a classy bowling team, and deserved to win. Frank Green, perhaps their best man, had a single game of 242. Those on the Utica team were Brothers Stahl, Siver, Booth, Muldoon, Kreuzer and Green. Our team was composed of



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Brothers Garbett, Jr., G. Lewis, Rodman, Pulaski and Leach. A return game is scheduled for April 26 on our own home alleys, and No. 45 had better watch out, as we are after their scalp. May the best team win.

On February 22 we had a masquerade ball at the Fraternal Club which was well attended. Everyone had a good time, the chief fun being the balloon dance, which was introduced by Chairman Hoag. Prizes were awarded to the couple whose balloons had not "busted," and the lucky ones proved to be George Lewis and Miss Mary Lewis. George Lewis as a Dutch girl also won the prize for the best costume, while Walter Jacobson as a clown carried off the prize for the most comical get-up. Several visitors from out of town were present. This was our first experience along this line, and we hope to make it much better next year. But it was a big success, anyhow.

The Fraternal Club is in possession of a large photo of our late Grand President Gibson, purchased of Brother Pach, and which, incidentally, I am informed was the first one sold after the announcement that they could be obtained of him. The picture has been hung where it will be seen almost at once by anyone entering the club, and also happens to be where it will be right back of the president's chair during Division meetings, and gives the impression that he is watching over our meeting. We consider the photo very life-like, and urge all Divisions and clubs to secure one. The price is very reasonable.

Brothers and friends, take notice! Our coming event scheduled for April 26 promises to be a big event. It was originally planned to hold it on April 19, but we had to change the date to the 26th, as other parties had secured the hall for the 19th. The party will be held in a hall only a few doors from the Fraternal Club, thus making it very convenient. Get your old bus tuned up, and ramble down to Binghamton on the 29th. Don't forget the date—no excuses will be accepted.

We are planning to stage a carnival out at Walton sometime in August. Our latest new brothers, George Dix and Francis Brown will have it in charge. Go to it, boys. Show the old-timers what you can do. Further details later.

Richard Levan, a painter by trade, has donated a sample of his work, a large sign, which has been hung in front of the Club. Visitors will now have no difficulty in locating us. It is an excellent job of workmanship. Thank you, brother. Our hats are off to you for your splendid fraternal spirit.

Fred Lloyd of Albany Division and Robert Hogan of Cleveland Division are in Binghamton at present. If work materializes, they may remain here. Brother Hogan is staying with his mother, who resides here.

## LITTLE ROCK

By P. B. Jones

Our smoker will be held on April 5, directly after the business meeting. A large class of new members will be introduced to our Billy, who is itching to give them rides. Woe to the last one that meets him, hoping to get by the much-worked goat.

The Dixie basketball tournament was a success in every way. The name was considerably affected, geographically, as teams came from north and northwest. Illinois, Kansas, Texas, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Alabama and Mississippi were represented, and most of them had strong teams who put up a spirited fight for first prize. Kansas won, but by only an eyelash. The young men made a splendid impression, and conducted themselves in a gentlemanly manner. The local committee worked hard in seeing that they had a pleasant time. Among the Frats attending the tournament were Foltz and Orman of the Kansas school, Hill of Dallas, Burns of the Jacksonville school, and Jack DeArman of Tulsa, Okla. The one regrettable thing that happened at the tournament was the sudden illness of James Smith during the final game. He had to have an operation, and his many friends will be glad to learn that he is doing nicely, at this writing.

Our joy at being in the 100-class was rudely shattered by the annual statement in THE FRAT, which shows our Division as having only 95 members. The five missing ones are in the "paid up" class. (No. The Home Office did not count members admitted in December, but whose certificates were dated January 1, 1930.—Ed.) But watch us, we will come back Stout-ly, with plenty of Crow-ing and Bell-ringing!

Labor conditions in and around Little Rock are fairly normal. Those having steady jobs have not been affected by the business depression over the country, which is very gratifying.

## SCHENECTADY

By J. F. Koeper

Our Division was saddened by the news of the death of Edward E. DeMott, which occurred on February 23, following a long illness. Six days later, his daughter, Mrs. Leo Burns, aged 25, died from the same cause, pneumonia. We extend to the bereaved families our heartfelt sympathy. In appreciation of our own loss, our charter will be draped in mourning for 30 days.

Our valentine party on February 8 was a success, under the management of Brother Abbott and his committee. Quite a number were in costume, and the usual prizes were given.

After our regular meeting on March 8 we held a supper social under the chairmanship of Paul Sack. The attendance was only fair, but the proceeds were good, to our surprise and pleasure. Our next social will be in the form of a literary night, in charge of Harry Barnes. It will be interest-

ing, so be sure and come. Then will come the big Chinatown night on May 10, with Joseph Cermak in charge. But of course, the really big time will be our three-day outing on July 4, 5 and 6. The place selected will be announced later, with full details. John F. Koeper will be in charge.

## SPRINGFIELD, MASS.

By F. L. Ascher

The members of Springfield Division No. 67 have made a resolution to follow the advice of our beloved late Grand President Gibson, and carry on. Inspired by his last words, we are striving hard to round up eligibles for membership in the Society. We also aim to bring the Division into the lime-light by doing bigger and better things this year. Our deputy organizer, John E. Haggerty, pledges to do his best in 1930, and urges all to co-operate with him in getting all the new members possible. We heartily congratulate our neighbor Division, Holyoke, for their efforts to help get the 14,000 members, and will ourselves work hard to beat their record.

In the matter of social events, we will give our first social of the year, a Frat night, at Asinoff Place, on May 3. The program will open with a play which will be of great interest to all who attend. Chairman Ascher, with the help of Brothers Haggerty, Brunsell and Brown, is working hard to make the event a success.

But the "big date" will be May 24, when we will stage our annual strawberry festival at Melha Temple. Berger Brunsell will have this in charge, and he has several good ideas up his sleeve for making this party everything that could be desired. Watch for programs, and save your dates for these two big events. Further details concerning them will be announced next month. We are also making plans for another social, the proceeds of which will be donated to the Boston convention fund.

Division President Brunsell requests the attendance of every member at the next meeting on April 3. He wants to get their opinions on several important matters.



*We want to publish more news—personal mention about members—every month and will thank you to write it as often as you can.—The Editor.*



**HOLYOKE***By J. E. Kremer*

A bean party will be held on April 26 at the home of Brother and Mrs. Joseph O'Donnell, 445 Main St., West Springfield. A bean supper will be served from 5 to 7 o'clock, followed by an entertainment. Come and have a good time with us.

On May 29 we will hold a strawberry party at the home of Hiram Marr, 163 Locust St., Holyoke. It will be a great affair, open to all, Frats and non-Frats alike. Take an Oakdale car from the city hall. Conductor will tell you where to get off.

We had intended to hold a costume ball on May 24, but the business depression and too many socials locally made it advisable to postpone it until next fall. Particulars will appear later.

The New England Gallaudet Association, one of the oldest organizations of the deaf in the U. S., will meet in Holyoke on August 30 to September 1. Arno Klopfer is chairman of the local committee. Watch for details later.

Holyoke Division has accepted the call for a Gibson membership drive. Deputy Ernest Klinke will energetically push the campaign for new members in this district. "Carry On" is the slogan for Holyoke.

**PITTSBURGH***By F. R. Connor*

Pittsburgh Division's seventeenth annual banquet, held at the Roosevelt Hotel on February 22, was a great success in every way, in the opinion of everyone who attended. The weather man has seemed to have had a grudge against us almost every year, but this year he favored us with real spring-like weather. Approximately 150 were present, many of them coming by auto from other towns. The dinner was excellent, and the program of speeches pleasing. Roland M. Barker, president of Johnstown Division was toastmaster, and opened the program with a short but witty speech. A short entertainment, "Our Annual Banquet," which suited the occasion perfectly was given by Mrs. Mildred Smith, George Cowan, Margaret McKenna and William Gibson. Division President Harry Zahn spoke on "The Pioneer Frats," touching upon Francis P. Gibson's noble work for the Society, and praising the charter members of No. 36 for its organization. Of these latter, James Conway of Los Angeles, and Royal Durian of Akron were unable to be present. Brother Conway wrote to express his regrets, but much as he and Mrs. Conway would like to be present, it was impossible. C. B.

Connelley, city councilman, gave an interesting address on his work in the Alleghany observatory, and spoke of his long association with the late Frank R. Gray, who was an expert in polishing telescope lenses. Mrs. Elmer S. Havens followed with "The Revolving Doors of the N. F. S. D." Frank A. Leitner, charter member both of our Division and the newly-formed Wilkinsburg Division brought up pleasant reminders with a speech on "Do you Remember When—" William McK. Stewart and Miss Elizabeth Reiser entertained us with a comic dialogue, "How to Woo." Fred R. Conner closed the program with a declamation, "Carry On," with Samuel Rogalsky accompanying him on the drum. Impromptu speeches were also made by James F. Malone, formerly president of the city council, and by Superintendent A. C. Manning of the Western Pennsylvania School. The committee wishes to thank all who helped make the banquet so successful.

