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THE FRAT



Lincoln

February 12, 1809



Washington

February 22, 1732

WASHINGTON served his country without thought of self or personal gain; he saw his duty and followed the course he believed best. So great was his faith in the cause of the Colonies that he drew on his own personal funds and gave unselfishly of his time and effort to the furtherance of that cause.

While Washington was great in leadership, he was mighty in initiative and possessed of the power to formulate policies. Further, he had the ability to carry them to a successful conclusion.

It remained, however, for one of his successors, Abraham Lincoln, the sixteenth president of the United States, born February 12th, to leave an example whose crowning attribute was simplicity of purpose, nobleness of character and a genuine understanding of his fellows.

In Washington and Lincoln we have two men not of a generation but of an age. Washington fought tyranny and oppression and Lincoln taught men that brotherhood was something more than a word to be spoken, but rather a mighty pulsation emanating from heartbeats all of which drew men closer together.

FEBRUARY, 1940

The Spotlight

By J. FREDERICK MEAGHER

THE late Mr. Nash, of Nash Motors at Kenosha, Wis., always gave us deaf a break. Rumor, Nash, as an orphan, worked for a deaf farmer; farmer was kind to the poor child; result—you see! Seems we never know when our good or bad deeds will some day boomerang. (Before it is forever too late, wonder if some long-memory reader can give name and location of that kindly deaf farmer—just to lay a printed orchid on his grave.) Wisest words in the Good Book: "By the sweat of thy brow shalt thou earn thy bread."



KENOSHA was the home of Frank Spears in the later years of his life. When Denver '27 voted law-change, compelling residents to join nearest Division, old Spears was ordered to obey. He came down to see good old Gibson—who had just been reelected Grand President after a lapse of 22 years. "Please, Gib, make an exception of poor old Spears," Spears pleaded. "I've been a member of Chi-First for 26 years. I want to die a Chi-First—and I'll be dead soon. Do Spears one last favor, for old time sake. I like Kenosha—but Chi-First is my first and last love; don't throw poor old Spears out of the Division he battled for so long and loyally." Difficult spot. Gib granted Spears his request—for which law violation he got considerable criticism. Sure enough, both Spears and Gib soon went to join the Grandest Division, up on high—so what does it matter, now? Spears' two sons, one now dead, also became members of Chi-First.

BOBS is more hard-boiled—never does favors if they conflict with frat laws or the best interest of the society. (I ought to know—Bobs gets under my hide, never did me a fraternal favor yet.) But does everybody speak well of Bobs for sticking strictly to the rule-book like a baseball umpire? Not by a jugful, honeybunch! Who loves an umpire? Every cage clash I attend, soreheads gimme their bellyache about Bobs' rulings—which I later find are strictly in accord with the orders of our Grand conventions, his bosses. Same as folks panned good old Gib for sometimes ignoring our rules when they worked an injustice like the Spears' case. Moral: you can't please everybody—so follow your conscience and let the wolves howl!

HEART-PANG of my Xmas mail: "The only paper for the deaf I receive is THE FRAT. It is sent to me regularly—for which I am grateful," by Mrs. Mina T. Gibson, widow of the Miracle Man of our NFSD, 549 Michigan av., Evanston, Ill. . . . New Year's Eve party at my Irish Shanty—100% boozeless, yet merry and bright: busiest bozo of all—janitor, accountant and jack-of-all-jobs—our Most Worshipful Grandmaster, Arthur L. Roberts (himself personally paying the deficit at last minute after all was supposed to be over.) Yet some upstage folks wonder why they never get anywhere in the world. . . . WARNING! Be on guard against Harry Luft and Charles Anderson, pair of deaf slickers said to be touring sticks, trimming suckers. Slugger Luft at one time escaped trial for murder of an ex-frat in Chi, on medico's verdict of heart-failure. (Luft is now serving a 2-yr. sentence in the Chicago Bridewell and Anderson 6 months in the House of Correction for passing bogus checks on saloon keepers.—Ed.)

EUROPE'S DEAF stagger around in the blackouts, getting run over crossing streets. Wis. Times says British deaf wear luminous badges—which sometimes ensure help and guidance from strangers when air-raid warnings sound in the dark. Or excuse them when they bump into folks and fail to oralize polite "exkooze pleeze." Use your vote; help keep America safe. (Everybody—deaf and hearing alike—wears a luminous badge at night in Germany.—Ed.)

PRESS. After off-and-on existence of several years, the Great Lakes News folds up. Went to sleep whenever its brilliant and eccentric editor, Hank ("Crutch") Crutcher had one of his I-don't-wanna-write spells; during his last period of self-imposed exile, bunch of bright birds bravely tried to carry on; did so nicely—except they found it costs \$c\$e\$e . . . American Deaf Citizen of Versailles, Ohio, thereon becomes official organ of bowlers—big, breezy sheet out every three weeks, \$1.25 per year. ADC is now in 11th year—phenomenal record for an independent paper. . . . Tom Elliott—Cal. Broadcaster owner and editor—hit by auto, leg broken, just before Xmas. Seems all us KC '35 beauty contest judges are hoodooed. . . . Romero says pile of Digest of Deaf, placed on sale in Brentano's bookshop, also in Times Square subway, was soon sold out. . . . Sedlow tells of D. G. Picard, deaf research-chemist, who has ten hearing employees: does research for U. of Ala., Ala. Poly. and the Republic and U.S. Steel corporations. . . . Also says only deaf man in "We, The People." \$3 yearbook of public opinion. is our Grand V.P., Sam Rittenberg.

HOW, SON? James W. Howson—scholarly M. A. grad of Cal. U, in which he was a Federal chemist during last World War, later returning to again teach in our Cal. school (from which faculty he has just retired after teaching 38 years) is sounding Nadders on more sensible system of "proxy voting" at conventions. Originally designed to give stay-at-homes a say-so in NAD voting, it has gradually become what is courageously styled a "racket" by Dr. Thomas F. Fox—believed the only living charter-member of the NAD. Since we fraters discontinued our prorata system—by which ten strong Divisions might outvote the other 105 lodges—it may be Howson's helpful committee-research can dig up a satisfactory system. If you have any definite ideas, write him at 2915 Regent St., Berkeley, Cal.

