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THE FRAT



O WORLD, lift up your head and sing,
Bring beauty forth to crown your king,
That you may share the peace and light
Which angels sang that starry night.

The shepherds saw a vision rare
That was for all men everywhere,
Yet nineteen centuries men have met
And have not caught the vision yet.

The angels sang of great good will,
The shepherds trembled on the hill,
But rose to seek the stable door
And left to tremble nevermore.

The wise men hurried from the east
To give their souls a blessed feast,
For Christ was born their king to be
And set their souls forever free.

The virgin mother watched with pride
And sat his manger crib beside,
She gave her gift that glorious night
To be man's never-failing light.

Yet nineteen centuries have passed by
Since Jesus came from God on high,
And we still miss the way he trod
And lose the priceless gift of God.

CALVIN C. RITTENHOUSE

DECEMBER, 1939

The Spotlight

By J. FREDERICK MEAGHER

ANTHOLOGY of Deaf Poets—ten years in preparation—due for publication soon, "price around two dollars." Poetry never will be profitable with us deaf; that brave little band of patriotic publishers lose plenty on the venture. They want orders NOW—to determine number of volumes printed; I am ordering (and paying for) 10 copies. If you should want a book to show your hearing friends what we deaf can do, please send your order immediately to Howard L. Terry, 1348 N. Martel Ave., Hollywood, Calif.

LATE NEWS. Bro. Doane's daughter, Adelaide, stewardess, was unhurt when her WAE plane landed with little damage after losing a wheel in takeoff, Aug. 30. Ten pupils in tiny Oregon received Red Cross first-aid certificates—taught by local hearing physician. Oregon's Scoutmaster Tom Ulmer and Scout Edwin Strotz won Obsidian awards—so tremendously difficult only five other American scouts have ever won them, it is said. . . . "Bowl Game" planned in Dallas, Dec. 2—our Texas vs Ark. . . . Kruger's proposed "Finger Bowl Game" in NYC around Christmas, between two best deaf teams in country, flopped—mainly because so many schools have state hi restrictions on post-season games, etc. . . . This is Europe's 32d World War. . . . London dispatch claims King George VI visited ammunition factories—"showing particular interest in shot-blasting to polish shell-interiors, a job so noisy only deaf-mutes were employed on it." . . . Rumor says our Bobs is quietly sounding-out for deaf-adaptability in jobs if we go to war; Bobs is a modest man, and may deny it, but —

KNOW—In 40 years, there have been 1,500 different makes of autos marketed? Today about 15 or 20 breeds of cars survive? . . . Few of our preachers own benzine-buggies? Episcopal church lists 15 missionaries and 33 lay-readers—all believed deaf or deafened? Of our three Baptist preachers, two died inside past year? Burnes states only one of our 20 Lutheran pastors are deaf; only three deaf Methodist ministers? Only deaf Catholic priests are those who may have lost hearing after taking Holy orders?

WAR'S best uncensored and unexpurgated low-down—better than "All Quiet on the Western Front"—was Armistice Day sign-simoon by Toronto's Grand Serg., Bro. Lloyd. Chicago—oft bilked on highly-touted importations—got more than its money's worth; other large Divisions might make big mazzima by engaging this Lloyd. Only 400 tickets were sold (house capacity) leaving lots disappointed pawing the pave outside. Address took 2-hrs., 6-min.—wish Lloyd would slow-down his signs, he gattling-guns his wig-wags like going over the top. Too realistically gory to even describe in print; among lessons learned were (a) Never vomit into teeth of oncoming wave when aboard life-raft; (b) Never scrunch cooties close to your face if you don't want a squirt; (c) Always tamp-down the dirt quickly after you fire down a rat-hole—thus suffocating the rascally rodents. Sounds tame—but the way the big brute told it gave folks the willie-whim-whams. Four years in Canadian Expeditionary Force; beats record of Bro. — what's his name, from Cal. I believe — who served with U.S. forces in France, locomotive repairman or something, in Engineers corps. (A file of THE FRAT had much about him, written by good old Gib.)

"SUNFLOWERS for Jimmy Anti-Sourpuss Club" by Terry, last issue, tickled me pink—until last line: "Gallaudet College might do something in the way of recognition." No, no, no—oh please! Every dang time I tangle with some of those glib Gallaudet galloots, I come out second-best—whether it is hazing by beefy Gland Sergeants at conventions, or making Hades hot in meetings. Dear old Gallydebt has

already "done" me plenty—last "old plow-horse" Foltz' amiable Kappy Gam-bits tenderly hoisted me aboard, ran away—stripping my gears, cracking my crank-shaft, and burning out my ball-bearings. Never again, thanks. I know when I am well-off!

FRATISTICS. Hunter and Kline in neck-and-neck photo-finish for '39 Membership Derby; Los Angeles should worry at lacking its usual contender—after 21 years of try-try-again, she finally won July's Convention Derby. . . . Albany claimed all-time frat record at Silver Jubilee; charter-member Pres. Lyman (no lie, man) attended 298 out of last 302 div. meetings. Match that—if you can. . . . Toronto Divisions continue meeting in swanky Royal York "at request of the management." (At so much per night.—Ed.) Little by little it seems hearing biggies realize we deaf are staunch, respectable citizens—not riff-raff and paupers. . . . Manhattan Div. members, not related, comprise pairs of Blooms, Friedmans, Greenbergs, Krugers and Rosenbergs. Also three Hoffmans and five Cohens. What, no Kellys? . . . Matrimonial ad finally accepted by The Frat; deaf lady in lonely Southwest specifies "he must be a frat." That's a compliment. Brothers, remember the good name of our society—a true frater always plays fair!

LOUD HOWL DEPT. Mind, I'm not directly accusing anyone—especially my boss, our Most Worshipful Grand Master Art Roberts. It may have been the Kable make-up man. Maybe. But have you noticed how scurilous and sneering wisecracks usually terminate the end of my favorite page? Last issue ended with this filler: "Absence of occupation is not rest; a mind quite vacant is a mind distressed." Which seems a slick collegiate slam meaning I'm a lame-brain. Attic to rent. Now let's see what next few issues evoke.

ORCHID to Lewis Ole Christenson, 73, who has just retired on Union printers' pension after 60 years at the trade—past 35 in business for himself. If Deafdom awarded medals for clean, upright character, good example, and unwavering principles, Seattle's Christenson would be among my three-best-bets. Trusting, gentle Chris really IS a Christian—true to his Norwegian name. Many the hard-luck lament coaxed a quarter, or a half, out of his never-bulging purse; when I was hard-up (third of century ago) he was my Heavenly Angel. Ran his own little one-man printery in a way to evoke trust and confidence—deaf had a great name in by-gone Seattle, comparable only to Akron of wartime fame. So did our late heroic Bill Root—who learned the game from old Chris. Chris lost thousands running his small weekly, "Silent Observer," for about a decade; it resulted in Olof Hanson's election as NAD president in 1910—thereby starting the present businesslike policy of what was then a hot-air organization. Among several Observer editors you may recall Adolph Struck, Frieda Meagher, Bill Root, Agatha Hanson; splendid little sheet. Dear old "Pinch-Dimple-Chin," as we sign-styled him; wish this old world had more of his calibre. Skaol, old Norseman; you're a better man than I am, Gunga Din.

HOOT! Silent Broadcaster will never become official organ for Gallaudet College fraternities, after knock in October issue: "OWLS not so smart—Owls, symbols of wisdom, are far less intelligent than many other birds." Meine frau is all burned-up at this aspersion on her college sorority, the OWLS. (After nigh 50 years, not a single non-member has ever found out what the initials stand for—not even smart savants like Bobs or the Gland Sergeants.)

PRESS. Am. Deaf Citizen, in 11th year, and Silent Broadcaster in 5th, still going strong—where average life of some 150 "independent papers for the deaf" was around two years. Some poor sucker has to pay for paper, ink, postage, etc.—but it isn't your mooching rals. . . . Schwarz says deaf couple abroad last summer found America par in everything but our own customs office, returning: "Three hours in a hot shed with no drinking water; and then all the U.S. inspectors did was stamp their baggage. . . . France proved cheap but dirty;

everybody took advantage of tourists. Sat down on chairs to admire Eiffel Tower—and woman waddled up to collect a fee. Stopped at a stand just to glance at newspaper headlines—and a fee was demanded. Rest-rooms proved dirtiest anywhere—fee also. . . . Only one country refused them admission—Russia: it had the idea, somehow, he was working for Hearst!" America seems a good place to live in—even if you fraters do lick me every time I run for Div. office.