The day following the banquet, February 23, we held a smoker at McGeagh Hall. The goat ride was the big feature of the afternoon, and it was hugely enjoyed by all present, among whom were members from Wilkinsburg, Johnstown and other near-by towns. The 11 candidates were put through in proper manner, and were much relieved when the ordeal was over, but happy in being full-fledged Frats. The smoker ended with eats and cigars.

The Division is mourning the loss of two members, Orrie C. Maust and Timothy Gorman. Brother Maust died on February 16, after a lingering illness. Brother Gorman died on March 2, of heart trouble. We felt his passing the more because he had been one of the guests of honor at the banquet, as a charter member of the Division, and at that time appeared to be all right. The pallbearers were all Frats—Elmer S. Havens, Peter R. Graves, George Cowan, Herbert Rickenbrode, Enza Ludovico and Fred R. Conner.

**NEW HAVEN***By Clarence Baldwin*

New Haven Division is planning a banquet to commemorate its founding, May 9, 1909. On that date we will have attained our majority, 21 years old, and will celebrate accordingly. The banquet will be held on April 26

at the Roger Sherman restaurant. The price is of trivial importance, and is only recorded as a matter of form—\$2 per plate. All reservations must be in by April 19, to avoid possible disappointment. Requests for reservations should be made to Moise Chagnon, 90 1-2 Olivia St., Derby, Conn. This will be gala affair, and all Frats are welcome. Several local manufacturers have offered to donate suitable and valuable souvenirs of the occasion.

Chairman Chagnon is also preparing for a whist party on May 17, but admission, place, etc., are yet to be announced.

Stephen Syrotiak expects soon to be the proud owner of one of Henry Ford's products, trading his ancient gas buggy for a more modern one.

The writer would like to see made some suitable plan for a home for aged and infirm Frats, located in some nice warm state where there is no danger from floods or earthquakes. The Society has reached the stage of its existence where it should do something for its aged and infirm members besides furnishing death and disability benefits.

**ROCKFORD***By B. F. Jackson*

At our meeting on the 8th, we decided to enter the drive for new members, and help secure that 14,000. Watch our smoke! The greatest difficulty one meets in getting prospects is the parental objection. Somehow, many parents do not realize the advantage of life insurance for the deaf, nor of the social and fraternal advantage co-incident to becoming a member of the N. F. S. D. Then there is that habit of procrastination so prevalent among young men. "Will join when I get married," they say. They never get married. No sensible girl will marry a man that does not carry some form of life insurance as a protection to her and her children. And there is no better protection offered the deaf than that offered by our Society.

Fred Shatwell and Wilford Picchioni were among those who attended the mask ball of Chicago Division No. 1 on the 1st.

The series of card parties started in Rockford by Fred Shatwell, and held weekly at the homes of various Frats have proven very popular, and will be continued through April. On March 29 there will be a party and St. Patrick entertainment at the church, 412 N. Church St., or, if the dismantling of the church is begun before that, it will be held at Tegnar Hall, 1016 4th Ave., where the Division meetings are held.

Harry Long has been appointed chairman of the Division's annual

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picnic, and promises something new in the way of entertainment. It will be a wow! Announcement of date and place will be made later.

George Bright and bride, who was Mrs. Winnifred Bishoff, were given a surprise shower by Frats and friends at the home of the Maffolis on March 9. The couple were taken completely by surprise, and were presented with a magnificent parlor table. George, realizing the importance of the step he has taken, has rented a 180-acre farm near Genoa, Ill., and he and his bride are now happily settled there. He is considering the purchase of a tractor, soon.

To the late Ernest G. Swangren, who passed away on February 10, Rockford Division owes its existence more than to any other man. He labored hard and long to secure enough members to start a Division, and also did all of the corresponding with Headquarters back in 1916, when the Division was organized. Peace to his ashes. A large number of the deaf attended his funeral, and besides sending flowers, the Division made a contribution to the Illinois Home for Aged Deaf as a memorial.

The Emmanuel Episcopal church, where Rev. Brother Flick holds services monthly, and where the I. A. D. Boosters Club and convention committee have held meetings and entertainments during the past year, is soon to give way to a handsome new structure to be erected on the same spot. The I. A. D. local committee is now looking for another location.

#### BERKELEY

*By W. A. Cotter*

Melvin Davidson, whose almond crop gave a successful yield, has asked for an increase in his sick and accident benefit to \$25 a week. The Division gave its approval. While he is strong and healthy, accidents happen, and we think his move a wise one, and one that others will do well to follow.

Floyd Hatcher, who moved to Los Angeles two years ago, has been given a transfer card to that Division, in accordance with Grand Division rules.

The Division has voted to discontinue assessing fines for non-attendance at meetings, unless the absences are three or more, when the president is authorized to assess a fine.

Herman H. Kohn of Akron Division, and Ernest Songey of San Francisco Division were visitors at our last meeting. Brother Kohn gave us an interesting talk, mostly about the early days of the Society.

After the whist social on February 26, a surprise was tendered Division Secretary Cotter, in honor of his serv-

ices as president of the St. Francis de Sales Society of the Deaf, from which post he recently retired. He received several nice presents.

#### HARTFORD

*By H. V. Jarvis*

Don't forget the Division's oyster supper on April 26 at the parish house of Christ church, Main and Church Sts. Did you ever eat an oyster? If not, follow these instructions, given a la Walt Mason: "Don't drown him deep in vinegar, or season him at all; don't cover up his shining form with pepper like a pall; but gently lift him from his shell, and firmly hold your breath, then with your eager tongue and teeth, just tickle him to death." Oh, boy, that will be great! Send in your reservation now. Address Ernest Smith, School for the Deaf, West Hartford, Conn.

Prospective new members, now is your chance to join at a reduced rate of only \$3, good until June 10. Why wait? See or write our deputy, M. P. Silverman, 447 Garden St., Hartford, or to the Division secretary. We want you.

#### SEATTLE

*By A. W. Wright*

At the March meeting of the Division the question of a memorial to our late Grand President Gibson came up for discussion. It was the opinion of the members that it would be time wasted to work on any elaborate memorial; it would serve no beneficial or adequate purpose. As Oscar Sanders expressed it, "to carry on to a larger and stronger Society would be the greatest memorial our 'Gib' could have." But still it would be most fitting for the Divisions to mark the grave, and a few dollars from each Division would be ample for the purpose. This discussion was held before the last issue of THE FRAT reached us, and in it we observe that others have expressed ideas along the same line.

A number of Tacoma boys were over to attend the meeting. There are now enough members in that city to form a Division, but it would barely get by. So the boys have wisely decided that there is little to gain, and everything to expend, if a charter was granted them.

#### BROOKLYN

*By T. J. Cosgrove*

See you in Buffalo in August, or Boston in 1931. Start saving.

Brooklyn Division has renewed its

lease on the lodge room at Odd Fellows' Hall. The cost for one meeting a month, for one year is \$150.00. That is an enormous sum and it is your duty to attend the meetings of your division. Brooklyn tries to provide the best place it can possibly secure for your comfort. So why not show your appreciation and make it a practice to attend. The March meeting had over 150 members present. (You are in luck; No. 1 pays \$300 for the same number of meetings. —Ed.)

Past-President Harry J. Goldberg, who completed his third consecutive term last December, then retired, was presented with a handsome portrait as a gift from the division in recognition of his services. Brother and Mrs. Goldberg expressed sincere appreciation for the kindness of the Division, as well as extreme satisfaction in the choice of the gifts.

Chairman Tom Cosgrove of the Picnic Committee, scheduled for August, (after the Buffalo N. A. D. meet), announced the several members who will assist him in the preparations. They are Past-President Goldberg, Brothers La Curto, Davis, Pachter, Di Anno, Blumenthal, Kerwin and Secretary McDermott.

Noticing President Stigliabotti's lapel button was either lost, strayed or stolen, a group of his friends presented him with a charm and a watch chain at the March meeting. President Stigliabotti declared he would cherish the gift "Until death do we part." It was a very noticeable addition to his make-up at the annual ball and was admired by many.

There is plenty of "meat" in the table at the bottom of page 11 in the February FRAT. Get it out and look it over closely again. It is, to us, big news in a little way, and you are certain to learn more about your Society if you take the trouble to digest its contents.

For instance: New York State has 10 divisions with a total membership of 847 up to Dec. 31, 1929. Last year there were added 55 new members all through the State and only a single death is recorded against us. Ohio is nearest in membership.