THIRD GENERATION. Howson succeeded our late Rev. Dr. Olof Hanson of Seattle, as chairman of NAD law com. Both men had lovely hearing daughters named Helen H. and Alice H.—I used to kid all four of them when they were kids. Hanson's granddaughter Nancy, and Howson's granddaughter Peggy, as 3-yr.-olds, attended same private kindergarten in Oakland, Cal. Today the two chubby golden-haired ten-year-olds attend the same school in Montclair—suburb of San Francisco. Nancy is president of her class. Peggy is V.-P. Verily, the old order lieth on!

SPALDING'S Basketball Guide, for 7th straight year, carries our All-America Deaf selections. Selling over 65,000 copies, the writeup again stresses color and sportsmanship of deaf teams—which coaches have assured me helps arrange attractive schedules, which in turn foster a sympathetic understanding of us deaf. Here's a valuable tip for Gallaudet College: might send Spalding's a 50-word season-summary for "Notes from the Colleges" dept.

TOURNEYS. Central in Indianapolis, Feb. 22-3-4. Eastern in St. Joseph's (NYC), March 8-9. Midwest (I believe) in Omaha, March 22-23. (That, Good Friday, is a bad date—as National combine voted last spring to hold

our Nationals 3d week in March.) Southern—unknown since host school, Ala., will be closed due to building program like Georgia's. . . . BOWLING. Binge April 6-7, on Buffalo's 28 Genessee alleys; headquarters is Hotel Statler—scene of 1930 NAD, \$3 per room, \$5 for double room, \$7 for three in room. Chicago makes big bid for 1941—seems there is now same keen competition for honor of holding Binge, and the National cage clash, as for the Frat and NAD conventions. . . . KRUGER'S annual football resume lists our school teams thusly, with won, lost, tied, points, and opponents' points:

1. Virginia, 5-0-0, 201 to 33; 2. Hartford, 5-0-1, 113 to 6; 3. Iowa, 6-2-0, 153 to 63; 4. Arkansas, 8-3-0, 208 to 161; 5. Ohio, 3-3-0, 83 to 65.

Wait until Ill.—with 5-2-1, 146 to 47—reads that last one, then listen to the howl. Proving you just can't please everybody.

OLD Rev. S. M. Freeman, 84, died in Ga., Jan. 9—heart attack following pneumonia. Among pallbearers was young Supt. Hollingsworth of Ga. Freeman's last national recognition was election as treas. at 1910 NAD. . . . Talking of old timers, is the oldest David R. Tillinghast, 98, of Fla. and the Carolinas? With runnerup rank going to Wm. Heck, 96, of Indianapolis—born the year his Indiana school started, 1844?

KNOW average life-span of American workers has increased about 20 years in past half-century? There are now around six millions entitled to pensions at 65? Which sum will mount to about 35 millions in around another quarter-century—if health-improvement and working-safety continue? From which it might seem bright young squirts joining our society will save money by taking income-at-age-70 policies? ? ? ?

EXCLUSIVE! Witty-Ritty shows me letter from ex-classmate John Breazeale, deaf reporter recently eulogized in SatEvePost: "You are first Gallaudet student I heard from since my brief and futile stay. . . . I have a desk in pressroom of new Capitol in Jackson, Miss." Real news is Breazeale reveals it was HE who figured in heroic incident I deemed haywire pipe-dream—so never printed. It's true—so here goes: A past Gov. of Miss. appointed this deaf reporter to board of trustees of state school; HE was interested in fellow-deaf—other two trustees interested in politics; political doctor headed school; result was series of royal rows; finally Gov. asked legislature to abolish the quarrelsome board and appoint new board; done. Anyway, all this fuss finally resulted in securing a capable supt. who knows the deaf—so Breazeale's brave battle helped make this old world better. Orchid to Breezy; he would rather be right than be president!

FRATISTICS. Read that meaty editorial from Eagle maz in our last issue? You should. . . . "Allied Frats Ball" drew over 800 in NYC. . . . Phila's Bill Davis quits after nearly 20 years as Div. treas. . . . Al Love's "Nazi Spy Hunt"—brand-new stunt, \$5 reward per spy—features Chi-First masque, Feb. 3. . . . Terry is hunting printer for Anthology of Deaf Poets—140 pages with pick of some 1500 submitted poems, to be priced around \$2. Mss. declared closed; hope Terry does not yield to pathetic plea of DR. Tommie Anderson to shoehorn in his latest atrocity, "Skunk Cabbages and Chicago Shrimps." That ain't no poem; that's sheer blasphemy!

ORCHID to Miss Bryna Sky of Toronto—my personal nomination for super-smartest deaf lady in whole solar system (only living soul who thinks I am as wonderful as I am sure I am). "Miss Sky shows the sky's the limit," says Bobs. (Ever notice, buddy, the only folks who think you are aces-in-spades are those who never met you? Funny world, isn't it?)

Notable Deaf Persons

By GUILBERT C. BRADDOCK

38. The Earliest Americans

THE first American deaf-mute of whom there is any record was mentioned by Prof. J. C. Gordon in a lecture on "Forgotten Worthies," delivered before the students of Galaudet College in 1886. Of him the genial professor said (as reported by the *Deaf-Mutes' Journal correspondent*, one "Frank Fryxell") :—



"Where he lies, or what his name might have been, no one can tell. All that we know of him is from a little book published in Europe in 1618, containing a letter from the good Jesuit Fathers of an American mission station, inquiring if a deaf-mute Indian could be admitted to the church. That is all. On the unknown grave of this nameless deaf-mute let us drop a flower."