SCHOOLS. Supt. Boatner secured jobs for five girl grads as tobacco-sizers in Hartford. . . . James M. Stewart, old NAD warhorse, retires after teaching 46 years in Mich. . . . New Mich. supt. said to be one of six nationally-known authorities in "education of exceptional children." . . . Minn. deaf won 2d prize in "Days of '49" parade; lot of pupils painted like Indians, traverse hitched to horse ridden by pupil daubed "Chief Ring-Around-the-Bathtub." . . . Odie Underhill promoted to N.C. vocational principal; no longer editor of Deaf Carolinian—his only son was blown to atoms, along with crew of eight, while piloting home huge army bomber two days before last Christmas. . . . Clayton McLaughlin states the school in Chefoo, China—for support of which our U.S. schools have averaged charity contributions of \$200 yearly—reopened year ago with 30 pupils, after being closed one year. City completely under Japanese domination, but there is no interference with schools—aside from economic difficulties. One dollar in our money exchanges for \$6 in Chinese silver.

SPORTS. Our NC school plays three Phillips in line—tackles and center; one of Wis. three Boettscher brothers graduated. . . . Midwest tourney switched from March 15 to Feb. 22-23—giving winner plenty of rest for the National. If last Southern tourney had not been just one week before National, Miss. should have trimmed the Skeeters. Takes TWO weeks for young braves to fully recuperate after such a strenuous war dance.

Notable Deaf Persons

By GUILBERT C. BRADDOCK

36. Jean Massieu

TO THE American deaf, Laurent Clerc is known as the teacher who accompanied Gallaudet to Hartford, and Jean Massieu as the one who remained in France. These two deaf teachers were the Abbe Sicard's shining examples, whom he took to England to exhibit at the same time that Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet was in London in search of a method of educating the deaf.

At the time (1815), Massieu was already famous. He was known in the teaching profession by means of the Abbe Sicard's books on the education of the deaf and the sign language, in which the successor of De l'Epee had used Massieu as the chief illustration of the good results to be expected from the use of signs as a medium of instruction. The story of Massieu's childhood is fully covered in these books; for the rest of his life Laurent Clerc is the authority, in a biography printed in the *American Annals of the Deaf*, 1848.

Jean Massieu was deaf from birth. He was born in 1772 in the little town of Semens, south of Bordeaux. His

father was a vine-dresser, poor but honest. Jean had two deaf brothers and three deaf sisters; he was the youngest or the next youngest of the boys. In 1783 the Abbe Sicard opened a school for the deaf in Bordeaux, and Jean was sent to this school, continuing there until 1790 or 1791, when he accompanied Sicard to Paris—the latter having been appointed to the head of De l'Epee's school after the death of the founder. Soon afterward, Massieu was made a tutor. He was twenty-five years old when Laurent Clerc entered the Paris school; Massieu was his teacher.

Clerc has left a vivid picture of Massieu's personality, as seen in the school-room. He came to class most often garbed in a loose grey riding-coat coat reaching down to the ankles, with two large deep pockets in which he carried the crayons—apparently to keep them out of the mischievous hands of the pupils. Sometimes he would change into antiquated costumes picked up at auction, without any notion of their propriety. He had a child-like fondness for watches, books, and other small articles, and would carry them around all the time, showing them to everybody. At times he had three or four watches on his person, all ticking differently, and his manner of telling time was to strike an average between them. (In America, this has become a legend about Clerc; but it is he who tells it about Massieu.) He had a fear of displeasing even the youngest of his pupils, and "consulted them on the most important, as well as on the most trifling matters." He was impractical and unaccustomed to the ways of the world; his manners remained simple although he was frequently introduced to distinguished persons.

He was, at that time, a most eccentric person; but these were in part Clerc's childhood impressions. When Clerc met him again in 1836, on a visit to France, Massieu had changed with the years—he had become "older, more polite, social, sensible, and much respected, and as happy as could be." In the interval, the Abbe Sicard had died; Massieu had left the Paris school after 32 years of service, "either from sorrow at the passing of his illustrious master, or on account of his being dissatisfied with the changes which took place." He had returned to Bordeaux to stay with friends—his parents and sisters and brothers had died long before—and in 1823 had found another position as teacher in a school for the deaf at Rhodéz. He was past his fiftieth year, but this was a turning-point in his life. At Rhodéz he met a hearing woman of eighteen years of age, an employe of the school, and fell in love. The young lady (Clerc does not record her name) apparently saw great possibilities in Massieu, for they were soon married, and moved to Lille in the north of France, where they founded a small school maintained by benevolent contributions. When Clerc visited them, they were principal and matron of an establishment housing about thirty pu-

pils, and Massieu was a person of consequence in the town. As Clerc remarked, "No doubt he was indebted to his kind wife for his entire alteration." Furthermore, there were parental responsibilities; Massieu had had a son, deceased recently, and had a daughter still in infancy.

Massieu's importance in the history of the education of the deaf stemmed from his marvelous intellectual powers. Without any early advantage of hearing, he proved that the "deaf-mute," so-called, was capable of the most abstract thinking. No proposition in philosophy or theology or the other branches of learning was incomprehensible to him, once he had learned to express himself in signs or in words. According to Clerc, he had not only intelligence, but genius; his logic was always sound, although his answers to questions were sometimes ungrammatical. He had an unrivalled imagination; Sicard said of him: "Like striking the stone with steel, the spark would immediately issue." He has left to the literature of the world some original and clever definitions, of which the following are samples:

"Gratitude is the memory of the heart."

"Hope is the flower of happiness."

"Hearing is the auricular sight."

"A sense is an idea-carrier."

"Eternity is a day without a yesterday or a tomorrow."

His excellence as a thinker was all the more commendable in view of, or despite the fact that his command of language was never as good as his command of ideas. According to Berthier (one of his later pupils), Massieu had much difficulty in composing an ordinary business letter, and had to call on others to help on such occasions.

Massieu died at Lille in August 1846, at 75 years of age. His private school apparently died with him (he was the first deaf man to establish a school of his own). His widow and his daughter set up a millinery business, and prospered therein.



EXCEPT a living man there is nothing more wonderful than a book! A message to us from the dead—from human souls we never saw, who lived, perhaps, thousands of miles away. And yet these, in those little sheets of paper, speak to us, arouse us, terrify us, teach us, comfort us, open their hearts to us as brothers.

—Charles Kingsley

1940 MEMBERSHIP QUOTAS

GIVEN below is the quota of new members each Division is expected to get during 1940. Every Division is urged to complete its quota:

DIVISION	1940 Quota
Chicago No. 1	25
Detroit	15
Saginaw	5
Louisville	5
Little Rock	5
Dayton	5
Cincinnati	10
Nashville	5
Olathe	5
Flint	10
Toledo	10
Milwaukee	10
Columbus	15
Knoxville	5
Cleveland	10
Indianapolis	15
Brooklyn	25
St. Louis	15
New Haven	5
Holyoke	5
Los Angeles	15
Atlanta	5
Philadelphia	15
Kansas City	10
Omaha	5
New Orleans	5
Kalamazoo	5
Boston	15
Pittsburgh	10
Hartford	5
Memphis	5
Portland, Me.	5
Buffalo	5
Portland, Ore.	5
Newark	5
Providence	5
Seattle	5
Utica	5
Washington	10
Baltimore	10
Syracuse	5
Cedar Rapids	5
Albany	5
Rochester	5
San Francisco	5
Reading	10
Akron	15
Salt Lake City	5
Rockford	5
Springfield, Ill.	5
Davenport	5
Worcester	5
St. Paul-Minneapolis	10
Fort Worth	10
Dallas	10
Denver	5
Waterbury	5
Springfield, Mass.	5
Bangor	5
Kenosha	5
Birmingham	5
Sioux Falls	5
Wichita	5
Spokane	5
Des Moines	5
Lowell	5
Berkeley	5
Delavan	5
Houston	5
Scranton	5
Richmond	5
Johnstown	5
Manhattan	15
Jacksonville	5
Lewiston	5
Peoria	5
Jersey City	5
Bronx	5
Columbia	5
Charlotte	5
Durham	5
Grand Rapids	5
Toronto	10
Duluth	5
Canton	5
Faribault	5
South Bend	5
Council Bluffs	5
Fort Wayne	5
Schneectady	5
Chicago No. 106	5
Miami	5
Binghamton	5
Wilkesburg	5
San Diego	5
Eau Claire	5
Sulphur	5
Vancouver	5
Westchester	5
Queens	5
Montreal	5
Hollywood	5
Hamilton	5
Kitchener	5

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

DECEMBER, 1939

Yuletide

IN THE COMING SEASON OF GOOD CHEER, THE HOME OFFICE STAFF WISH ONE AND ALL A RIGHT ROYAL CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

Say Yes

IT IS pretty hard to say No, sometimes. But we notice that some of our members find it harder to say Yes when urged to run for Division office.