Would it be asking too much of the boys of the Empire State, one and all in the 10 Divisions to make an effort to put us over the top as the first State in the 1000 membership mark? Brooklyn has over 300 members and therefore should bear the burden of the intended increase, or to be exact one-third of the 150 new members needed is our quota. Carry On! We must.

The writer has noticed Chicago's scheme for increasing membership by footing the fees, except medical. The idea is not new to him. He offered a similar suggestion to Brooklyn Division at the time the Grand Division started the \$3 movement. Brooklyn could not see things very clearly at that time and so the motion was lost, completely. But we want to say, we still believe it can work, and will

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The Boston Club attached to Brooklyn Division will hold a Boxing Carnival on Saturday evening, April 26th, at Odd Fellows' Hall. Brother Di Anno is in charge of arrangements.

Check up another for Brooklyn Division. The ball has come and gone, and like its many predecessors adds another chapter to the history of the Division's social activities. It was socially and financially a success, with over 1,500 in attendance, and the masqueraders numbering about 60 or 70 of both sexes. The costumes were brilliant and clever, and amply proved that the wearers had spent many hours on their make-ups in the hope that they would be able to carry away some of the \$100 in gold offered as prizes. Many were disappointed, but each year it is the same, and they always vow never to make another attempt to design a costume for this affair of Brooklyn Division. However, when the ball rolls around you always find them back again, more ambitious than ever.

Joe Call had charge of this year's affair, and he and his untiring assistants deserve praise for their months of preparations, which were carried out with clock-work precision. The others on the committee were Brothers Seltzer, LaCurto, Gabriel, Tarlen, Di Anno, Reddington, Blumenthal, Seibold, Kirwin and Clousner. The beautiful K. of C. auditorium was admired, and proved a pleasing place to all. The building is a \$3,000,000 structure situated at the entrance to Prospect Park and the gateway to Long Island, and will, no doubt, be secured for all of the Division's future balls.

There were many visitors from other Divisions near and far. To append their names it would have been necessary for the writer to have a registration desk on the floor, but this he was averse to, being like the majority, "out for a good time." However, that jovial and pleasing Frat from Philadelphia, Johnny Roach, was present, as well as that other Johnny, O'Rourke of Massachusetts. These two "Jules Vernes" are probably as well known here as any of the "prominents" who make the city their home.

President Stigliabotti was all smiles, and let it be known to all assembled that no one was more pleased than Brooklyn Division to again be of service to the deaf and their hearing friends.

## KENOSHA

*By T. R. Meredith*

Joseph J. Martin and Ambrose Castana were the surprised and pleased recipients of nice presents from the Division, recently. The presents were in recognition of the excellent and long-continued services of the two brothers as officers of the Division. They had some difficulty in expressing their thanks, so surprised were they.

A social committee has been appointed to take charge of the social activities of the Division during 1930. The members are George Hebard, Francis Davis, Henry Bickel, Vincent Strang, Thomas Meredith and George Johnson. The next social will be held at the Knights of Columbus hall on March 22.

Brother and Mrs. Otis Zentzis of Plaza, Wash., spent a week in Kenosha last month. The Division gave a reception in their honor. They were pleased to meet many old friends, some of whom they had not seen for nine years.

Business at the local Nash plant is rather dull at present, several of our members working only four days a week.

## KALAMAZOO

*By Daniel Tellier*

The postponement of our regular meeting from March 1 to March 8 enabled the local basket ball fans to witness an interesting game between the teams of the Flint and Columbus schools. The Flint boys were originally scheduled to play the Indiana school team, but for some reason the Columbus team was substituted. The game was played at the Flint school, and both teams played a clean game.

The Division will hold a St. Patrick's Day social on March 15, at Moose Temple. John R. Orvis will be in general charge of the affair. Color schemes of green and white will predominate, and the games and eats will be of the Irish variety, in keeping with the occasion. A nominal admission will be charged.

The spectre of misfortune has been among us lately. Mrs. M. M. Taylor of Allegan had a bad fall last January, sustaining a broken arm. Thanks to the care of her daughter, a trained nurse, she is doing finely. Around the New Year, the family of Merton Francisco were down with influenza, with pneumonia threatened, but all have recovered. And lately Fred Wheeler, Sr., was summoned to the school at Flint, where his son Edwin was down with meningitis, at the city hospital. At this writing his condition has sufficiently improved to allow of his being moved to the school hospital.

## DAYTON

*By A. H. Peterson*

The valentine social given by our Division on February 15 was a success financially and socially, and there was a good attendance. "Postmaster" Wiggenhorn was very busy during the

evening, delivering several hundred missives, appropriate to the occasion, for which he charged anywhere from one cent to a dime, and he did a land-office business. Ray Craig, an aspirant for artistic honors, drew many cartoons, some of which were very creditable, and the likenesses good. Refreshments were sold, and several articles auctioned off to the highest bidder. All in all, the evening passed off very pleasantly. Among out of town visitors we noticed Brother and Mrs. Ray Black, Piqua, Miss Alma Burkett, Troy, Brother and Mrs. John Melampy, Lebanon, and Reuben Fetters, West Milton.

Don't forget our silver jubilee celebration on May 30, 31 and June 1. Watch for announcements in THE FRAT, the Ohio Chronicle and the American Deaf Citizen.

## ST. PAUL-MINNEAPOLIS

*By J. J. McNeill*

Elmer Fiedler and Clara Bednarz were united in marriage by Rev. Bjorlee at Faribault, on February 15. They will make their future home in Minneapolis, where Brother Fiedler has a good job. Both are very popular with the deaf here. He is an all-around athlete, and a graduate of the Minnesota school. Mrs. Fiedler was educated at St. Anna Convent, Montreal, and at Minneapolis day schools. We offer our congratulations, and wish them a happy wedded life.

Mrs. Laura I. Brant, wife of Brother Fred Brant, passed away on February 17, at the home of her daughter in Osseo. The funeral was held from the Episcopal church in Anoka, Rev. Fenner of Gethsemane Episcopal Mission for the Deaf in Minneapolis officiating, with Mrs. Petra Howard interpreting. A big crowd of deaf friends attended the funeral. We all extend the family our deepest sympathy. We have lost a good friend who was always willing to lend a hand at parties, etc.

## TOLEDO

*By S. G. Henry*

Our 1930 membership drive is getting under way. The deputy organizer has his sleeves rolled up, and says

## HOSPITALITY

**L**ODGES are like homes. There is something wrong with that household which never receives a guest. If our lodge is honored by a host of visitors constantly returning, it means that we are gracious hosts dispensing pleasing hospitality. With open arms let us meet the visitor at the threshold of our temple, and make him feel that he is indeed entering his home. By so doing, we create an atmosphere of friendliness, harmony and brotherly love.



we are going to have at least 100 members by the end of the year. We now have 85 members, recently losing two by the death of Frank Cook, and the transfer to Atlanta Division of Herman Ware. Non-resident members should look over their neighborhoods, and send a list of any prospects to the secretary, so that they can be followed up.

Delavan Division is not the only Division that pays local sick and accident benefits in addition to salaries of officers, etc. We pay \$5 per week benefits to both resident and non-resident members. We started doing this in January, 1928, and since then we have paid out a total of \$335 in benefits.

At our March meeting Edward Hetzel was elected delegate, and Frank Neal, alternate, to the state convention of the Ohio Divisions to be held at Cincinnati from July 3 to 6.

John Curry was in general charge of our social on February 15, assisted by Brothers Lee, Augustus and Reinbolt, with Mrs. Curry, Mrs. Augustus and Mrs. Lee of the Aux-Frats lending a sisterly hand with the refreshments. Games were played, and a general good time had. Allie Hutcherson, a member of Huntington Division, was a visitor at the social.

#### SOUTH BEND

*By R. A. Rhoads*

The Division has purchased a life-size photograph of the late Grand President Gibson from Brother Pach. It has been framed, and the words "Carry On" in black letters upon a gold background, put in a smaller frame, and attached to the bottom of the photograph. It now adorns the wall of the Moose hall where we hold our meetings, and will be an inspiration to use at every meeting.

Vernon Sosomen recently had the misfortune to be hit by an auto, and was painfully, but not seriously hurt. He appeared at our March meeting with his head swathed in bandages. Another one who has been under the weather is Donald Herran, one of our La Porte members. At present writing he is much improved, and we hope to see him with us next month.

Russell Diehl, a member of Pittsburgh Division, dropped into town a few months ago, and was lucky enough to land a job, and has been with us since, but has not decided whether to stay or not. We hope that he does, and that we get a transfer soon.

Working conditions in South Bend, like most everywhere, are very poor. The Studebaker plant, where most of our members work, is running on less than half time. But so far all of us

have managed to keep the wolf from the door, and we hope for a better future.