Deaf Indians were perhaps rare, due to their small susceptibility to disease. And any red aborigines so unfortunate as to lose their hearing would be almost undistinguishable in a community where the Indian sign-language was of frequent use in conversation between members of different tribes. An English expert on the deaf, Mr. B. St. John Ackers, stated in the *Annals* in 1878 that among the Indian inhabitants of Martha's Vineyard not one deaf person was to be found, while the white inhabitants were deaf in the abnormal proportion of 1 in 150.

The parish records of Martha's Vineyard probably contain records of the first members of this strange island colony, in which deaf people of near relationship intermarried and continued the hereditary strain of deafness. All were descendants of an English missionary (his name is not given) who settled on the island in 1720. He was himself a hearing and speaking man, but one of his sons or grandsons was born deaf, and conveyed the defect to the children of the next generation. The interesting matter of what education these isolated deaf people received, is not touched upon; the first to enter the Hartford School were the Smith sisters of Chilmark, Mass. The elder sister married a hearing man and had one child, of normal hearing; the younger, Mary, became the first wife of Thomas Brown of Henniker, N.H., in 1832, and gave to the deaf world the shining example of her one son, the late Prof. Thomas Lewis Brown, of the Michigan School.

The famous Alexander Graham Bell made some researches to ascertain the earliest instances of the education of the deaf in America, and published his findings in the *Association Review* in

1900. He discovered that the first effort to teach the deaf on these shores was made by Philip Nelson, a citizen of Rowley, Mass., in 1679. The deaf boy on whom he performed his experiments was named Isaac Kilbourn, and was born in 1659 or 1660, according to some church records preserved by the Volta Bureau. The details are obscure, but it seems that Philip Nelson was a man of sensational opinions which at various times got him into difficulties in the church, and he capped it all by "pretending to cure a deaf and dumb boy in imitation of our Saviour by saying 'Ephphatha'." It was a time when witches and sorcerers were burnt in New England, and P. Nelson, Esq., came near to meeting this kind of a fate. The church elders instituted an inquiry into the sacrilegious doings, and in the course of it Isaac was summoned before a solemn-faced tribunal consisting of persons known to him as the fussiest and most forbidding inhabitants of the town. Attempts were made to get him to speak even a single word or the suggestion of a word with meaning in it. But the deaf youth's natural instincts of suspicion and caution ruled his actions, and it was decided that Nelson had failed as an instructor of the deaf,—whereas if he had noticeably succeeded he would probably have been hanged for doing so much good. There is, of course, some doubt as to whether Isaac did not speak because he had not profited much from Nelson's teaching. Dr. Bell expressed his opinion that the experiment was not wholly unsuccessful, from an entry in the church register in 1685, which records the baptism of "Deaf Lad's daughter Elizabeth." This, according to Dr. Bell, indicates that Isaac was no longer thought of as dumb, but only as deaf. However, a generation which was so free with words as to refer to a married man of 25 years as a lad, may have been equally foggy about the distinction between deaf and dumb, and so in fact we know nothing about Philip Nelson's efficacy as a teacher of speech to the deaf. Nor do we know anything more about Isaac Kilbourn, his pupil. He was the only deaf person in the town of Rowley, as his designation "Deaf Lad" implies; but since he had gotten himself a daughter and presumably a wife, his lot was not as lonely as must have been that of others. The account of his connection with Philip Nelson is to be found in Thomas Gage's "History of Rowley, Mass."

The Association Review also brought to light the story of John Edge, Virginia's first deaf-mute, from the diary of John Harrower, a Scotsman who set up a school on Colonel Daingerfield's estate near Fredericksburgh, Va. In 1774 Harrower had in his school a boy about fourteen years old, who was "both deaf and dum." He was the son of John Edge, a planter of the neighborhood, who contracted to pay Harrower ten shillings a term for the child's education, if he could be educated. The child's first reaction was

a feeling of homesickness, for a later entry in the diary stated that "John Edge the dumb lad" had left the school one fine Friday evening. He was back the next Monday, however, and seems to have caught on to the idea of schooling, for he was thereafter referred to as a bright pupil. In five months he could "write mostly for anything he wants," and understood the value of every figure, and could do simple addition. No reference was ever made to speech-teaching, so it is very likely that Harrower instructed him by writing and simple signs. Unfortunately, the father of John Edge did not greatly value the boon of booklearning which was offered to his son, for he got behind in his payments to the schoolmaster, and the boy was sent home after a debt of twenty shillings had been owing for some time. Thus an interesting experiment was cut short by the dictates of the cash-book and ledger.

Tournament

THE sixteenth annual Central States Basketball Tournament will be held at the Indiana State School for the Deaf, Indianapolis, February 22, 23, and 24. Six teams will be represented, namely, Illinois, Kentucky, Wisconsin, Missouri, Ohio, and Indiana.

The meet will get under way Thursday night, February 22, with three games. Two games each morning, afternoon, and night on both Friday and Saturday will complete the tourney schedule which will contain 15 games in all.

Illinois has won the meet six times, Indiana four times, Wisconsin three times, Kentucky one time, and Ohio one time. Trophies will be awarded for first, second, and third places; and there will also be a sportsmanship award.



LET us remember that force creates hate. The only satisfactory way to make people do things is to make them want to do them. Enemies are never truly conquered until their friendship is won.

Wilfred Peterson

THE FRAT

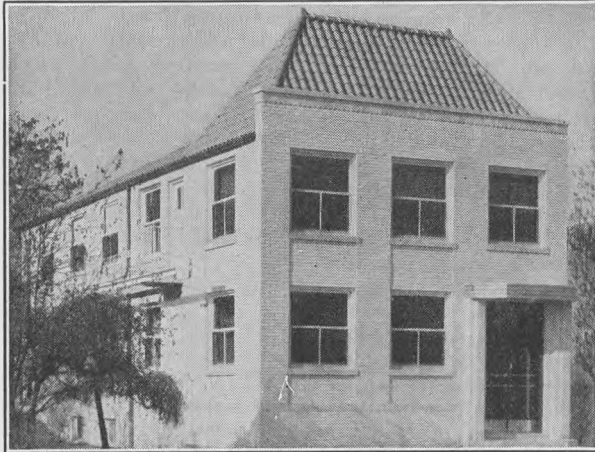
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FRANCIS P. GIBSON'S LAST MESSAGE: "CARRY ON"

FEBRUARY, 1940

DON'T FORGET THAT QUOTA FOR 1940. FOLKS ARE WATCHING YOUR QUOTA COLUMN EVERY MONTH, REMEMBER. GO OVER THE TOP.