Election of Division officials comes in December, and we suppose a lot of good men will hesitate to say Yes when asked to undertake official tasks for their Divisions. We hope every man qualified for office will accept when asked to serve. No greater honor can come to any member who has the welfare of his Division at heart than to be asked to serve it, and having served it faithfully and well, can point back to a record of unselfish devotion.

Of course, the unthinking may criticize. The shirkers may demand more of those who serve. Actions may be misunderstood, and all that. But do not let this make any difference. Satisfaction in having done one's work the best one can will be reward enough. There will be plenty of others who will appreciate good service.

Kudos

WHILE the higher institutions of learning are busy conferring academic kudos, the Nobel prizes are going to men of great attainments, and lesser lights are distributing right and left exotic orchids, resplendent sunflowers, and various vegetables of aromatic odor, we must pause and do a little conferring on our own account.

Elsewhere in this issue we print lists of Divisions and individuals receiving cash awards for securing Blocks-of-Five new members during 1939.

Among the Divisions, Chicago No. 1 leads, with Detroit and Vancouver tied for second place. Altogether, twenty-one Divisions secured at least one Block-of-Five.

If all of our Divisions had secured a minimum of five new members each, the total would have been well over 500, or approximately half of the quotas set for the entire Division family. However, eighty-five Divisions failed to come through with a minimum of five, and only a few filled their quotas. Some failed to bring in any members at all.

Among individuals, Bill Hunter of Vancouver, is the high man this year. He got started late, and his field of operations was limited. But we know Bill. When he gets started on anything, he hangs on tenaciously and nothing can stop him. Sammy Kline of

Cleveland came in second, and Tom Kenney of Detroit surprised everybody—including himself—by going on the warpath at the eleventh hour and bagging ten scalps. The other boys managed to get in the money, and all will have a better Christmas this year than last.

We congratulate all the Divisions and individuals receiving awards, and thank them for their good work. We hope they will be able to better their records in 1940.

1940 Drive

THE cash awards for bringing in new members will be continued during the year 1940. See announcement elsewhere in this issue.

The quotas of new members required of each Division have been reduced somewhat, with the idea of obtaining not less than 500 new members during 1940. In no case, however, is the quota of any Division less than 5 members, necessary to secure a Block-of-Five. Quotas for 1940 will be found in another column.

With this lowering of quotas, to bring them within the possibilities of fulfillment by each Division, we shall expect each unit of the society to obtain the number of new members designated. No excuses can be given for failure to meet quotas in 1940. Organizers and Division officials will be responsible for full quotas.

The 1939 Drive for new members did not come up to expectations. We are not going to offer any alibis this time.

The wise boys point out, however, that 1939 was a convention year, and that convention years are notorious for scanty additions to the membership. Why this should be so is somewhat of a puzzle, since to our thinking, it should be the other way about; there should be more additions than in other years.

The wiseacres tell us that in convention years, the rank and file get busy early in the year on campaigns for delegateships, then spend several of the following months arguing on this and that, and after the convention use up the remaining months of the year in panning the delegates for their supposed shortcomings. There may be something in that, but it seems to us it wastes a lot of valuable time, if true.

Still other chaps advance the Depression as a cause for failure to come up to expectations. When we view the American scene, with its streets full of autos, its shops full of buyers, its amusement places jammed, the bowling balls rolling like thunder, and compare it with the dejected European scene, we begin to wonder a little where this Depression is that they talk so much about, and offer as an alibi. It can't be as bad as painted; or maybe some of us were spoiled by the boom years, and a little let down from former affluence depresses us out of all proportion.

Anyway, we are going into 1940 with greater expectations than we did into

1939. In 1940 there won't be any possible alibis, boys.

COME ON, NOW. START YOUR PERSONAL DRIVE FOR NEW MEMBERS EARLY. THE MORE YOU GET, THE HAPPIER YOU WILL BE NEXT DECEMBER.

Hash a la Mode

A NEWS item going the rounds reports that British deaf are placed in munition factories to polish shell interiors by shotblasting. The work is so noisy that only a deaf person can stand it.

Up rise the idealists with agonized cries that the deaf are assigned to unsuitable tasks. In wartime, nobody may pick and choose his occupation, with absolute government control over everything. After all, the British deaf should be proud that they may serve their country in tasks others cannot undertake.

True, there may be no glory in performing such tasks. Nobody is going to propose medals for these deaf Britishers. Instead of polishing off the Huns, they polish off shells intended to do the job more efficiently. They wear no gaudy uniforms, march in no heroic Battalions of Death, perform in no Suicide Squads, to the plaudits of posterity.

Their's is a real job, without the panoply and trappings of war, which in these days is not all flag-waving and drum-beating, but a grim struggle for survival.

Speaking of making things glitter, now comes Mrs. Barbara Lee, who says she is the wife of a frater, and is, seeking to polish off Jimmy Meagher. Says Mrs. Lee, in "An Open Letter to Mr. Terry":

In the November issue of the FRAT I found your column "Sunflowers for Jimmy" quite interesting; in fact, so interesting that it has given me the opportunity of telling you that I and many FRAT readers do not agree that Mr. Meagher deserves all the compliments you showered on him.

You said that we seldom hear or see some one clapping for him. Have you ever wondered why? Surely, there must be some reason. The reason is that Mr. Meagher does not deserve it, or else he would certainly get more than his share of compliments.

I am not criticizing his writings on sports, but when he tries to mix with it a paragraph or two of catty remarks about some one who happens to be more or less fortunate than he is, but has nothing to do with sports, whatsoever, I marvel that it hasn't already damaged his reputation. Didn't he just mention to Editor Roberts in his column of this same issue about Mr. Roberts' throwing out of "my angry squeal of a certain frater I don't like." I thought all frat members were supposed to be good brothers. If so, is Mr. Meagher setting a good example for others if he tells the world, especially in the FRAT, that he doesn't like some one of his brothers?

I am sure FRAT readers would like him better if he would stick to sports and not try to be a "Walter Winchell," too. His often ill-bred and unkind remarks in many previous issues have left me pretty disgusted with him. You say he has made people famous, who never did a wee bit by him. What people has he made famous, may I ask? All the famous people I

ever saw mentioned in his column were already famous without any help from him.

No, Mr. Meagher does not deserve even a sunflower, an honor that would be insulting to the State of Kansas (my home state).

Whereat, we rise to remark that if Orchids and Sunflowers are unworthy of Jimmy's great gifts, how about Cabbage?

The *Kablegram* reports that a Kansas Woman's Club debated for an hour and a half the most dreaded disease among women, and then decided it was —lockjaw!

Brooklyn Celebrates

1909—1939

By JOSEPH L. CALL

Brooklyn Division 23 observed its thirtieth anniversary of the granting of its charter in the N.F.S.D. with a banquet at the Hotel Granada on October 21. The main dining room was filled to capacity with the 160 guests arranged in tables of ten with the division officers' table on a dais fronting the members with their wives and a few invited friends.

With Bro. Thomas Cosgrove acting as master-of-ceremonies with his usual sparkling ebullience, the program of speeches was run off with éclat. Bro. H. Pierce Kane, founder and first President of the division related how the Brooklyn Social Club of 30 years ago voted to affiliate with the newly-established Fraternal Society of the Deaf of Illinois. From the nucleus of the 10 founder-members has grown the divisions of the N.F.S.D. on the Eastern seaboard. Noteworthy was the fact that of this valiant ten, Brooklyn 23 rejoices in the longevity of the nine founders who were present, with one passed to the Great Beyond. President Jos. L. Call was brief with an address of welcome and Secretary Harry J. Goldberg related events about the Past Presidents, of which he, himself, was one. Bro. J. M. Ebin, President of the Empire State Association of the Deaf, Bro. S. Frankenheim of Manhattan, and Bro. Harry J. Powell of Queens were reminiscent of their days in Brooklyn 23.

The attractively-printed menu was noteworthy with our fraternal seal containing the signatures of well-wishers of Brooklyn 23, an idea conceived by Bro. Goldberg and executed by our artist-member, Bro. Wm. J. Sheridan. The dinner was a tribute to the culinary reputation of the Hotel Granada.

The professional show was a fitting accompaniment followed by dancing and social intercourse till the early hours of Sunday. Credit is due Chairman Bro. D. Berch and his efficient committee of Bros. Fogel, Goldberg and Cosgrove for the successful evening.

Brooklyn 23 has added still another chapter to its memories and this celebration of our thirtieth anniversary in the N.F.S.D. will rank as one of its best social events of the Division.