#### PORTLAND, ORE.

*By H. P. Nelson*

On Saturday evening, February 22, about 100 enjoyed a party given by the Division at the W. O. W. Temple. Frank Thayer was chairman, assisted by Brothers Sanders, Fred Wondrack, John Wondrack, Lynch and Delanoy. The latter was doorman.

The annual picnic of the Portland-Seattle Frats will be held at Longview, Wash., on Saturday and Sunday, August 2 and 3, according to announcements by Charles Lawrence, the Division's chairman. Brother Lawrence has chosen as his assistants Brothers Craven, Lynch, Greenwald and Kautz. The committee will soon go out to look up a good location for the picnic. The program will be announced later.

Division Treasurer Reichle is anxious to locate a former member of this Division, Frank Johnson, who disappeared from his home at McMinnville, Ore., over a year ago. Anyone knowing his whereabouts will be doing both Treasurer Reichle and Mr. Johnson a favor by sending in such information. He is a tall man, bald, and shy one or two fingers on one hand. Age, about 52 years. Send information to the secretary, or to the treasurer, J. O. Reichle, 900 E. 6th St., Portland, Ore.

Miles Sanders came near losing one of his fingers recently, but luck was with him, and he got off with a bad cut that laid him up for some weeks. Cause, a planing machine where he is employed.

Brothers Ward and Barthlow are now back at work at the Ford plant, after a lay-off of several weeks. Brother Eden has applied for a job there, and hopes to be taken on. He was employed for a time at the large Doernbecher furniture factory, but was laid off last fall.

#### MILWAUKEE

*By E. E. Rosenfield*

The Division's annual picnic will be held this year at Fernwood Park, on August 3, under the management of Edwin Dubratz. He assures us that it is going to be a success, and he wants all members of the Division, and all our friends in neighboring cities to plan to attend. They will have a good time.

B. F. Prochnow, Oakwood, and Louis Bechard, Racine, were visitors at our March meeting, and apparently enjoyed themselves.

Hubert Booz, our deputy organizer, promises to do his very best in 1930. Working conditions are against us in securing new members, but when things get better, we feel certain we can land quite a few more members.

Some of our members are trying to organize a bowling club. If successful, they want to try conclusions with some of the Milwaukee leagues.

#### SPRINGFIELD, ILL.

*By J. G. Otto*

Get one! We did. He was Robert Greenan, and we initiated him at our last meeting.

John Otto recently engineered a St. Valentine party that was a fine success. Of the proceeds, \$19 went to the Illinois Home for Aged Deaf as a memorial to the late Grand President Gibson.

At our April meeting we will occupy our new hall, well ventilated, well lighted and much improved. It is Carpenters' Hall, Fifth and Monroe Sts. Brother Redlich found the hall for us. It is near his cigar store on Monroe St.

Because of the Peoria and Decatur picnics and the Jacksonville reunion last year, the Division held no picnic. But this year we will have one. We were in doubt as to whether July 4 or Labor Day would be the best time, but have decided upon July 4. But the committee will do some studying of out of town possibilities before deciding on that date, which falls on Friday. They may decide on Saturday, July 5, or Sunday, July 6. Watch the coming events column in THE FRAT, for final decision.

The Division has secured a photograph of the late Grand President Gibson, and it was hung in our hall at the February meeting.

We are planning for an Easter party sometime in April, the proceeds to go to the delegate fund.

#### LOWELL

*By Leo Joncas*

On Saturday, May 10, the Division will celebrate the 10th anniversary of its organization with a banquet at Highland Hall, 131 Branch St., Lowell, at 6:30 p. m. Our regular business meeting, scheduled for the same date, will be held a week earlier, on May 3. Both resident and non-resident members are requested to make note of this change. The principal speakers at the banquet will be William F. Durian of Hartford, and William H. Battersby of Boston. Those desiring to attend should make early reservations. Apply to Colin C. McCord, 87 Andrews St., Lowell.

On February 25 Brother and Mrs. Frank D. Williams of Haverhill celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary at their home. According to a half-column newspaper clipping from a local paper, it was some affair, with

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## TORONTO

*By C. L. McLaughlin*

Despite the intense cold weather which prevailed on Saturday evening, February 15, a large gathering of the deaf, including several from adjoining towns, enjoyed a successful St. Valentine box social given by the Division. They also came to pay "homage" to Silas Baskerville, who retired as president of the Division, which office he had held for three years, and also as chairman of the social committee, which post he had filled for five years. Under his efficient management the Division expanded wonderfully. As a slight token of appreciation from the members, Brother Baskerville was presented with a beautiful arm-chair, lamp stand and clock. He had not been forewarned of what was to happen, and was completely taken by surprise. The ladies, mostly Frats' wives or "sweeties," had prepared dainty cakes for the box social, which were auctioned off under the skillful direction of Brother Jaffray. This gave us an appreciable and appreciated addition to our local fund.

There has been nothing eventful lately to be chronicled in *THE FRAT*, but we hope to have more items for the next issue.

## BUFFALO

*By R. B. Heacock*

Buffalo is making great preparations for the N. A. D. convention to be held here next August, and the members of the Division are counting on a good bunch of Frats being here at that time. Among other things, it will be a good chance to see Niagara Falls; so get ready to pack the bag and come.

About 20 of the Buffalo Frats attended a party at the home of Thomas Hinchey, in Syracuse, on Washington's

birthday. Tom is an agreeable fellow, and the bunch enjoyed the blow-out, as well as the speech by J. J. Coughlin, who outlined convention plans for the benefit of the Syracuse bunch.

Lawrence Smythe was recently called to Canada to take his examination in Civics, in connection with his plans to get into the Canadian postal service. Our members wish him good luck, not only in the examination, but afterward.

Fred Peasland, the quietest man in No. 40 and one of the best-liked Frats anywhere, outdid himself, with a burst of genuine oratory, when he accepted the chairmanship of the committee to manage the Division's card party on April 26. The party will be held in Crescent Hall, and with Fred at the head of the committee, it ought to be a humdinger.

Don't forget—you're coming to Buffalo with the N. A. D. in August.

## MIAMI

*By R. H. Rou*

On February 5th Miami Division's banquet went over the top, and then some. Covers were laid for 35, showing the size of the crowd that turned out for it. The various speakers acquitted themselves very well, and the general arrangements were such that the members of the committee having it in charge deserve medals. The committee was composed of Brothers Morris, Blount and Rou.

There was no general observance of Washington's birthday by the Division, but a number of Frats, discovering that it was the 25th wedding anniversary of Brother and Mrs. Cleveland Davis, seized the opportunity and made a raid on the Davis home, located about eight or nine miles out in the northwest end, taking with them their wives and an E-Z Way oil range, the latter as a gift to the happy couple. Refreshments were served by their daughter, Mrs. Blount, assisted by Mrs. W. A. McIntyre of Wildwood, N. J., who is wintering here with her husband and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Purvis of Philadelphia, Pa. Anecdotes were told about the couple and their children, Callie, now Mrs. Blount, and Jimmy, a pupil at the St. Augustine School for the Deaf, making the time pass pleasantly.

Miami Division news will appear in *THE FRAT* once every two or three months, and it will be well for the Florida members and those interested in Florida doings to watch for them.

Say, have you moved lately? Expect to? The secretary feels impelled to ask because some of our members complain of not getting their copy of *THE FRAT* regularly. How can you expect to, if you move and fail to notify the secretary of your new address? When moving, at once notify your Division secretary, so he can relay it to the Home Office, and have your address corrected on the mailing list.

## CINCINNATI

*By J. M. Shepherd*

At our March meeting we barely had a quorum, due to the bad weather. It was announced that the date, July 3 to 6, chosen by the local committee for the state convention, had been officially accepted by the officers of the state association. A visitor at this meeting was H. G. Reeves of Atlanta Division. But we missed Earl Renaker, who has been laid up several weeks. He is the only one of our non-resident members who did not miss a meeting of the Division throughout the year 1929.

The state convention committee announces that it has chosen the Metropole Hotel at the headquarters of the convention. They also have under consideration a place for holding a smoker, and one for holding a picnic. Final decisions will be announced later. For information and reservations, communicate with the committee secretary, Adelbert Watters, 6456 McHugh Place, Kennedy Heights, Cincinnati, O.

Brother and Mrs. Albert Bender are rejoicing over the advent of a baby girl. Brother Bender was so overjoyed that he bought an Essex coach instead of a baby buggy. Another who is chuckling over the antics of the stork is our social member, William E. Hoy, who recently welcomed his first grandson, a 10-pounder. To be born so healthy would surely put him in line to follow in the footsteps of his illustrious grandsire, one-time big leaguer.