New Law Books

DELIVERY to the Home Office of the new law books of the society has begun at this writing. The publishers expect to have the entire edition in our hands by the first of February.

We hope to have supplies of the new books ready for Division secretaries in time for the February meetings, where distribution may begin. Copies will then be mailed by secretaries to absent and non-resident members. The cost of postage in such instances will be chargeable to the Home Office, and will be paid on rendering of bills by secretaries.

Therefore, all members are advised to look for their copies some time during February, either at Division meetings or later through the mail. If you do not get your copy, ask your secretary for the "little red book." When you get it, destroy the old copy you now have.

We fear that few of our members read through the laws of the society and familiarize themselves with our rules. They should. It will make them

better members, more useful to their Divisions and the society. For this reason, we have bound the new edition in a color that cannot be overlooked, and not being able to overlook it, we hope it will be read—from cover to cover.

New Ritual

THE new edition of the society's Ritual is now on the press, and will be distributed to Divisions about March 1.

The Ritual has been greatly simplified for ease in carrying out. At the same time, we feel it has been much improved and made more impressive. Its proper exemplification, as directed in the new book, the exposition of the tenets forming the basis of our order, cannot fail to make every member conscious of his responsibility in our brotherhood and better able to do his part in making these tenets a living part of our order.

We have long felt that a revival in membership consciousness was necessary, that the beauty of our Ritual had not been properly impressed on the rank and file, and that this has caused many to overlook the real basis upon which our brotherhood is founded. This revised Ritual endeavors to awaken a keener sense of the underlying

principles of fraternalism, and we hope it will be successful to that end.

A funeral ceremony and various guiding factors other than the prescribed Ritual are included in the new edition. Division officers will find it a complete guide in managing the meetings of their units. We want every officer to study this Ritual and become letter perfect in its exemplification, to the end that the prescribed ceremonies may be carried out in the most impressive manner.

Brighten Up

SO far, five Divisions have purchased sets of the new Officers' Emblem Jewels, for use at meetings and other Division affairs:

Chicago No. 1
Milwaukee No. 17
St. Louis No. 24
Boston No. 35
Toronto No. 98

We expect to receive orders from quite a few more within the next few weeks. All orders can now be filled promptly.

These jewels are very distinctive, and were devised especially for our society. They add tone and dignity to gatherings of a Division. We are ready to wager that when a Division has once acquired a set of these jewels, it will no longer be difficult to get members to run for office. We hope that every Division will manage to purchase a set of these jewels.

Also, every Division should have one of the large emblems, either electrically operated or with detachable parts, for use in initiation and ritual work. They are invaluable for the proper and impressive demonstration of our society's ideals.

The Home Office furnishes both jewels and emblems at actual cost to Divisions, and makes no profit on their sale. See advertisement in this issue.

Fraternal Life

WE are informed by the Illinois Fraternal Congress, to which our society belongs, that it has forwarded one copy of the new book "Fraternal Life Insurance" to every tax supported Public Library located in the State of Illinois. Those of our members living in Illinois are invited to go to their nearest public library and borrow this book, which makes up-to-the-minute and reliable information available to all fraternalists. Ask your friends to read it. It is written in the layman's language, is easy to understand, and has received much favorable comment from fraternal leaders, newspaper editors, educators, and others.

After you have read the book, your comments or further inquiries will be appreciated by the Home Office here.

Hash a la Mode

THE bowling binge and card party seem to be the most popular forms of indoor sport among the deaf these days. The specialists in language are all set to step on us for calling cards a sport, but what of it? Doesn't shuffling the pasteboards sharpen the mental faculties of some sports until they are able to trim all and sundry without compunction?

We were born and raised in the hardshell Baptist belt, where cards were considered adjuncts of only sharpers and con men, and therefore anathema to the pulpit thunderers and most of their congregations, albeit we have a strong suspicion that some of the Sunday pious surreptitiously indulged in poker for what were considered high stakes in those days.

At the tender age of ten, our mother, discovering us with a brand new deck of cards for which we had traded a pocketful of marbles with another urchin, went into near-hysterics, and told us we were headed straight for sulphur and brimstone. We would become a gambler, a low-down no account, and Lucifer in the nether regions was already rubbing his hands in anticipation of our arrival. Whereupon our good mother seized the precious cards, tore them up and threw them into the fire. All of which left us quaking in our copper-toed boots at the terrible fate that had so nearly engulfed us.

Forty years after this incident, we one day came upon our good mother playing bridge with a roomful of ladies. Pretending to be horrified, we exclaimed: "Why, mother, where are YOU headed for now? You will become a low-down no account if you keep on. Lucifer is rubbing his hands in anticipation. This is terrible!" Said our mother: "Oh, go on, you old fogey. Times have changed."

And they have, with a vengeance.

The papers tell us that the SEC is on the trail of the fly-by-night insurance outfits which give you everything under the sun in large type on their policy, then neatly render you *hors de combat* in small type if you try to collect. We congratulate the SEC in at last getting on to something worth while.

NOTE: Our certificates are printed all in large type. We do not promise everything under the sun, but what we promise we do not take away.

MEAGHERANIA: Says a lady who apparently is too modest to sign her name to a perfumed epistle sent this department:

Everyone in Chicago deafdom, and quite a few outside, know all about Jimmy . . . all his little foibles and idiosyncrasies . . . no one takes him seriously, no matter what he says or does. To do so shows a lamentable lack of a sense of humor . . . Jimmy's inimitable bom-

bast . . . no more loyal frater in the NFSD than he . . . anyone who can make people grin instead of groan deserves a medal.