GO-GET-'EM DRIVE—1940

During the Year 1940 we are continuing the

Membership Drive

begun in 1936 and carried through 1939 with good results.

In 1940 the Home Office will pay contestants

Five Dollars for Each Block of Five

new members obtained, beginning with applicants in December, 1939.

In addition, the Home Office will pay to EACH DIVISION

Five Dollars for Each Block of Five

new members obtained during the year through one or several endorsers.

In another column we print a list of Divisions and the quota of new members they are expected to get in 1940. These quotas are about 8% of December membership. If all Divisions complete their quotas, we shall add to our rolls during the year

600 MEMBERS

WE WANT THAT NUMBER OF NEW MEMBERS. WE WANT EVERY DIVISION TO MAKE ITS QUOTA. IF ALL PULL TOGETHER, THAT SHOULD BE EASY.

WE'RE OFF

on the 1940 Drive. Put your best foot forward, boys and

GO-GET-'EM

Lodge News



December

2.	Christmas social	Buffalo
2.	Gift social	Kitchener
2.	Bazaar	Des Moines
2.	"Country store" social	Denver
2.	Banquet	Durham
2.	Card party	Philadelphia
2.	Social	New Haven
4.	Election and luncheon	Salt Lake City
9.	Supper	Davenport
9.	Christmas party	Cedar Rapids
9.	Social	Portland, Me.
9.	Mardi Gras	Columbus
10.	Christmas party	Reading
10.	Gallaudet program	Faribault
13.	Annual Supper	Washington
16.	Christmas Social	Kalamazoo
16.	Santa Claus party	Toledo
16.	Christmas party	Springfield, Mass.
16.	Bingo party	Peoria
30.	Watch night party	Des Moines
30.	New Year's Eve dance	Dallas
30.	Watch night	Washington
30.	New Year's Eve party	Seattle
30.	New Year's Eve party	Portland, Ore.
30.	Ball	Boston
30.	Watch night	Nashville
30.	New Year's Eve party	Utica
30-31.	Year End parties	Kansas City
31.	Watch party	Wichita
31.	New Year party	Denver
31.	New Year's Eve party	St. Louis
31.	Open house	Boston
31.	Watch night	Albany
31.	Watch party	Memphis
31.	New Year's Eve party	Utica
31.	Watch night party	Syracuse
31.	Watch party	Fort Wayne
31.	New Year's Eve dance	Baltimore
31.	New Year's Eve frolic	Portland, Ore.
31.	New Year's Eve dance	St. Paul-Minneapolis

January

1.	Open house	Indianapolis
1.	Bowling	Boston
6.	Installation-Social	Cleveland
6.	Social	Rochester
6.	Smoker	Worcester
6.	Party	Des Moines
13.	Mask ball	St. Louis
13.	Winter social	Rockford
13.	Mid-winter party	Davenport
14.	Whist party	Reading

February

2.	"Jitterbug" night	Bronx
2.	Mask ball	Chicago No. 1
3.	Social	Rochester
17.	Basketball games—dance	Jersey City
24.	"Get Acquainted" dance	Richmond

CHICAGO NO. 106 (By F. L. Bush)—Our three-ring night on Oct. 21 was a complete success in spite of four other affairs given by other organizations on the same night. A floor show followed the card games, featuring the artistic dancing of Jean Powers. A new wrinkle was introduced at this affair by having music furnished by a nickelodeon instead of an orchestra. This was our 13th annual affair, and Chairman Livshis and his committee are to be congratulated on its being such a success.

The date for our 14th annual affair has already been chosen. It is the third Saturday of October, 1940. It is not too early to make note of this, and be prepared to come and have another good time.

WORCESTER (By Bart Burns)—About 200 people attended our dance at the Hotel Mayfair on Nov. 11, some coming from Boston, Springfield, Lowell, Hartford, Waterbury and Providence. Edmund Kaminski was general chairman, with Bros. Flanders, Gero, Davis, Ricciuti and Leverett Blanchard. Music was

by Danny Duggan's orchestra. It was a very successful affair.

We will have a smoker immediately after our business meeting in January. We expect to put through at least six, and the goat is in fine fettle for it. Raoul Jacques will have charge of the smoker, assisted by Brothers Callahan and Loughlin.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

PORTLAND, ORE. (By J. J. Kaufman)—Our New Year's Eve frolic will be held on Sunday evening, Dec. 31, instead of on Saturday evening, the 30th, as originally announced. It will be held at Redmen's Hall, 9th St. and S. E. Hawthorne Blvd. Drinks and hot-dogs will be served. The fun will begin at eight sharp, and continue until one in the morning. What more can you ask for 50 cents admission? Remember the date and place.

SYRACUSE (By A. S. Pabst)—Our Halloween party on Nov. 4 was largely attended. Several visitors from out of town were present. Our affairs seem to be growing larger every month, and we are glad to welcome visitors to them, and trust they enjoy our society as much as we do theirs.

This will be especially true of our watch night party on Dec. 31, when Chairman Pabst will put things over in style. It will be held in the Larned Building, South Warren St. Let's all get together and make whoopee, even as we did last year. You remember? Then come. As they say at the City Hall, "Syracuse Bids you Welcome."

CHARLOTTE (By E. M. Winecoff)—Our annual banquet was held at the Chamber of Commerce on Oct. 14. It proved a howling success financially and socially, 98 enjoying the fine southern feed. The main speaker of the evening was Rev. Robert C. Fletcher of Birming-

ham, Ala. Edgar Winecoff was chairman, and expressed his appreciation of the fine cooperation given him by his fellow members and friends.

Charlotte Division filled its quota of 10 by admitting John Stone at the November meeting. Edgar Winecoff and Charley Knotts ran a dead heat in the Derby, each getting five new members. We hope to increase our membership to 100 by the end of 1940.

Secretary Winecoff was in Washington on Oct. 27 and took advantage of it to run over to Baltimore for that division's Halloween social. He was presented with a large basket of assorted fruits.

BRONX (By C. J. Spitaleri)—Our meeting date coincided with the return of Brother Weimuth from his three months' sojourn in war-infested Europe. We were surprised and pleased to have him in our midst, and to listen to his account of his trip, which we found very interesting.

The division failed to make its quota of new members, but not for lack of trying. We just couldn't induce anyone to sign on the dotted line. Unemployment seems the chief obstacle to getting new members.

FT. WORTH (By R. J. Dalla)—The Halloween party in charge of Brother Hiatt went over with a bang, adding quite a tidy sum to our treasury. Prizes were awarded for the best costumes.

It is rather late to chronicle vacations, but Treasurer Carlson and family spent theirs on the gulf coast, while Brother Beeman and the writer, with their families, spent theirs in cool Colorado.

RICHMOND (By L. R. Wickline)—The division will hold a smoker on Dec. 2. Flae Shook will be in charge. Come and see the fun!

Go-Get-'Em Drive, 1939

Name	Division	New Members
William Hunter	Vancouver	15
Samuel Kline	Cleveland	12
Thomas Kenney	Detroit	10
Russell Schenck	Reading	7
Louis Massinhoff	Chicago No. 1	7
Julius Dhondt, Jr.	Chicago No. 1	6
Simon Alley	Washington	6
Edgar Winecoff	Charlotte	5
Robert Wilson	Hartford	5
Henry Burgherr	St. Louis	5
Roy Barron	Council Bluffs	5
James Turner	Los Angeles	5
Charles Knotts	Charlotte	5
Russell Martina	Buffalo	5
Joseph Balasa	Louisville	4
Carl Garrison	Seattle	4
Ralph Green	Nashville	4
William Isaacks	Houston	4
William Smith	New Orleans	4
Wylie Ross	Cincinnati	3
Fred Rines	Ft. Wayne	3
Elmer Briel, Jr.	Buffalo	3
Harry Friedman	Baltimore	3
Robert Davies	Detroit	3
Clem Dillenschneider	Kansas City	3
Theodore Hofmann	Syracuse	2
McGregor Cameron	Boston	2
Earl Norton	San Francisco	2
Albert Krohn	Sioux Falls	2
Guy Calame	Sulphur	2
Ralph Glenn	Salt Lake City	2
Joseph Bruno	Jersey City	2
Lawrence Duggan	Portland, Me.	2
James Smith	Little Rock	2
Percy Ligon	Atlanta	2
William Johnson	Jacksonville	2
William Ferg	Louisville	2
Clyde McKern	St. Louis	2

On Feb. 24 we will have a get-acquainted dance, which will also include bowling and bingo on the side. Meade Dalton will be in general charge. Watch for further details in later issues.