## LOS ANGELES

*By A. D. Ruggero*

On February 22 the Division held its first big event of the year, the annual grand ball. Arranged by Brother Himmelsheim and his aides, it went over with a bang, and was a huge success, both financially and socially. In spite of the heavy rain on that evening, a crowd of about 350 turned out for the ball. The net return to our treasury was about \$160. Among the visitors from out of town we noted Samuel Frankenheim of New York, and Ward Small of Santa Barbara.

The entertainment committee headed by Brother Ruggero has made out a program of entertainments that should give the Division members and their friends plenty of enjoyment from



## Blessings Of Newspapers

I DON'T know what I'd do without newspapers. I cover everything in the attic with them. I lie on them when I tinker with my car. I occasionally use them for wrapping paper. I start fires with them in the furnace. I put them on chairs I have to stand on. I save the floors with them. I have use for them a hundred times a day. I keep them for the Salvation Army. I advertise in them. What would I do without the printed word!—E. J. Kiefer.

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now on. A "500' and bunco party will be held at A. C. D. hall on March 26, under the chairmanship of Brother Witwer. A May dance will be staged on May 10, with Brother Elliott in charge, and he intends to make it the best ever. If you miss it, don't blame me. On July 4 there will be a picnic for everybody at Brookside Park, Pasadena. This will be the biggest and best ever held by the Division, according to Chairman Ruggero. Watch for particulars in later issues of THE FRAT. On September 6 it is proposed to hold a rally at Odd Fellows' Hall. Details later. At Sunset Hall, on November 10, an armistice dance will be held. To make sure that you do not miss any of the above events, paste this in your hat.

On March 1 our business meeting was held in Odd Fellows' Hall, and we found it much better than the old hall we had been using.

Simon Himmelschein has been going around with a broad smile lately. Do you know why? Baby? Nix, not that—you should know better; he isn't married yet. But he will be, soon. That is why he is wearing the smile that won't come off.

Another who is all smiles is Webster Winn, one of our latest new members. He and Mary Zenk got themselves hitched together with the "tie that binds." Congratulations! May they have twins, and name them "Carry" and "On."

Spring this on your non-Frat friend: "7,000 Frats can't be wrong—get on the right side with us."

### SIoux FALLS

*By E. P. Olson*

It is so long since news from Sioux Falls Division appeared in THE FRAT that most of you think that, like the farmer's pup, we have gone off and died. Such is not the case, however. No. 74 is still very much alive, and at its February meeting the members expressed a desire to have our news in THE FRAT, so the writer was appointed news reporter.

The Division has held several parties, and realized neat sums therefrom. The latest was held on February 15. Brothers Jones and Krohn had the affair in charge, and \$18 was realized.

At our December meeting we were pleased to have several non-resident members present. They were John Wudel, Parkston, Herbert Stearns, Valley Springs, Peter Dalgaard, Sherman, and Ole Evans, Dell Rapids. Norman Larson of Jasper, Minn., was also present. He is a member of Faribault Division.

The latest member to join our Division is Ben Jack Soukup of Wagner, who graduated from the South Dakota school last June.

At our February meeting the members discussed the advisability of holding a banquet, and decided the question in the affirmative, choosing May 17 as the date. Brothers Burnes

and Loucks will have the affair in charge, and the banquet will be held at Carpenter Hotel, the leading hotel in Sioux Falls, and which has an excellent cuisine. The banquet will be given to celebrate the 10th anniversary of our Division.

Division President Sam Q. Wellington recently purchased a lot with bungalow out in the Highland addition, and now he and his family are enjoying its comforts.

To Byron Burnes goes the medal for making the longest Christmas trip of any the deaf in this neck of the woods. He and his trusty little Oldsmobile went way down to Fruitdale, Ala., and back, covering 3,521 miles. On the way, he ran into a section of country that was experiencing the worst snow storm in 15 years. You know what General Sherman said of war. Well, that is B. B. B.'s opinion of some of the roads he encountered. But he returned home without mishap, though disappointed in not being able to visit his alma mater at Talladega, Ala., the roads being such that he could not make it. He visited the Missouri school on his way home.

### BIRMINGHAM

*By A. L. D. Harper*

Birmingham Division has been sawin' wood and sayin' nothin' for so long that the impression has gotten out that this town is dead, when as a matter of fact it is very much alive, and No. 73 is thriving. The meetings are well attended and there is a spirit of helpfulness and co-operation among the members that is truly Fraternal. There is some unemployment, but business is picking up and the prediction is made that within a short time everyone will have that much desired thing—a job.

At a recent meeting of the executive committee of the Alabama Association of the Deaf it was decided to accept Superintendent McNeil's invitation to hold the regular triennial convention of the Association at the state school in Talladega, Sept. 1, 2 and 3. Committees are being appointed, and an attractive program arranged.

The deaf of the city are glad that the newly appointed Episcopal Missionary to the Deaf of the South, the Rev. Mr. Fletcher, has chosen Birmingham as his headquarters. Mr. Fletcher is an Alabama boy who is making good, and already his influence is felt here. Large crowds attend his Saturday evening lectures and his Sunday services at the Church of the Advent. When he is away, Sunday School is conducted by James E. Stiles.

### READING

*By E. C. Ritchie*

The Raymond E. Price class, named in honor of the 100th member of Reading Division, was initiated March 8. The smoker in their honor was a success from all sides, but one—only three of the seven in the class showed up, viz: Brothers Price, Clements and Yiengst. The other four living at a

distance, were so effected by the serious unemployment situation now existent in this section, that they were unable to come. The affair, however, drew a large delegation from York, Allentown and Philadelphia.

Unemployment has seriously affected Reading Division. It, as above stated, prevented the four from attending our smoker to be initiated; it has given us a list of seven suspensions for arrears; it has compelled the resignation of our treasurer and senior trustee, both of whom served us many years, and it has put a crimp in our recruiting powers right after the splendid showing of last year, and just at a time when we are eager to show up well in the Gibson Memorial campaign.

Notices regarding the change in the office of treasurer have been sent out, and as a reminder I repeat the name and address of the new treasurer, Maynard G. Robbins, 201 New Holland Ave., Shillington, Pa.

Brothers R. M. Williams, Ray Stites and Sydney Armfield are reported on sick or accident list. All three, however, are not deemed of a serious nature, and their early recovery is hoped for by the brothers of No. 54.

Brother Corey E. Allen, of Allentown, was present at the recent smoker through the kindness of Brother McCormick. Brother Shantz was also noted as present.

### DALLAS

*By T. E. Hill*

Noticing various rumblings from Chicago and other points as to the next fraternal derby, the Maverick took a trip out into the sticks and looked over Dallas Division's Longhorn Steer, to see if it had recovered of the mess of Boston Beans, fed it in Denver by A. A. Sinclair. Finding the steer raring, and snorting to go, we hereby announce that the Longhorn Steer, from Dallas Division No. 63, will be on the inside track at the Boston Marathon. So, Brother Frats, instruct your delegates to vote for Dallas for 1935.

Comment anent the proposed Gibson Memorial, in the February issue of THE FRAT, brings forth the opinion of Dallas Division that no marble or bronze statue of any kind be erected, but a living memorial in some fitting

### Wasting Talent

THE tragedy of life is the waste of talent, talent that is stifled because men and women with personality never get waked up so they can use it. They go through life like walking machines, doing only what they are told to do by others. They remain slaves because they have never lapped the spring of original intelligent creative work, never realized the power which is in every one of them.—John Mantle Clapp.



manner be made for the memory of our departed brother and president. Doing as he said, "Carry On," and doubling the membership in 1930, would be a good start. Dallas Division has decided to donate one-half of the application fee of \$5.00 to each and every member taken in during 1930. We have already gotten off to a good start with two or three members for the year, and expect to increase our membership steadily through the year, so any one desiring to join through Dallas Division will be accepted for \$2.50 instead of the customary \$5.00.

Dallas Division mourns with Brothers C. D. Pickett, Jr., Edwin Cochran, Ike B. Ries and Troy E. Hill, as deaths in the immediate families of each of these brothers occurred in February, 1930.

April 26th, 1930, is the date set for our big show and entertainment, which will probably be given in the City Hall Auditorium, or the Little Theatre. A southern showing of the "Meeting of the Old Maids' Matrimonial Club," such as that given in Detroit will be given, and various other acts. Proceeds will be divided equally between the Dallas Division Gibson Memorial Fund, and the Fund for the Home for the Aged and Infirm Deaf of Texas.

A social will be given the last Saturday of each month, beginning with the April entertainment. Non-resident members of the Division are requested to pay us a visit now and then. Notice is hereby given that the Division does not meet on the first Saturday now, but on the first Tuesday, instead, at the Y. M. C. A.