Ah, Jimmy! The ladies know all about you.

And to cap the climax, that renowned bard, Earl (Solly) Sollenberger, breaks into a panegyric addressed to winsome Barbara Lee, thusly:

TO BARBARA LEE

The moon never beams without bringing sweet dreams

To Jimmy of Barbara Lee,
How she called him a heel and a busted cart wheel
In THE FRAT, as we all did see.

In our sacred FRAT she called him a rat
(In womanly words), and a louse.
Oh Barbara dear, you're all wet, I fear,
For Jimmy's more man than a mouse.

And that's what we need, if the FRAT we're to read;

He's a martyr, from where I am sittin'.
Oh Barbara dear, I will shed not a tear,
But suggest you tend to your knittin'.

Old Timer Passes

THEY go, one by one. Another old timer has passed on. John H. Geary died at the Chicago Home for the Blind on January 18, 1940.

Geary was 74 years old and had been living at the Home for the Blind for the past several years, after becoming destitute and unable to care for himself. For a short time, before entering the Home for the Blind, he had been an inmate of the Illinois Home for Aged Deaf, but left of his own volition.

He was a native of New York State and educated at the old Fanwood School in New York City. He is reputed to have started what is now the Cleveland Public Day School for the Deaf. In later life, when blindness began to come on, he was interested in establishing a school for deaf and blind children, and tried to interest altruistic minded people in the idea, but without success.

He became a member of this society in June, 1907, when it was a small, struggling organization, and for a few months after that was general organizer. A highly intelligent man, he was, however, of an erratic and unpredictable nature, and after less than a year in the society he allowed his certificate to lapse in May, 1908. After that, he had few if any associations among the deaf.

At the time of his death, efforts to locate any living relatives were unavailing. He was buried in Chicago.

Board Committees

THE committees of the Grand Division Board of Directors for the ensuing four years and extending through the 1943 convention, have been appointed as follows:

LAW: F. J. Neesam, chairman; J. T. Shilton and A. L. Roberts.

RITUAL: L. S. Cherry, chairman; S. B. Ritzenberg, and F. D. Gilbert.

CLAIMS: A. L. Roberts, chairman; C. B. Kemp, and L. S. Cherry.

EXECUTIVE and FINANCE: A. L. Roberts, chairman; C. B. Kemp, L. S. Cherry, G. F. Flick, H. M. Leiter, W. Barrow.

WPA Rulings

AKRON Division's committee on A WPA Employment, composed of Brothers B. M. Schowe, K. B. Ayers, I. M. Robinson, have been busy lately combatting discrimination against deaf workers on WPA projects in Ohio. They have taken up the matter with the Ohio State administrator and with Col. F. C. Harrington, Commissioner of Work Projects at Washington. The findings of the committee are that WPA discrimination against the deaf is based on rulings by local WPA officials, and that the Federal regulations are favorable to the deaf. Brother Schowe, chairman of the Akron committee, sends us the following enlightening report:

Reports of discrimination against deaf workers on WPA continue to come in from different sections of the country. In every case, the main difficulty is to put your finger on the person who is responsible. Everyone in authority around the WPA offices is sure that someone "higher up" actually issued the order which would deny to the deaf the right to earn a living.

Here at last we have official word from the highest "higher up" on this subject. It is from the office of Colonel F. C. Harrington, Commissioner of Work Projects, who is head of the WPA for the whole country. Hereafter, when some county official attempts discrimination on the grounds that it is "against the rules" to hire deaf workers, just take him a copy of the following letter. It contains the correct wording of the rule which covers the situation. There is nothing in it which would sanction discrimination against the deaf:

FEDERAL WORKS AGENCY

WORK PROJECTS ADMINISTRATION

1734 New York Ave.

Washington, D. C.

F. C. Harrington
Commissioner of Work Projects

January 12, 1940.

Mr. B. M. Schowe
National Fraternal Society of the Deaf
478 Madison Ave., Akron, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Schowe:—This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 6, 1940, addressed to Colonel F. C. Harrington, requesting that the regulations of this Administration be modified in order to give more liberal consideration to the employment of deaf persons.

The regulation to which you refer, Section 43 of Operating Procedure E-9, is not mandatory regarding the exclusion of deaf persons from projects of this Administration. Your attention is invited to the following sentence taken from Section 43:

"No person whose age or physical condition is such as to make his employment dangerous to his health or safety, or to the health and safety of others may be employed on any work project; provided, however, that this regulation shall not be construed to operate against the employment of physically handicapped persons, otherwise employable, where such persons may be safely assigned to work which they can ably perform."

It is suggested that any specific cases which you may have in mind be brought to the attention of the State Work Projects Administrator for Ohio, Dr. Carl Watson, Clinton Building, 8 East Chestnut Street, Columbus.

Very truly yours,

FRED R. RAUCH,
Assistant Commissioner.

Even though no danger is in sight at present, it may be well to keep a copy of this letter on file. Any one of the many frequent changes in local (county and state) administration may try to effect a change in policy in this respect. The letter may come in handy as insurance against just such a possibility.

We believe the foregoing will be extremely helpful to other communities where discrimination against the deaf may develop on WPA projects. The widest possible circulation should be given to the information contained herein, and to this end all State school papers and other publications connected with the deaf should publish it.