SEATTLE (By Carl Spencer)—Ralph Pickett, chairman of our New Year's Eve party, promises us a big affair, with a good program. The Aux-Frats will assist him, and an all-time record attendance is expected. Tickets are selling fast.

Harold Mahlstrom did well in his management of our Halloween party. A nice sum was realized for the local treasury.

We regret being unable to fill our quota of new members. We understand that quite a few across the border would like to join our division, but because of the present prohibitive rate of exchange, they feel they cannot afford it. However, if they really would like to join, there is nothing to prevent them from applying through Toronto Division. Then the matter of exchange would not trouble them. And as non-residents in any case, it would be no more inconvenient to pay dues to Toronto Division than to pay to Seattle Division. Brother Riley, get busy!

UTICA (By Richard McCabe)—Because of the fact that Masonic Temple in Rome has been engaged for New Year's Eve by a hearing group, our New Year's Eve party at that place has to be held on the evening of the 30th instead of the 31st as planned. But that will make no difference in either the quality or quantity of the fun. Plenty of surprises in store for you. Be sure and come.

A goodly number of persons from out of the city attended our autumn social on the evening of Nov. 4. Credit goes to Chairman John S. Kennedy and his committee for making the affair a big success. Everyone had a fine time. Good prizes were distributed to the winners of the various contests. Dancing was also indulged in.

FARIBAULT (By J. T. Boatwright)—The Halloween masquerade under the chairmanship of Grant Worlein on Nov. 4 was enjoyed by everyone who attended. Only a few came without masks, which provided added interest to the affair. New games were played and costume prizes distributed. Mrs. Toivo Lindholm won first prize for the best costume. The prize was a live rooster.

A Gallaudet program will be held after the regular meeting at New Brunswick Hotel on

Division Awards

IN the 1939 membership contest. Cash awards are \$5.00 for each block of five new members secured during the year.

Division	No. New Members	Amount
Chicago No. 1	22	\$20.00
Detroit	15	15.00
Vancouver	15	15.00
Cleveland	12	10.00
St. Louis	10	10.00
Charlotte	10	10.00
Washington	8	5.00
Buffalo	8	5.00
Reading	8	5.00
Louisville	7	5.00
Council Bluffs	7	5.00
Los Angeles	6	5.00
Atlanta	6	5.00
Seattle	6	5.00
Manhattan	6	5.00
Knoxville	5	5.00
Omaha	5	5.00
New Orleans	5	5.00
Hartford	5	5.00
Newark	5	5.00
Houston	5	5.00

Dec. 2. After the program, Brother Boatwright will show moving pictures of the Frat convention at Toronto last summer. Come one and all.

ST. LOUIS (By Carl Hiken)—Our surrealist party at Jeffla Hall on Nov. 4 drew a crowd of close to two hundred. Cash prizes were awarded for the best costumes and for the jitterbug dance, the latter drawing many good laughs from the audience. Edgar Dykes was chairman, with division officers assisting him in the serving of refreshments and in other ways.

On January 13 the division will give its 31st annual masquerade frolic at Jeffla Hall. This hall is at Jefferson and Lafayette Aves. To reach it take Jefferson, Compton, Tower Grove street car or Cherokee bus. First and second prizes of \$5.00 each for the most characteristic and most comical costumes, also children's prizes. Good music, refreshments and soft drinks will be sold. Tickets, 35c; at door, 40c; children under 12, free.

DES MOINES (By Clyde Lambert)—On Nov. 4 our division gave a pre-Thanksgiving dance, in charge of Clyde Lambert. Dancing contests were put on at 15 minute intervals. Chris Oelberg of Clear Lake and Miss Lois Booth of Des Moines were picked by the judges as the most graceful dancing couple. After the dance, refreshments were served. The balance of the evening was devoted to various interesting games. The attendance was about sixty.

There will be a bazaar held on Dec. 2. Come and get your Christmas presents early.

BROOKLYN (By A. L. Taber)—Charles Weimuth is back from his European trip, and at the November meeting gave us an interesting account of his trip. Summed up, his verdict is "No place like the U. S."

We regret the loss of Louis Hagan, who has transferred his membership to Manhattan Division for good reasons. We trust he will find his new division congenial to him.

On Jan. 13 we will hold a winter carnival. It will be held at Livingston Hall, 301 Schermerhorn St., at Nevins, Brooklyn, with Louis Baker in charge. Just what the program is the writer does not know, but all can be assured it will be an interesting occasion.

Arrangements for our annual ball are now being made. It is to be held at one of the swellest hotels in town. Keep the date, Feb. 10, on your cuff, so you won't forget it.

Our recent banquet was a very successful affair, and much credit is being given where

it belongs—to Chairman David Berch and his hustling committee.

At the close of our last business meeting we extended the courtesy of the floor to President Franz Ascher of Manhattan Division, who gave us a short talk.

TORONTO (By F. E. Doyle)—The Halloween party at Assembly Hall on Oct. 28 was an enjoyable occasion. There was a good attendance, too.

Plans are being laid for a Valentine entertainment to be given by the combined divisions under the chairmanship of Victor Shanks. This is going to be something worth while, so watch for date and place.

The Toronto members wish all divisions and the Home Office a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

MONTREAL (By J. D. Grimes)—Plans for a New Year's Eve party are in the making, but we have not progressed far enough for us to make an announcement. We may be able to give full details in the next issue.

Larry Duggan of Portland Division No. 39, accompanied by George Ladd and family of Island Pond, Vt., were guests of J. D. Grimes for a week recently. We were pleased to see them.

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The division extends its congratulations to Brother Paterson on his recovery from his recent illness, and to Brother Joannette on his prospective marriage. Who is the lady, Rene?

Montreal Division extends to all divisions and to the Grand Officers its best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

BOSTON (By J. L. McDonald)—Final plans for our annual three-day New Year affair are now completed, and all that remains is for you to be present and enjoy the occasion. Our New Year Ball on the evening of Dec. 30 will be featured by dancing, entertainment, prizes and refreshments. George W. Brown Hall, 296 Huntington Ave., Boston, is the place, and the admission is our usual charge of \$1.00.

On Sunday, the 31st, open house will be held at our meeting hall, 3 Boylston Place, from 4 to 11 p.m. In the evening public installation of the newly elected officers will take place, and on this occasion we will use for the first time the newly created jewels for the officers. This affair will be free to all those who attended the ball on the evening before. A charge of 25c will be asked of those who did not attend the ball.

On New Year's Day, at 2 p.m., bowling will be enjoyed at the Huntington Alleys, 289 Huntington Ave. William Hill will be in charge of this event, and cash prizes will be awarded. All this should certainly ring in a Happy New Year.

The division extends to all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

SAN FRANCISCO (By D. E. Glidden)—The division's Halloween party, the first in five years, was a success. A large crowd turned out in costume. Various games were played, and prizes awarded for the best costumes. The leading winners were H. Kearney, E. Miller and Mrs. M. Johnson. The committee in charge was composed of Francis Roberts, Fred Buenzle and Earl Norton.

Bret Harte Fowler, who passed away on Sept. 29, after only three days' illness from bronchial pneumonia, was a landscape gardener with 40 years experience, 25 of which were spent in steady employment with a San Jose nursery company. Some record.

MEMPHIS (By Leland Maxwell)—The division has announced plans for a big watch party on Sunday evening, Dec. 31, at the Gayosa Hotel. The party will begin at 7:30 and continue until 1939 has gone on the wings of time and 1940 is well under way. A full evening's entertainment is being planned, and a good time is assured everyone. So come on, all of you Tri-State deaf, as well as our local ones, and let's make this the biggest and best watch party that ever welcomed the new year. There will be a cover charge of \$1.10 per person. The arrangements are being taken care of by Morris Campbell, chairman, and Bros.

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Roy Barron	Council Bluffs.....	5	5.00

Asbridge and Thomas, and when those three boys get together on party plans, you can be assured of a huge evening.

Come early! Stay late! See all of your old friends and make many new ones. Let's have fun and make whoopee on Dec. 31 at the Gayosa Hotel. We are expecting you.

CHICAGO No. 1 (By Thos. O. Gray)—All Angels' Parish hall was crowded to capacity the evening of Armistice Day to "hear" Howard J. Lloyd, a veteran of the World War, tell of his exploits at the bottom of trenches facing no man's land in France during the 1914-18 conflict. The entire local personnel of the Grand Division, and 1st Grand V. Pres., Prof. Neesam of Delavan, occupied seats. Brother Cherry led the ceremonies with all arising facing the East in silent tribute to the World War dead.