### PEORIA

*By C. J. Cunningham*

The passing of Brother Gibson seems to have done nothing but spur the entire membership of Fraternity to carry out his last wish—"Carry On." Number Ninety feels that duty like other Divisions and will go after new members with renewed effort. If each member lands a new member, we will have double our present quota and it would be a credit to us, as well as to the memory of "Gib." Let's go, Ninety!

The Aux Frats are certainly a peppy bunch. On March 1st, just prior to our regular meeting, they served us with a chicken supper—yes, an honest-to-goodness chicken dinner with all the trimmings. It netted them a neat sum, and the brothers went to the meeting with that "satisfied feeling" in their tummies. 'Tis said that quite a few were rather drowsy as the meeting wore on. The Aux Frats are planning another surprise for the Frats in the near future and we can bank our week's pay check that it will be better than the chicken supper.

March 15th saw a St. Patrick Party in full swing at Proctor Recreation Center, sponsored by No. 90. It was a hurriedly arranged affair, as no previous notice had been given, but thanks to the personnel of the committee, two of whom were dyed-in-the-

wool Sons of Erin, the affair went over big. The committee consisted of Brothers Keefe, Gallagher and Loer.

We understand that Springfield Division is planning a picnic on July 4th. Peoria will steer clear of that date and go down to the Capital city en masse and help Rudy shoot off his fireworks. However, we intend to put over a big, yes—a BIG picnic on Labor Day. Watch for further announcement in THE FRAT.

Eldon Gedney, a resident of Peoria, works at Champaign, Ill., ninety odd miles away, but he never misses a meeting, and refuses to be classed as a non-resident. Here's one REAL Frat. Wish we had more like him.

### WASHINGTON

*By H. L. Tracy*

A recent issue of the Washington Post, the national capital's leading morning newspaper, contained an interesting account of the founding of Gallaudet College by Edward Miner Gallaudet, who served as president for fully half a century, from the facile pen of David Peikoff, a recent graduate of the college, now a linotype operator and embryo journalist. The article was illustrated and the "E. M. G. Fund" given a great boost.

At the recent initiation of a number of suppliants into the mysteries of Kappa Gamma Fraternity of Gallaudet College, quite a number of members of No. 46 were on hand. Having "gone thru the mill," it is quite natural for us to look for new N. F. S. D. members among these young Kendall Greeners. Hope some can see their way to do so ere they cross the threshold of college life and enter life's bivouac.

Through some queer slip, the marriage of John McIntosh to a charming hearing lassie about two years ago has escaped notice on the part of officers and members of Washington Division until very recently. Feeling "it is better late than never," fellow Frats surprised this reticent brother at the March meeting at Northeast Masonic Temple by presenting him with a handsome initialed traveling bag as a token of their "best wishes for a long and happy wedded life." Brother McIntosh has some responsible position in the office of Nature Magazine, a highly illustrated monthly, published in Washington.

Two of No. 46's hustlers—Gerald Ferguson and E. J. McIlvaine—are among those who have been commended by Ripley for contributions to his "Believe It or Not" department in the metropolitan dailies. Each has been made the recipient of complimentary copies of Ripley's book.

The "pal" we hinted Albert Rose would devotedly entertain thru the use of a de luxe Essex has come to reside permanently, she, Miss Ruth Shannon of Huntington, W. Va., having consented to join him "for better, for worse" at high noon at Roanoke, Va., March 1st, in the presence of members of the bride's family. Mrs. Rose once attended Gallaudet, where she met the

groom. All join in welcoming the charming young lady and hope she will find the national capital an ideal home place.

Woodward & Lothrop, Washington's great department store, recently celebrated its fiftieth anniversary and, in addition to selling tip-top goods at bargain prices, awarded each one of the employees a five dollar gold piece, including Mrs. Ruth Leitch Isaacson, Mrs. Ella Galloway and Mrs. W. P. Souder who have been loyal to the company the past ten years. These ladies are aux-frats par excellence.

Among the students who took part in the fine Saturday Night Club play, "The Lantern," one was Brother Morton Rosenfield, who made a great hit as Josi-Mosi, a Chinese Jew merchant. A large number of Frats from the city were on hand and cheered the actors to the skies.

### CLEVELAND

*By Harry T. McCann*

Our March meeting was a lively one, so full of pep and instructive debating it overshadowed the goodness of the two previous meetings of this year. It was of the kind the Society was intended for by its founders, and it is the kind we can whoop up with "Atta Boy—keep on stepping lively." The roll call, though, had a slight touch of invalidism due to several not having the spunk, nor grit, nor bravado, to venture from their cozy and warm fire-sides, fearing lest they would have to encounter the March lamb masquerading in the costume—or rather skin—of a lion. It was a bit chilly in the lodge room, but that chill was soon dissipated when most every brother joined in the interesting and instructive debating. Soon all were warmed up to a California or Florida thermometric notch, without either state adding us to their population. Had non-members been privileged to take in the meeting there is no doubt whatever that our Society would swell with the enrollment of many more good fellows who as yet need be convinced of the good and benefits of our great order. A lot of the "nons" are of high-blooded calibre, and we need them in and are waiting to see who has the ability to get them to sign up.

On February 22 our Division staged its biggest social event in the form of a masque ball, under the skilled direction of Chairman Mansky and his bunch of finely trained aides. It was in a class by itself—no previous event having ever been pulled off on so large a scale, nor in such an attractive way; the crowd was double that of any two combined social events of bygone years. It was a very colorful Mardi Gras, minus only the parade of decorated floats—if the crawling of one darky customized as a wash-woman can't be classed as a float.

Brothers came from everywhere within a 200-mile radius. They came to have a good time and they had it aplenty. Park Myers and his family were very much alive, and so were the



Fraters and others from Akron, including Brother Zitnik. By Fraters is meant Mrs. Frater and her little daughter. Brother Myles brought along a carload from Youngstown, and Myles was glad he sped many miles to greet the bunch of good brothers. Brother Hayes did not mind the inky blackness of the evening outside, for he made his hay in a corner feeling kinder sort of bluey 'cause our Pret Munger was down in Dayton punishing the maples. Chairman Mansky and his aides made a financial success of the masque, and the rising vote of the Division was but a small token of its appreciation of the first class work of the committee. Brother Mansky says he'll pull off a yet bigger and greater event, and we do not doubt he can, for he does possess the ability to go about and do what he says he will.

The Division chose as its representatives at the state convention its president, as delegate, and Brother McMullan as alternate.

The oralists, a fine bunch of young and active boys, who attended our masque in a body, have signified their intention of coming into our Society soon, and later having their own Division wherein they can do business in their oralistic way. Just when they will make the plunge is a matter of guesswork. It may materialize sooner than they themselves feel. Cleveland is big enough for the other Division and the boys of Number 21 will help the Oralists get started.

#### ATLANTA

*By Muriel Bishop*

Falling in line with plans to "Carry On," our Division expects to reduce the entrance fee from \$5.00 to \$3.00 for a limited time. Whether the fee is to be paid by the entrant, or out of Division funds will be decided at our next meeting. It is reported that Columbus, Ga., is a good field in the way of prospects. Deputy Organizer Dickerson and his aides are planning a visit down that way soon.

Our Division is ordering a photograph of Grand President Gibson, which will be hung in our meeting hall, at the Red Men's Wigwam.

No. 28 starts this year with three new members gained via transfers. Brothers I. H. Marchman and Gus G. Weil of Louisville, Ky., and James Stallings of Miami are the newcomers, though Brothers Marchman and Stallings are Georgians, who have found that home is the best place, after all.

A committee is working on arrangements for our anniversary celebration, and we will have something definite to announce next month.

News was received recently through Rev. Brother A. O. Wilson, that Rev. Brother J. W. Michaels, one of the oldest Frat members, has fully recovered from a very painful fall from a ladder, which occurred a month or so ago in his church at Fort Worth, Texas. Rev. Brother Michaels has many friends in Atlanta, who are looking forward with

pleasure—since it is rumored he will pay us a visit sometime this spring.

#### WORCESTER

*By D. J. Trask*

Spring is coming soon, and Worcester Division is getting ready to give another dance, which will be held at Red Men's Hall, 306 Main St., on April 26, instead of April 19, as previously decided. The young folks want to show off their Easter clothes, see? The writer will send out programs to neighboring Divisions soon.

Benjamin Goodstein of Brooklyn Division was in town recently, and called on the writer. He was formerly a member of our Division, transferring to Brooklyn. He was on his way to Boston to attend a party there on February 8.

A good many of our members have been "under the weather" lately. Lawrence Crowley had an operation for hernia, as did Henry Gour; John Sandberg was laid up several weeks with the grippe; Archie Laframboise was in St. Luke's hospital for some time; Lester Brownell is in the city hospital, suffering from a shock. We hope they will all be up and about again, soon.

Like most of the other Divisions, we are in the Gibson Memorial drive, and intend to get as many members as we can.