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Lodge News



February

2.	"Jitterbug" night.....	Bronx
3.	Mask ball.....	Chicago No. 1
3.	Smoker.....	Little Rock
3.	St. Valentine party.....	New Haven
3.	Frat frolic.....	Philadelphia
3.	Banquet.....	New Orleans
3.	Social.....	Hartford
3.	Card social.....	Buffalo
3.	Party.....	Utica
3.	Aux-frat Valentine party.....	Albany
3.	Leap Year party.....	Rochester
3.	Whist.....	San Francisco
3.	Social.....	Denver
3.	Benefit social.....	Sioux Falls
3.	Dance.....	Des Moines
3.	Ladies' party.....	Delavan
3.	Leap Year social.....	Scranton
3.	Party.....	Lewiston
3.	Card party.....	Jersey City
3.	St. Valentine party.....	Toronto
3.	Dutch whist.....	San Diego
3.	St. Valentine festival.....	Westchester
4.	Smoker.....	New Orleans
9.	Valentine party.....	Chicago No. 106
10.	Annual ball.....	Brooklyn
10.	Movies.....	Portland, Me.
10.	Social.....	Cedar Rapids
10.	Hard times party.....	Rockford
10.	Party.....	Davenport
10.	St. Valentine social.....	Waterbury
10.	Military whist.....	Springfield, Mass.
10.	Valentine party.....	Charlotte
10.	Valentine party.....	Schenectady
11.	Social.....	Reading
11.	Valentine party.....	Johnstown
17.	Basketball games-dance.....	Jersey City
24.	Social.....	Cleveland
24.	Card party and dance.....	Indianapolis
24.	Bingo.....	Holyoke
24.	Mask ball.....	Los Angeles
24.	Penny lunch and program.....	Kansas City
24.	Party.....	Portland, Ore.
24.	Party.....	Syracuse
24.	Dance.....	St. Paul-Minneapolis
24.	Mask ball.....	Houston
24.	"Get Acquainted" dance.....	Richmond
25.	Lecture.....	Reading
25.	Social.....	Birmingham

March

2.	Movies.....	New Haven
2.	St. Patrick party.....	Rochester
9.	Movies.....	Springfield, Mass.
9.	St. Patrick social.....	Kalamazoo
9.	St. Patrick party.....	Rockford
9.	Social.....	Davenport
9.	Annual party.....	Ft. Worth
9.	Social.....	Waterbury
9.	Bowling party.....	Kitchener
9.	St. Patrick's party.....	Brooklyn
10.	Social.....	Reading
16.	Anniversary social.....	Dayton
16.	Spring dance.....	Hartford
16.	St. Patrick social.....	Seattle
16.	Dance.....	San Francisco
16.	St. Patrick party.....	Richmond
30.	Social.....	Holyoke
30.	Bowling tournament-social.....	Washington
30.	Game social.....	Binghamton
31.	Social.....	Birmingham

April

6.	Easter social.....	Scranton
13.	Annual ball.....	Newark
13.	Box social.....	Rockford
27.	Anniversary banquet.....	Dallas
27.	Ball.....	Manhattan
28.	Social.....	Birmingham

JERSEY CITY (By F. X. Nicholas)—As secretary of the general committee, I consider it my duty to urge all of you, brothers, that you coax all of your friends to patronize the 18th annual affair, the 3rd basketball and dance to be held at the Polish Community center at 353

Go-Get-'Em Drive, 1940

Name	Division	New Members
Domenic De Filippo.....	Detroit	4
Robert Davies.....	Detroit	3
Russell Schenck.....	Reading	3
Arvid Rudnick.....	Vancouver	3
Joseph Balasa.....	Louisville	2
Ivan Davis.....	Little Rock	2
George Duflo.....	New Orleans	2
Robert Wilson.....	Hartford	2
Leo Goldstick.....	Detroit	2
William Abbott, Sr.....	Schenectady	2
Edward Rasmus.....	Eau Claire	2
Allen Nahrgang.....	Kitchener	2
James Smith.....	Little Rock	2
Chester Hart.....	Rockford	2

Grove street, cor. Bay street, Jersey City, on Saturday, Feb. 17. If disinterested in basketball games, you can step one flight downstairs and make yourself merrier by ordering drinks at the bar and get acquainted with new faces that you might not have set your eyes on them before! The committee asks your patronage at this affair, and it will be fully appreciated. The understanding is that the net proceeds will be turned over to the local fund for fraternal purposes only. James Davison, who has been inducted and installed as president of this division for the fourth consecutive time, also asks you to give the committee your general cooperation to help them make it a success—so please show yourself there! Thank you.

WORCESTER (By Bart Burns)—A smoker was held after our January meeting, with 6 members initiated and introduced to our goat. At the conclusion of the ordeal both the members and the goat were pretty well all in. The latter has been taken back to the barn to recuperate. Sandwiches, pretzels and beer were served free.

Brother Ricculti will have charge of our February after-meeting social. Brother Flanders will assist him. Several new games will be played.

BIRMINGHAM (By A. L. Sedlow)—The new administration that took over the reins at our January meeting found things plenty exciting. The meeting lasted over three hours. Starting with February we will hold open house for the wives and sweethearts of members and for male non-members. The idea is to interest the latter in the society and to create good will generally.

It is heartening to our resident members to see so many of our non-resident members at meetings. The boys from Talladega have been attending with consistent regularity. We enjoy their presence, and trust they enjoy our meetings.

Gus Well will be in charge of our February social, to be held on the 25th. Hereafter all of our socials will be held on the last Sunday of each month, unless the chairman, for good reasons, decides otherwise. We have voted to make the Thomas Jefferson Hotel our permanent headquarters. This is at 2nd Ave. and 17th St.

Harry Baynes is chairman of a committee of three that is raising money for the purchase of a set of emblem jewels for the division. He is forever thinking up novel methods. His latest is to "fine" the members at every meeting for failure to wear the society's emblem in coat lapel, ring or tie pin. We all get a kick out of it.

Third Grand Vice President Rittenberg was guest of honor at the New Year's party given by Memphis Division. At a special meeting he spoke on the significance of the society's new ritual changes.

SAN DIEGO (By W. H. Foster)—As a result of the December election of officers, all offices have new incumbents, except that of vice president. The latter, Kenneth Munger, is a non-resident member. He lives 45 miles from San Diego, but is a regular attendant at meetings. Most of the other officers have held office before, so are not new at the game. We are looking forward to a successful year.