Mrs. Anna McGann sang "America," followed by Mrs. Lloyd with "O Canada." Bro. Lloyd's introduction was his trip across the sea, telling of the work of the Allied navies to protect convoys, the life of the soldiers in England, France and at the front; of the hardships they had to contend with in water-logged trenches in all kinds of weather, the dread of approaching enemies in the pitch darkness, of air battles, tail spins of vanquished war birds, exploding shells and their havoc, of difficulties getting drinking water, obedience to superiors, the work of the Red Cross, explaining the desire of some to get wounded in order to get back to England for hospital care, some even wounding themselves to get a leave of absence, but found retribution more severe. At one point of his talk he gave a gruesome account of a bayonet battle between his pal and the enemy which made his hair stand up. In all, we glimpsed the reason for censorship on all war work, the ravages of mustard gas on respiratory organs, and the shooting of spies. Despite the great dangers, Bro. Lloyd says he is ready to answer the present call to arms to destroy Hitlerism. What a patriot! No. 1 expresses its gratitude to the Lloyds for their

kindness in coming so far to educate us to the real horrors of war and its wanton destruction of innocent women and children. The meeting closed with Mrs. Maiworm singing "U. S. A."

Don't forget the annual Ball-Mask-Dance to be held on February 3, 1940. Tickets are 40 cents; get yours from the committee and plan your make-up for the occasion.

HOLLYWOOD (By Gilman Stebbins)—The Ladies' Auxiliary, through the capable leadership of Lela Williams, has been putting on several brilliant entertainments. Recently they gave a dance, with the house packed to capacity, and they realized a nice profit, which has swelled their bank account to such an extent that it has required an assistant to help handle the cash reserve!

At their October meeting they initiated several new "Ducks," recent joiners of the Frax. They now consider themselves full-fledged "Quacks." Freda Greenberg, the President, gave an address of welcome.

On November 12 the Hollywood Division gave a picnic in honor of the Ladies' Auxiliary at Santa Anita Park. Refreshments were in race track style, and a good time was had by all.

DETROIT (By Jack Bertram)—Detroit is not quite dead. We secured four new members in October and 10 new applicants in November. Thanks to the old war-hoss, T. J. Kenney, who endorsed eleven, and Robert Davies, who endorsed three.

Our Masque and Dance on Nov. 4 was a grand success. We had a bowling tourney in connection, with teams from Akron, Ft. Wayne, Flint and Pontiac, besides several from Detroit. Good fellowship was shown and everybody was happy. We hope we can hold many more of them. The Oralists showed us how bowling should be done. Congratulations to them. We hope that our out-of-town friends will come again, and we promise to give them a better time next time.

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John Hellers is still sick; he has been in bed since returning from the hospital. We all hope for his recovery, and that we will see him at the meetings soon.

We are planning on holding a smoker sometime in March. Out-of-town brothers, keep this in mind. We want all of you to be there.

KANSAS CITY (By Pat McPherson)—Abe Rosenblatt and Harry Davis, co-chairmen of our New Year "Double Feature Party," December 30 and 31st, promise all members and visitors who attend plenty of fun and some new tricks.

There will be a party Saturday night, Dec. 30, with games, dancing, stunts and refreshments from 6 P.M. until midnight. Then on Sunday, Dec. 31, there will be an "Open House and Card Party." Doors open at 3 p.m. until 1940.

Both events will be held at Cabin Hall, 114 West Linwood Boulevard, and "Believe it or not," the admission to each party is only 15c each.

Kansas City Division No. 31 extends Christmas greetings to all divisions and hope you all have a very goat-ful New Year.

LOS ANGELES (By J. A. Goldstein)—Election of officers will take place at our December meeting. It is hoped that a good attendance will be present. Believe present set-up has done pretty good. Division activities have been on a par with those of other years, and better than some; the morale has been excellent throughout, good fellowship and happy camaraderie prevailing. Greatest come-down was our failure to come through in the Frat Derby. Only garnered 6 new members this year as compared with 15 the year before. It is our belief that had each member done his part, our quota of 30 members set by the Home Office could have been filled easily. Snap out of it, mon pals. Let's get going and show Frat-dom wot's wot. 1940 is another year.

Pres. Rosenkjar celebrated the visit of the stork by passing out the smokes to all members. Felicitations!

Condolences are extended to brother J. R. Davis, who lost three brothers and a cousin when the fishing barge *Spray* capsized in the gale following the recent hot spell.

Our recent meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. to permit the showing of a movie. Members were admitted gratis. Several old time reels of the silent era were shown. Not so hot if you ask us. Personally we'd suggest readings, short skits, cards, or socials after division meetings.

CLEVELAND (By Robert Young)—Our recent October 28 social proved to be a repetition of our September 30 initiation and floor show, with attendance down to a mere handful. Members refraining from attending our socials are not only injuring themselves, but are injuring others as well. Many of our loans extended to hard-up Brothers have been due largely to the many successful socials we have given in the past, but if we continue to remain aloof to pleas for larger attendance, some of us will be bound to suffer. So let's start a new leaf by attending if possible all future activities which may be the means of helping some of our fellow members.

A public installation of officers will take place at our regular January meeting and everyone is welcome to attend, so please bring your relatives and friends and help make this a gala event in starting the New Year right.

Cleveland Division joins with me in wishing all members the Season's Greetings.

MANHATTAN (By Art Kruger)—Seems we get at least one new member from month to month, for another one was brought in at the November confab. He is Benjamin M. Finkin, up and coming leader of Gotham deafdom's youngest set, whose age count will change to 25 next year. He is a draftsman by profession . . . 'Tis good news to hear that the Leopold Freys have another mouth to feed, a baby girl born on Sept. 8th . . . Congrats to the Nathan Millers who chalked off their second decade of matrimonial journeying together. Also for the same number of years the hubby has been connected with Yawman & Erbe Mfg. Co. as printer . . . Report has it that our membership will be increased by one at the December meeting . . . Highlight of this meeting will be election of new officers for the coming year. We'd like to see every one of you present! . . . At least fifty membership application blanks have been distributed during the past months. Wonder if you are using them. Our strength lies in a large membership. Do your part to maintain our strength. So get a member for 1940. Now . . . By the way, Merry Christmas, everyone. Just thought I'd beat you to it.

READING (By James N. Cutler)—Again we had a great day on November twelfth. Over a hundred attended the masquerade party in the afternoon, while in the morning, the meeting, due to the reporting of the governor on the outfitting of the new hall, and the thanking all the various donors, and changing of the By-Laws due to the new hall, ran the meeting along to almost two hours and a half, with most of the members airing their views. When members take interest in airing their views, that shows that they are awakened to new ambition, so we of No. 54 look forward to the future with full confidence that we shall meet our aims. Two new members were admitted and we look forward to several more at the December meeting. We feel that the move to admit 25 new members on the basis outlined in two previous issues was good, because we are having come-backs from a number who were members before. We look for a dozen more to come back to No. 54, as well as a bunch of new blood. The Dart Tournament is going along smoothly and arouses much excitement in the standing of the players among the various teams. Are planning now for lectures by two good speakers to the deaf, a fine Christmas party December 10, and a lot more. There's bound to be something doing in the new hall right along through the winter, and all the deaf, everywhere, are cordially invited. Take this as your invitation; tell all your friends and COME!!!!

HARTFORD (By D. R. Cole)—Attention, members of No. 37. The regular December 2 meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of electing the officers for 1940. A social will follow at 8:30. All members are urged to be present.

The Division's annual ball on Oct. 28 was one of the best ever, as was the sweepstakes on the 29th. We have been requested to have another one in the near future.

The spring dance of the Division will be held on March 16, 1940. Members of the committee in charge of the affair are as follows: David R. Cole, chairman; Bros. H. Spring, F. Harrison and E. Ramell. The dance will be held at our favorite place, Hotel Bond. Full details on this affair will be announced after the New Year. Watch for it.

Bowling games are wanted by the division's bowling team with any of the New England divisions, so line up, fellows, and bowl us a game for fun, marbles or anything you have.

ST. PAUL-MINNEAPOLIS (By H. Von Hippel)—Leo Wolter and wire are on the extended tour in a brand new Packard in the Rocky Mountain states. From reliable sources we have been informed that they have stopped in Spokane to pay a visit to Brother O'Leary.

Wilbert Birr has a newcomer in his house, born on Oct. 30. He passed out the cigars at the meeting. The baby boy and his mother are doing very nicely. Congratulations.

Gene Warne and his committee made a good job of entertaining the crowd on Halloween, despite the small attendance. Having to work

late, Gene did not turn in the report at the meeting. It is likely to turn out good.

The New Year's Eve Dance will be held on Sunday, Dec. 31, by popular vote of the members. Plans to usher 1939 out and 1940 in are nearly completed, according to Chairman Brueske. All welcome.