#### SAN DIEGO

*By L. B. Cartwright*

San Diego Division gave its first anniversary hot supper at their hall in East San Diego on December 28. Nearly all of the Frats and most of the non-Frats in San Diego were there, but few out of town people were present. All enjoyed the big feed immensely. Since its installation the Division has put a goodly sum in its local treasury, and it is now arranging to finance the trip of its delegate to Boston.

To a healthy man like President Grant Martin a tack doesn't look very big or dangerous, but a scratch from one laid him up some time with blood poisoning, but is now out of danger.

About half of the San Diego deaf took advantage of the two-day holiday, February 22 and 23, and went up to Los Angeles to the grand ball of that Division. All returned safely.

On April 19 we are going to have an Easter box social. Chairman Hinton is keeping in hiding, from which we infer that he has some surprise in store for us. More power to him! We will all be there, for we have had past experience with this foxy Brother Hinton.

Treasurer Law is back on the job after two weeks under the doctor's care. He had his tonsils removed.

Employment conditions in San Diego are no better than in other places, and we cannot encourage any one to come here looking for work. This is in answer to many inquiries we have received.

If you aren't more sensible than you are sensitive, you can't win.

## The Plugger



THE world acclaims a genius. Exalted intellectual power and creative ability should command universal respect. The faculty to excel in doing things independent of training or tuition is a rare gift of nature; but nature in her peculiar way has been sparing in these extraordinary beneficences. Marshal together all of the geniuses, known and unknown. There will be an imposing array, no doubt, but comparatively small and woefully insufficient to regulate the affairs of the world. And yet the world seems to function fairly well despite this handicap.

Not a small amount of credit for progress is due to a certain type that is interwoven in the expansive fabric of humanity. Not the slow, laborious, plodding sort who places sole reliance upon perseverance, but the so-called plugger. At the outset he has the intelligence to find his proper niche in the scheme of things, and he faces his chosen field with the conviction that it has no clearly defined path upon which he can tread effortlessly, leisurely, to the coveted goal. His is the realization that difficulties lie ahead; obstacles must be surmounted, opposition overcome. He loses no time in acquiring his fundamental knowledge. By further study, experimentation, and research, he aims to keep in a state of preparedness. Every opportunity to learn and do more is heartily welcomed, and he does not flinch at the hard work and sacrifice entailed. In his determination to compel the obscure to divulge its secrets, he is relentless. With a wealth of knowledge and experience as a background, he uses his creative powers to good advantage. He has imagination, intelligence, capacity for work, and perseverance. When these qualities are blended into one, success is inevitable.

The plugger may not startle the world with sporadic feats of brilliance, but he is assured a prominent place in the sun, and he leads an extremely useful and interesting life. The genius would enjoy the fruits of a more enduring success if he had some of the traits of the plugger in him.—A. I. B.



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# We Must Grow or Stagnate

*There is really no such thing as a middle ground. Unless you are digging you're liable to be covered up. Buck up or step down.*

## Constant Effort Wins

**D**ON'T rest on your oars because the current will take you down stream. That's the dickens of it. If you have had a good week and you slack up, Zowie—you lose all you gained. You must keep behind the punch all the while, otherwise, the punch will be as effective as a powder puff. We dare not give slack if we are to go forward. Look around you and note what you see: the fellows who are getting there are always the ones who are up and doing. They stay right behind their punch. Success always means fighting effort.

## The Human Mind

**T**HE most important things happen in our minds, and the problem of life is to control the mind and its workings! If you run, trouble will follow, but defy trouble and trouble will run from you.

Cultivate your mind, develop initiative, personality and experience. The power to do is within your mind. Make your contacts resulting in influence, take the "breaks" and remember the story of the successful business man who when accused of being lucky, replied, "Yes, I am lucky, and you know I've noticed that the harder I work, the luckier I seem to get."

Mind controls fear, anger, hate, sorrow, joy, happiness and failure or success. School yourself to meet fear by doing what you are afraid to do. Discard anger, hate and failure from your make-up. Meet the problems of life with a smile; work hard mentally and physically.

*He who spends seventeen cents a day idly spends more than sixty dollars a year, which is the price of the use of a thousand dollars.—The Florida Journal.*

**S**AVINGS represent much more than mere money value. They are proof that the saver is worth something in himself. Any fool can waste; any fool can muddle; but it takes something more of a man to save, and the more he saves the more of a man he becomes.—Rudyard Kipling.

**T**HERE may be splinters in the ladder of success, but you don't notice them unless you're sliding down!

## Taking Chances

**T**AKE a chance, says the captain of a team. Don't flunk—go right in. You may not bring it off; on the other hand, you may. That's the idea. There's just as much chance of being successful as of being a failure. It's a conundrum why we always choose to expect the latter. More people think of failing than of succeeding.

A man who never takes a chance never gets far. How can he? He must ever stay in a groove—a rut, and like Micaber he hopes and prays that, by waiting and trusting to the law of averages, something is bound to turn up. He doesn't think for a moment that it will be himself that will turn up; but that is what sometimes happens.

Attack is always better than defense, although, of course, you can't succeed very much if you've all attack and no defense. The boxer who wins the championship is he who knows how to do both.

It is a miserable life that never takes a chance. There is no color, no inspiration in such a mind. Of course, you must not throw all discretion and care and watchfulness to the wind when you do take a chance. That would be madness.—G. H. G.

**V**ERY FEW PEOPLE have weak eyes from too much looking on the bright side of things.

## Recipes For Success

**H**ARD work. It is the best investment one can make.

Study work. Knowledge enables anyone to work more intelligently and effectively.

Have initiative. Ruts often deepen into graves.

Love your work. Then you will find pleasure in mastering it.

Be exact. Slipshod methods bring slipshod results.

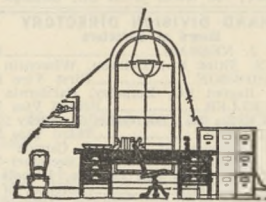
Cultivate personality. Personality is to any individual what perfume is to a flower.

Help and share with others. The real test of business greatness lies in giving opportunity to others.

Be democratic. Unless you feel right toward your fellow men you can never be a successful leader.

Have the spirit of conquest. Thus you can successfully battle and overcome difficulties encountered.

In all things do your best. Those who have done less than their best have done nothing.



**T**HE best way to get to the top of the tree is by getting down to the root of things.

## Old Dogs and New Tricks

**L**IKE a great many catch phrases, the old saying that "You can't teach an old dog new tricks" has been positively refuted by recent experiments by eminent psychologists. Tests have proved that a man of 50 can learn a new language more rapidly than a boy of 14. It has been demonstrated that a man of 50 can learn practically anything more rapidly than a young boy. But the problem is to arouse the adult's ambition to learn. In other words, a youngster is enthusiastic and anxious to learn but he can learn no more rapidly than the adult who is also anxious to learn. There are lazy boys, just the same as there are lazy adults. In the past we have been prone to compare the lazy adult with the energetic boy, which is not fair. The energetic adult can learn just as rapidly as the energetic boy. Therefore, those of us who call ourselves adults, need have no thought that there is no use trying to learn new ways and modern methods. It is only the lazy adults who will refuse to try.

## The Winner

**T**HE fellow who wins is the one who can come right back after every blow, the man who can stand the punishment and come up smiling every time, the one who increases his determination as the resistance to his purpose increases and holds on to his invincible faith in himself and the ultimate success of his efforts. The power of will and even temperament which are exercised under the most trying conditions often measure the difference between success and failure. When you are fighting the battles of life and business, it is not alone the natural opposition you are struggling with but self, the one individual you must be able to conquer and dictate to at all times.

*There is but one straight road to success and that is merit. The man who is successful is the man who is useful. Capacity never lacks opportunity. It can not remain undiscovered, because it is sought by too many anxious to use it.—Bourke Cochran.*



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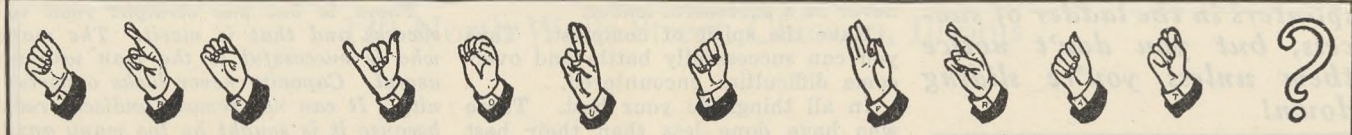
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Chauncey H. Laughlin	School for the Deaf
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109 W. Second Ave.—First Tuesday	
E. Morris Bristol	125 West Witherbee St.
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Silent Club, 221 W. Water St.—First Tuesday	
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Knights of Columbus Temple—First Tuesday	
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Moore Bldg., 1000 Walnut St.—First Saturday	
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I. O. O. F. Hall—Second Wednesday	
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Fraternal Hall, 19 Elm St.—Second Saturday	
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Bridge Street Turn Hall—First Saturday	
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1623 Arch St.—First Friday	
James F. Brady	202 Walnut St., Audubon, N. J.
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813 Walnut St.—First Friday	
Joe I. Jenkins	810 Ash Ave.
OMAHA No. 32	Omaha, Nebraska
Seymour Hall, 16th and Capitol Aves.—Second Saturday	
Harry G. Long	403 S. 48th Ave.
NEW ORLEANS No. 33	New Orleans, Louisiana
B. K. A. Bldg., 627 North St.—First Saturday	
William C. Goss	1401 Delery St.