Our oldest member is Roy Grimse, who transferred here from Chicago Division No. 1 in 1930. He holds certificate No. 41, which makes the rest of us feel like mere babies!

Our division will hold a Dutch whist tournament, starting in February and ending in June. We look for some exciting contests. May the best player win.

CHICAGO No. 106 (By F. L. Bush)—Retiring President Nelson conducted the installation ceremonies at the January meeting. His efficient handling of the ceremony made it a pleasant ending for the retiring officers and an equally pleasant beginning for the new ones.

Our schedule of socials for the ensuing year is now being made up. The first of the series planned will be a valentine party combined with cards and bingo. The proceeds of these socials will be used for the purchase of a set of emblem jewels for the division, avoiding a raid on the local treasury.

We shall step out high and wide, no holds barred, in the 1940 membership drive. We aim to fill our quota, and if possible, exceed it.

We expect our bowling team, composed of Brothers Bruns, Rice, Lindskog, Ursin and Bush, to shortly issue a challenge to our bowling friends in Division No. 1. Pick your favorites and root for them.

Don't forget that valentine social we spoke of. It will be held on Feb. 9, at Hotel Sherman, Clark and Randolph. Come and join with us in having a big time.

CHARLOTTE (By E. M. Winecoff)—Remember Feb. 10, the date of our annual valentine party. It will be held in the ballroom of the Selwyn Hotel. Charles Stainback will be in general charge, assisted by Brothers Winecoff and Wamsley. They will try to put this affair over the top in a big way. A record-breaking attendance is anticipated. Come yourself and bring your friends.

COSTUME BALL AND ENTERTAINMENT

Brooklyn Division No. 23

February 10, 1940

HOTEL TOWERS

Clark & Willow Sts., Brooklyn, N.Y.

ATLANTA (By L. B. Dickerson)—After meeting at the Ansley Hotel for the past 10 years, the division changed to the Red Men's Wigwam hall on Jan. 5. The new officers were sworn in and installed.

A box supper will be held sometime in February, partly to replenish our coffers, and partly to interest non-members in the affairs of the division.

In May comes our 30th anniversary, when we will have a big celebration, including a banquet and smoker. A few outside fraters will be officially invited.

The death of Rev. S. M. Freeman on Jan. 9 removed from our rolls the last of our social members. He was a teacher at the state school in Cave Springs for 38 years, and preached in Atlanta for 23 years.

At its January meeting the division voted to establish a "trip fund." Any member desiring may deposit a limited amount monthly for four years, as an aid in financing a trip to California in 1943 to attend the convention of the Grand Division.

SAGINAW (By H. M. Dundas)—Brothers Gorney and Vance had quite an adventure last November. While hunting deer in Upper Michigan, they got lost in the woods. When they finally found their way back to camp, they were almost frozen. Brother Gorney had a shot at a deer, but missed. Tough luck!

Our division will hold a keno social at the home of Brother Gorney on Jan. 27. A good time assured, of course.

It is interesting to note that one of the oldest barbers in Michigan, if not the oldest, is Lawrence Lynch of Bay City, a member of this division. He has been working in his own shop for about 50 years. A pretty good record.

JERSEY CITY (By C. T. Hummer)—At the December elections three linotype operators employed by the same printing company in Jersey City were elected to the office of division president. They were James Davison, Jersey City Division, now serving his fourth consecutive term. Alfred Shaw, Newark Division and Emil Mulfield of Brooklyn Division. Hey, Spotlight Jimmy, the fellows want to know what you think of this!

The division will hold a card party on Feb. 3. Come and test your skill; if you haven't any, just try your luck.

The division extends its sympathy to Brothers Avallone, Rienzi and Londregan in the recent loss of their mothers.

MILWAUKEE (By J. C. Moen)—The division and its auxiliary held a joint installation of officers. The ladies were a little shaky at first, but quickly caught on and went through bravely. We wish them luck for 1940.

Oscar Meyer bagged a handsome 175 pound buck up in northern Wisconsin. With six hearing friends, he was the only one to bag his game. Congratulations, Oscar.

Acting on the principle that one good term deserves another, the division sentenced Hubert Booz to his 13th consecutive term as division treasurer. His address remains the same, 4212 N. 49th St. Secretary Moen's address is 1133-A W. Wells St.

PITTSBURGH (By J. K. Forbes)—Non-resident members will please note that our meetings will hereafter be held on the first Saturday of the month instead of the first Friday. We hope the change will result in a better attendance, both of resident and non-resident members.

The division will hold no banquet this year. Instead, the social committee has something in the way of an entertainment for February. Sorry I cannot give details.

At our January meeting we enjoyed a surprise visit from Ralph Larned of Stoneboro, Pa. He formerly worked in Pittsburgh, but is now on a farm, and likes it. He looks hard as nails.

DULUTH (By C. P. Magnuson)—Our new meeting hall in the Winthrop Block, 4th Ave. and 1st St. has been taken for a year. It is more convenient than our old meeting place, having a central location downtown. Beginning with the February meeting our regular meeting dates will be the first Saturday of each month.

Benjamin F. Round, age 71, died on Dec. 19. He was a social member of this division, and often his advice was welcomed in regard to division affairs. He had been a resident of Duluth for 32 years. The pallbearers at the funeral were all members of the division. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved family.

SEATTLE (By Carl Spencer)—The division's New Year's party went over big, thanks to the efforts of Sterling Summers and Ralph Pickett and their efficient aides. There was a large attendance, visitors coming from all parts of the state. Several out of state visitors were also in town, among them George Riley of Victoria, B. C. and Paul Fest of Portland, Ore.

Arvid Rudnick of Vancouver Division, which turned in so many new members in 1939, was also in town, and attended our January meeting. Brother Rudnick has started his division on the road to a repetition of last year's record, turning in three applications at the last meeting of his division. That's the kind of work that counts.