DENVER (By T. Y. Northern)—The socials which are held after adjournment of our regular business meetings are well attended and are becoming more popular since Efficiency Officer Fraser, ably assisted by his better half, has taken charge. New games and "Country Store" have been introduced. These socials are intended more for enjoyment than for financial profit, yet there is always a balance to bolster the division's treasury.

Many of the brothers and their wives were given a rare treat at the wedding reception of President Shaner's elder daughter, Ruth, on October 16. The refreshments, varied and delicious, were generously served in a "help yourself" manner; and the immense crowd present testifies to the popularity of our Prexy and of the contracting parties.

One of our newest members, Mike Korach, all-round athlete and basketball player pre-eminent, was married on October 30 to Sally Dennis, one of our most charming Denver lassies, who is a sister to Mrs. Howard Sullivan, wife of our Vice-President.

Denver failed to make its quota in the new member drive. This is greatly regretted by all members of No. 64, but we get consolation out of the fact that our three new members are very nice and promising youngsters. Many other prospects have been lined up but due to procrastination on their part or to a lack of "punch" on the part of our workers, they have not come in. We are still hopeful that Denver will be in the running for the 1940 derby prize. Congratulations to those divisions which made their quota and to the "getter" members who head the list.

John Kirby, of New York City, who has been confined to the Union Printers' Home at Colorado Springs, Colo., during the past four years, was recently discharged from that wonderful institution as cured and returned to his home in New York. He stopped over in Denver enroute home and the Denver brothers were elated to see him looking so well, and we congratulate him in his remarkable recovery against heavy odds.

No. 64 is planning a grand time for New Year's Eve, in Frat Hall. The committee in charge is composed of Bros. Sullivan, Korach, Tuskey, DeSelm and Fraser, with President Shaner as a volunteer helper. This committee promises to make it the biggest and best ever.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (By Isadore Zisman)—The first of our after-meeting socials was held on Nov. 4 in the spacious new quarters in the Hotel Bridgway, when Asa Gatlin was in charge of movies. There was an unusually large crowd at the affair, which featured authentic showings of activities of American soldiers in France during the World War.

We are proud to announce that Theodore Juzba, a member of our division, was high man in the bowling tournament held by the Worcester division at which members from many divisions participated.

John Haggerty was chosen to manage our annual Christmas party, which this year will be held on Dec. 16 in Melha Temple, on Worthington Street. To those unfamiliar with these annual Noel affairs, we wish to state that it is an affair held especially for children, toys and candy being given to the youngsters by none other than Mr. S. Claus. Adults who attend also have an enjoyable time.



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Chicago Division No. 1

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Admission 40c



Holiday Greetings



At this Joyous Season of Good Cheer, when business cares are overshadowed by good fellowship and kind thoughts, we sincerely wish our readers a most Merry Christmas and a New Year full of success and abiding happiness.

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MARRIAGES

June 4—John Sullivan, Taftville, Conn., and Evelyn Phelon, Hartford, Conn.

July 15—Tom Anderson and Inez Douglas, both of Dallas, Tex.

July 29—James Sullivan, Hartford, Conn., and Beatrice Edwards, Pittsfield, Mass.

September 17—Herman Schermer, Du Bois, Pa., and Dorothy Mericle, Punxsutawney, Pa.

September 30—Bernard Toner and Katherine Millett, both of Philadelphia, Pa.

October 8—Charles McEldowney, Altoona, Pa., and Ethel Holsinger, Windber, Pa.

October 14—Alton Fisher and Dorothy Moshier, both of Salt Lake City, Utah

October 15—Daniel Silk and Frances Wigman, both of Philadelphia, Pa.

October 23—Stuart Mahan and Virginia Brown, both of Cleveland, Ohio.

October 30—Mike Korach, Erie, Colo., and Sally Dennis, Denver, Colo.



THE WAITS

By JOHN CLARKE

THE singing waits, a merry throng,

At early morn, with simple skill,
Yet imitate the angels' song,

And chant their Christmas ditty still;

And, 'mid the storm that dies and swells

By fits—in hummings softly steals
The music of the village bells,
Ringing round their merry peals.



The big-game hunter was exhibiting his trophies to his small nephew.

"That lion's head," he said, pointing to a mounted head on the wall, "we brought from Africa."

"But how," asked the youngster, "did you happen to let the rest of him get away?"

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He: "Who spilled mustard on this waffle, dear?"

She: "Oh, John! How could you? This is lemon pie."

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Uncle (giving nephew a quarter): "Now, be careful with that money. Remember the saying: 'A fool and his money are soon parted.'"

Nephew: "Yes, I know. But just the same, I want to thank you."

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Percy: "Is that an eight-day clock?"
Jane (bored): "Why don't you stay a little longer and find out?"

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"I'm sorry I haven't a dime," said the lady as she handed the conductor a ten-dollar bill.

"Don't worry, madam," he replied politely. "You're going to have 99 of them in a couple of minutes."

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Doctor: "You cough more easily this morning."

Patient: "Well, I should. I've been practicing all night."

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A tramp knocked on the door of the inn known as "George and the Dragon." The landlady opened the door, and the tramp beseeched:

"Could you spare a poor, hungry man a bite to eat?"

"No!" and she slammed the door.

A few minutes later the tramp knocked again. The landlady came again. He asked: "Could I have a few words with George?"

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Child Training Expert: "If your children become unmanageable, quickly switch their attention."

Puzzled Parent: "Their what?"

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OCTOBER COLLECTIONS

Grand Division.....	\$ 5.95
Chicago No. 1.....	293.00
Detroit.....	180.30
Saginaw.....	35.00
Louisville.....	86.13
Little Rock.....	108.27
Dayton.....	44.07
Cincinnati.....	161.87
Nashville.....	37.15
Olathe.....	62.71
Flint.....	111.88
Toledo.....	97.11
Milwaukee.....	99.86
Columbus.....	150.93
Knoxville.....	23.75
Cleveland.....	177.95
Indianapolis.....	130.16
Brooklyn.....	459.42
St. Louis.....	186.04
New Haven.....	68.05
Holyoke.....	40.06
Los Angeles.....	214.08
Atlanta.....	80.04
Philadelphia.....	262.83
Kansas City.....	105.45
Omaha.....	61.05
New Orleans.....	71.46
Kalamazoo.....	26.70
Boston.....	213.69
Pittsburgh.....	119.79
Hartford.....	67.60
Memphis.....	42.84
Portland, Me.....	49.81
Buffalo.....	44.36
Portland, Ore.....	72.05
Newark.....	124.80
Providence.....	92.63
Seattle.....	82.09
Utica.....	71.08
Washington.....	114.72
Baltimore.....	118.02
Syracuse.....	50.83
Cedar Rapids.....	42.00
Albany.....	36.16
Rochester.....	92.49
San Francisco.....	79.09
Reading.....	90.64
Akron.....	200.90
Salt Lake City.....	61.97
Rockford.....	25.38
Springfield, Ill.....	21.05
Davenport.....	24.67
Worcester.....	26.84
St. Paul-Minneapolis.....	111.79
Fort Worth.....	54.97
Dallas.....	102.39
Denver.....	66.81
Waterbury.....	30.30
Springfield, Mass.....	42.78
Bangor.....	45.17
Kenosha.....	9.48
Birmingham.....	37.97
Sioux Falls.....	28.28
Wichita.....	31.32
Spokane.....	69.10
Des Moines.....	70.40
Lowell.....	25.41
Berkeley.....	26.87
Delavan.....	144.10
Houston.....	124.83
Scranton.....	45.68
Richmond.....	52.43
Johnstown.....	59.47
Manhattan.....	171.71
Jacksonville.....	35.65
Lewiston.....	19.69
Peoria.....	47.48
Jersey City.....	154.85
Bronx.....	98.57
Columbia.....	55.45
Charlotte.....	205.55
Durham.....	62.70
Grand Rapids.....	11.63
Toronto.....	71.58
Duluth.....	27.37
Canton.....	21.23
Fairbault.....	43.33
South Bend.....	33.20
Council Bluffs.....	71.97
Fort Wayne.....	58.85
Schenectady.....	23.36
Chicago No. 106.....	79.91
Miami.....	21.85
Binghamton.....	58.16
Wilkesburg.....	82.48
San Diego.....	6.50
Eau Claire.....	48.19
Sulphur.....	61.30
Vancouver.....	61.61
Westchester.....	23.15
Queens.....	53.02
Montreal.....	44.04
Hollywood.....	72.22
Hamilton.....	17.86
Kitchener.....	26.13
East Toronto.....	61.09
Total collections.....	\$8,457.50