KALAMAZOO No. 34	Kalamazoo, Michigan
Moore Temple, Portage St.—First Saturday	
Daniel Teller	1130 W. North St.
BOSTON No. 35	Boston, Massachusetts
Friendship Hall, 515 Tremont St.—First Saturday	
A. A. Sinclair	16 Princeton Ter., West Lynn, Mass.
PITTSBURGH No. 36	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
McGeagh Hall—First Saturday	
Fred Connor	508 Hazelwood Ave.
HARTFORD No. 37	Hartford, Connecticut
425 Ann St.—Second Saturday	
Harry V. Jarvis	18 Orange St.
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Y. M. C. A.—First Saturday	
Frederick W. Anderson	505 Vance Ave.
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514 Congress St.—Second Saturday	
Keith M. Leighton	34 Sargent St., Westbrook, Me.
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262-264 E. Utica St.—First Saturday	
Robert B. Heacock	356 Huntington St.
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W. O. W. Hall, 6th and Alder Sts.—First Saturday	
Fred S. Delaney	1763 Haven St.
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Earl F. Gardiner	182 Mulberry St., Pawtucket, R. I.
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Eagles' Hall, 7th and Union—First Saturday	
Albert W. Wright	6840 15th Ave., N. E.
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53 Franklin Square—First Saturday	
Richard McCabe	611 James St.
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N. E. Masonic Temple—First Wednesday	
Wilbert P. Souder	Care Census Bureau
BALTIMORE No. 47	Baltimore, Maryland
516 N. Eutaw St.—First Wednesday	
August Wriede	1909 Kennedy Ave.
SYRACUSE No. 48	Syracuse, New York
Jr. O. U. A. M. Hall—Second Saturday	
Carl G. Ayling	211 Fitch St.
CEDAR RAPIDS No. 49	Cedar Rapids, Iowa
420 1st Ave. E.—Second Saturday	
Louis T. Herbold	501 W. Seventh Ave., Marion, Ia.
HUNTINGTON No. 50	Huntington, West Virginia
Moore Hall, 4th Ave. and 9th St.—First Saturday	
Domenic J. Biagi	348 3rd Ave.
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Maccabee Temple—First Saturday	
Henry A. Mineker	149 Clinton Ave.
ROCHESTER No. 52	Rochester, New York
Culver Hall—First Friday	
Verne Barnett	649 Thurston Road
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Native Sons' Hall—First Saturday	
Luther E. Conaway	1630 3rd Ave., Oakland, Calif.
READING No. 54	Reading, Pennsylvania
612 Court St.—Second Saturday	
Edwin C. Ritchie	26 E. Lancaster Ave., Shillington, Pa.
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Winnet Hall, 982 E. Market St.—First Thursday	
Thomas W. Osborne	1484 Redwood Ave.
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Edwin B. Thurston	First Tuesday
Box 68, Murray, Utah	
ROCKFORD No. 57	Rockford, Illinois
1016-18 Fourth Ave.—Second Saturday	
B. Franklin Jackson	106 Lincoln Park Blvd.
SPRINGFIELD No. 58	Springfield, Illinois
Painters Hall, 214½ S. 6th St.—First Saturday	
John G. Otto	716 South 13th St.
DAVENPORT No. 59	Davenport, Iowa
I. O. O. F. Hall, 510 Brady St.—First Saturday	
Adolph N. Struck	1804 15th Ave., Moline, Ill.
WORCESTER No. 60	Worcester, Massachusetts
306 Main St.—Second Thursday	
Delbert J. Trask	347 Packchoag St., Auburn, Mass.
ST. PAUL-MINNEAPOLIS No. 61	St. Paul, Minnesota
1824 Marshall Ave., St. Paul—First Saturday	
John J. McNeill	912 Marshall Ave., S. Paul
FORT WORTH No. 62	Fort Worth, Texas
Third and Calhoun Sts.—Second Saturday	
Joseph W. Hale	2700 Roosevelt Ave.
DALLAS No. 63	Dallas, Texas
Y. M. C. A. Building—First Tuesday	
Wallace K. Gibson	Route 6, Box 356
DENVER No. 64	Denver, Colo.
Howe Hall, 1548 California St.—First Saturday	
Harry Herbold	3353 Williams St.
WATERBURY No. 65	Waterbury, Connecticut
305 Bank St.—First Saturday	
Edward H. Hine	74 Starview Ave.
SPRINGFIELD No. 67	Springfield, Massachusetts
847 Worthington St.—First Thursday	
Philip Beausoleil	161 Wilbraham Ave.
WACO No. 68	Waco, Texas
First Sunday	
Andrew M. Bowman	Route 1, Penelope, Texas
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Royal Arcanum Hall, 173 Exchange St.—First Saturday	
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Knights of Columbus Hall—Second Saturday	
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Fairview Masonic Temple—First Tuesday	
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Chamber of Commerce—First Monday	
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Y. M. C. A.—First Saturday	
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E. 2028 Marietta Ave.—First Saturday	
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Moore Hall, 920 Locust St.—First Saturday	
Russel A. Herbold	Box 123, Fort Des Moines, Iowa
LOWELL No. 78	Lowell, Massachusetts
84 Middlesex St.—Second Saturday	
Thomas L. Jonas	78 Chelmsford St.
BERKELEY No. 79	Berkeley, California
561 Eleventh St., Oakland—First Saturday	
William A. Cotter	658 41st St., Oakland, Calif.
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I. O. O. F. Hall—First Saturday	
Orville V. Robinson	113 Elm St.
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Reos Lodge Hall, 910½ Preston Ave.—First Tuesday	
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1355 Bluff St.	
William G. Wright	1551 Bluff St.
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Y. M. C. A.—First Friday	
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# NATIONAL FRATERNAL SOCIETY OF THE DEAF



**T**HE 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 nearly a hundred principal cities of the United States and Canada.

## *When and How Organized*

The society was founded in 1901, at Flint, Michigan, its organizers being some young deaf men just out of school. One of the principal reasons for the undertaking was the discrimination against the deaf by insurance companies and fraternal societies.

In 1907 the society was reorganized under its present name and received its charter from the state of Illinois.

## *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.

## *Benefit Certificates—Amounts; Age Limits*

Certificates are issued for the following-named amounts of death benefit: \$250, \$500, \$1,000, \$2,000, \$3,000, \$4,000 and \$5,000.

A certificate for more than \$3,000 cannot be issued to an applicant who is over 45 years of age, or for more than \$1,000 if past 50.

Applications for full membership with benefit privileges cannot be accepted from persons under 18 or over 55 years of age.

## *Social Membership*

Social or associate membership, without benefit privileges, is open to deaf men who by reason of age or physical condition are not eligible to full membership with benefit privileges.

## *Death, Sick and Accident Benefits*

The society guarantees to pay to 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 \$25.00 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.

## *Payments Required of Members*

Rate tables and other information concerning payments required of members are given on the last inside page.

## *Social Features*

Most of the Divisions engage in social and literary entertainments for the pleasure and profit of their members—parties, balls, picnics, lectures, readings and the like. These social pleasures are part of the benefits of membership.

The spirit of good fellowship among the members is strong; and wherever one goes about this country of ours he will find cordiality and friendliness among his fellow-wearers of the Frat button.

## *Safeguards*

The society is chartered under 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 the 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. Books and vouchers are at all times open for inspection by members or their legal representatives.

## *Why You Should Join*

Everyone knows the value of life insurance. It is the duty of every man to provide such protection for those dependent on him.

Again, life insurance is the best and most certain way to make sure that the cost of burying you will not fall on other persons.

This society offers you life insurance and disability benefits at the lowest possible cost consistent with necessary regard for permanence and safety.

It deserves your support, and the support of all the deaf. By joining, you will not only secure valuable benefits for yourself but moreover are helping and taking part in the most democratic, most useful, and already the most successful cooperative enterprise ever undertaken by the deaf anywhere in the world.

## *Cost of Joining*

The entrance fee is \$5.00 and is always to be paid with the application. In case of rejection the \$5.00 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.

For addresses of Grand Officers, and a Directory of the Division, see Page 26.