TREASURER'S STATEMENT FOR
OCTOBER, 1939

Balance and Income	
Balance, Sept. 30, 1939.....	\$2,277,477.47
Division collections.....	8,457.50
Interest, mortgage loans.....	3,982.26
Interest, bonds.....	500.00
Mortgage fees.....	310.00
Property insurance premiums.....	162.47
Refund, real estate operating exp.....	70.79
Rents.....	6,474.18
Lodge supplies.....	3.20
Recording and registry fees.....	8.50
Subscriptions to The Frat.....	1.20
Total balance and income.....	\$2,297,447.57
Disbursements	
Death benefits.....	\$ 3,727.00
Sick benefits.....	1,160.00
Accident benefits.....	630.00
Old-age income payments.....	77.55
Clerical services.....	207.90
Federal old-age benefit taxes.....	93.42
Mortgage expenses.....	145.00
Office expenses.....	61.51
Officers' and Trustees' salaries.....	784.41
Official publication.....	185.38
Printing and stationery.....	21.24
Property insurance premiums.....	162.47
Real estate operating expenses.....	4,336.18
Surety bond premiums.....	22.52
Taxes on real estate.....	250.53
Total disbursements.....	\$ 11,855.11
Recapitulation	
Balance and income.....	\$2,297,447.57
Disbursements.....	11,855.11
Balance, Oct. 31, 1939.....	\$2,285,592.46

TRUSTEES' REPORT

Ledger Assets, Oct. 31, 1939

Real estate.....	\$ 689,690.65
First mortgage loans.....	660,192.79
Bonds and stocks.....	660,003.22
Bank deposits.....	263,602.20
Cash in Society's office.....	8,523.57
Home Office equipment.....	3,580.03
Total ledger assets.....	\$2,285,592.46

Balance in Funds

Mortuary funds.....	\$2,079,964.86
Sick and accident fund.....	109,443.61
Accumulated interest.....	41,744.59
General expense fund.....	37,548.22
Convention fund.....	13,349.63
Indemnity fund.....	3,541.55
Total in all funds.....	\$2,285,592.46

OCTOBER DISABILITY CLAIMS

F. L. Tschiffely, Miami.....	\$ 40.00
E. S. Parsons, Kalamazoo.....	10.00
W. M. Shaw, Utica.....	45.00
R. T. Grayson, Cincinnati.....	105.00
J. E. Keeton, Memphis.....	10.00
D. H. Goodrich, Berkeley.....	50.00
G. B. Hubbard, Ottawa.....	30.00
H. M. Amberg, Baltimore.....	45.00
G. R. Lewis, Binghamton.....	60.00
Abraham Lee, Akron.....	20.00
Levi Cooper, Philadelphia.....	50.00
*R. M. Hutchings, St. Louis.....	30.00
*W. A. Clemens, Buffalo.....	135.00
M. V. Maynard, Cleveland.....	30.00
L. B. Powell, Chicago No. 1.....	50.00
*Ruford Ditzler, Indianapolis.....	60.00
*B. A. Owinski, Baltimore.....	45.00
*C. B. Terry, Brooklyn.....	75.00
*J. W. Eckert, Akron.....	150.00
*E. P. Smith, Salt Lake City.....	75.00
U. M. Cool, Los Angeles.....	45.00
R. O. Scott, Washington.....	50.00
A. J. Ayotte, Lewiston.....	45.00
J. I. Jenkins, Kansas City.....	40.00
J. A. Lykes, Bronx.....	25.00
J. A. Scheuneman, Binghamton.....	100.00
Chester Brown, Schenectady.....	40.00
C. J. Ridler, Dayton.....	20.00
*A. D. Crow, Little Rock.....	30.00
A. P. Cimnera, Waterbury.....	40.00
W. C. Bader, Louisville.....	50.00
F. E. Seely, Buffalo.....	150.00
*Charles Friant, Johnstown.....	30.00
Total for the month.....	\$1,780.0

*Denotes accident claims.

OCTOBER DEATH CLAIMS

Paul M. Gromis, Reading.....	\$1,000.00
*Butler Fierbaugh, Columbus.....	402.00
Bret H. Fowler, San Francisco.....	1,000.00
*F. K. Strickland, Akron.....	57.00
*Fred H. Wheeler, Sr., Kalamazoo.....	1,268.00
Total for the month.....	\$3,727.0

*Denotes paid-up benefits.

OBITUARY

ORSON H. FAY, 56. Entry Aug. 1, 1911. Died Nov. 13, 1939. Certificate No. 1195-C. Portland Div. No. 41.

ROBERT H. SNEED, 66. Entry June 1, 1914. Died Nov. 13, 1939. Certificate No. 2050-E. Nashville Div. No. 12.

BRET H. FOWLER, 52. Entry March 1, 1920. Died Sept. 29, 1939. Certificate No. 5014-D. San Francisco Div. No. 53.

SELIGMAN GERSON, 58. Entry May 1, 1923. Died Nov. 14, 1939. Certificate No. 6565-E. Manhattan Div. No. 87.

WILLIAM MACKAY, 59. Entry March 1, 1924. Died Nov. 17, 1939. Certificate No. 6867-E. Toronto Div. No. 98.

BIRDSELL C. DARLING, 53. Entry Sept. 1, 1925. Died Oct. 20, 1939. Certificate No. 7402-C. Fort Wayne Div. No. 104.

NEW MEMBERS

Chicago No. 1:	Memphis:
Albert Goldsand	Cecil Davis
Raymond Hoehn	Buffalo:
Sylvan Levin	Charles Schlagter
Joseph Smith	Seattle:
Detroit:	Jack Bateman
William Graf	Washington:
Wilbert Ewald	Clive Breedlove
Marvin Hitch	Edwin Engelgau
Edward Johnson	Sam Kimberlain
Thomas Koren	Reading:
Kenneth Mantz	Willard Miller
Howard McBride	Albert Vivino
Albert Town	Houston:
John Waters	Raymond Gardiner
Los Angeles:	Manhattan:
Wendell Willey	Benjamin Finkin
Kansas City:	Charlotte:
Theodore Tucker	John Stone
Omaha:	Vancouver:
Joe Katz	Edwin Caughran
Meyer Rosenblatt	Clarence Luke
New Orleans:	
Maurice Iabbe	

THE GET-ONE DEGREE

Chicago No. 1—Louis Massinoff (3)
 Detroit—Thomas Kenney (8), Robert Davis
 Los Angeles—Joe Pope
 Kansas City—Clem Dillenschneider
 Omaha—Edmond Berney, Abe Rosenblatt
 New Orleans—William Smith
 Memphis—Fred Armstrong
 Buffalo—Russell Martina
 Seattle—Laurence Bradbury
 Washington—Simon Alley (3)
 Reading—Russell Schenck (2)
 Houston—William Isaacs
 Manhattan—Charles Joselow
 Charlotte—Charles Knotts
 Vancouver—William Hunter (2)

COME BACKS

Durham—James Belk

BIRTHS

September 8—Mr. and Mrs. Leopold Frey, Brooklyn, N.Y., a girl.
 September 13—Mr. and Mrs. Chester Woodward, Jonesport, Me., a boy.
 September 16—Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Mailoy, Roaring Springs, Pa., a boy.
 October 6—Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Giles, Macon, Ga., a girl.
 October 11—Mr. and Mrs. Normand Lanoue, Bridgeport, Conn., a boy.
 October 14—Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Walz, Wichita, Kans., a boy.
 October 15—Mr. and Mrs. Francis Reilly, Kansas City, Mo., a boy.
 October 22—Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Weber, Chicago, Ill., a girl.
 October 30—Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Shaw, Houston, Tex., a girl.
 October 30—Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Birr, St. Paul, Minn., a boy.
 October 31—Mr. and Mrs. August Chebultz, Wichita, Kans., a girl.
 November 1—Mr. and Mrs. Percy Ligon, Atlanta, Ga., a girl.
 November 4—Mr. and Mrs. Einer Rosenkjar, Los Angeles, Calif., a boy.

ENGAGEMENTS

Otto Mangrum, Ashbury Park, N.J., and Alice Young, Philadelphia, Pa.
 Gus. White, Houston, Tex., and Genevieve Calderera, Lake Charles, La.

DEATHS

October 15—Dean Arch, son of Ransom Arch, Council Bluffs, Ia.

National Fraternal Society of the Deaf

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

Objects

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

Death, Sick and Accident Benefits

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

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

Safeguards

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

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

Cost of Joining

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

How to Join

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

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

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

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

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

Certificate Classes

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

Withdrawal Equities and Income Options

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

Required Monthly Payments

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

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

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

Rate for age at nearest birthday to be taken