WATERBURY (By J. A. Di Leo)—Anthony Wenslowes has been appointed social chairman for the next three months. He will make his initial effort with a St. Valentine social on February 9. It will be held at our usual meeting place, Liberty Hall, 305 Bank St. Plenty of new games, and a small admission of only 25 cents. Don't forget the date.

Saverio Minicucci has accepted the chairmanship of our 22nd annual affair for next November. He can be depended on to put up something good.

NEWARK (By B. L. Doyle)—Our new president, Alfred W. Shaw presided at the January meeting, and surprised us by flourishing the silver gavel presented to him on his retirement from that office 14 years ago. It had been carefully kept, and now brought proudly forth.

Bernard Doyle, who has been president of the division for the past five years, was presented with a handsome stitchless leather wallet, enclosed in which was a sum of money, as a testimonial from the division on his retirement.

RICHMOND (By L. R. Wickline)—Don't forget our "get acquainted" dance on Feb. 24. If the games put up don't make you get acquainted, nothing will.

Flae Shook has been chosen chairman of our St. Patrick's party to be held on March 16.

You won't need to be Irish to have a good time. Come and let us prove it.

We have decided to celebrate our 20th anniversary with a banquet on December 14 next. Brother Freeman will be chairman, with Brother Armstrong assisting him.

WESTCHESTER (By Raymond W. Geel)—Speaking of the proverbial bad penny (meaning myself) I'm back again at the old stand as secretary of the best division in all Fradom (at least one of the best anyhow).

To those members and friends who may have occasion to write me, either for business or personal reasons, please note my new address, 461 So. 3rd Avenue, Mt. Vernon, N.Y.

1940 is going to be a banner year for No. 114, and no doubt about it. Already we've inaugurated something new that I'm sure is going to be a success. I'm talking about our card parties and socials after our regular meetings, which, by the way, have been moved up to the first Saturday of the month. Our first one, right after our January meeting, while not over attended, gave every indication that our future ones will be something to write home about. Our next, a St. Valentine Festival to be held at the usual place, Moose Hall, 25 Prospect Ave., Mt. Vernon N.Y. on February 3, promises to be good.

Lately we've had four additions to our rolls, two by the transfer route and two new members. The transfers were Albert O. Pyle and John Kostyck, both coming from Brooklyn Division. The new members are Louis Radlein and Oscar Norflus.

I notice in the January issue of THE FRAT that our slogan is "Every member get a member in 1940." Now there's something that sounds easy. Then again it may sound easier than it is, but "they never killed a guy for trying."

Bro. and Mrs. Berger, who are temporarily living with their daughter in Haverstraw, made a surprise visit to Mt. Vernon, and the writer was glad to see them looking so well. Incidentally, our division presented Bro. Berger with a gold emblem ring in appreciation of his years of helpful service.

BOSTON (By J. L. McDonald)—In spite of the inclement weather conditions on the evening of our annual New Year's ball, the affair was very well attended, with visitors from most of the New England states and New York. It has become a habit of old Jupiter Pluvius to start the affair for us with a heavy fall of snow or rain on the day of the affair; but regardless of conditions on the outside, a very enjoyable evening helped to speed the old year on its way. The public installation of officers at the Open-House on the following evening was very interestingly carried out although the failure of the new jewels for the officers to arrive in time to be used at the installation was a disappointment to us all. The demonstration and speeches were much enjoyed. We have already started

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plans for our next annual affair, which will be an entirely different form of pleasure.

Our guardian of the division's best interests, charter member D. MacGregor Cameron has been on the sick list for the past few weeks, very much to our regret. For more years than we can recollect Bro. Cameron has been the chief spark at our meetings, and his absence is keenly felt and regretted by us all. We hope that it will not be long before he will be back with us again.

Quite a few of our members received their matured certificates during the past year and while this is an excellent demonstration of the society's achievement and the members determination we are hoping that it will prove to be a good incentive to those who are holding-out to step in and take their place.

PORTLAND, ORE. (By J. J. Kaufman)—

After the new officers were installed, President Frank Amann immediately appointed Bro. Greenwald as the chairman for the annual February party, which will be held on February 24. More details will be announced later through the mail. Let's come and get acquainted with each other again.

At the last meeting, some Frats of Vancouver Division came along and had a debate with us. Three members from each division were picked to make a team. The subject was "Is it more pleasure to live in the State of Oregon than the State of Washington?" The negative team led by Captain John Wondrack of Vancouver won the slight edge over Portland, led by Fred Wondrack. There was a lot of laughter in it. There will probably be another debate later on.

Portland and Vancouver Divisions will have a joint Smoker on April 20 at Vancouver, Washington. The program is under way now, and there will be a small admission to defray the expenses. More announcements will be made from time to time. It is hoped that it will be the best smoker we have ever had, and will always cherish the memories of the Smoker.

ST. PAUL-MINNEAPOLIS (By H. Von Hippel)—Chairman August Brueske did a very commendable job in handling the New Year's Eve Dance, and turned into the treasury one of the largest profits from this dance in years. Also much praise is due Sam Sagel, Chas. Winters and Nathan Fritz.

Russell Fetzer, Philip Cadwell, Joe Lieb and Harold Lee were appointed on the Washington Mask Dance committee. Having had only a short time to contemplate plans for the dance, they have not given the writer details for the next issue, but you may be sure that good times will be awaiting you. Come on and give them support.

HOLYOKE (By A. H. Enger)—Holyoke Division is out to duplicate it's 1939 batting average, so the evening of February 24th, finds us at the bat opening our social season for 1940, which is also our Thirtieth Anniversary. The weather man will umpire as usual, but our hopes of a more profitable social season are very optimistic. Arrangements are also being made to resume the bowling rivalry between Springfield and Holyoke Divisions to be held in the afternoon of the 24th at our very newest bowling alleys on Elm Street, Holyoke, which has the very latest equipment including foul indicators. It is also hoped that a game can be arranged between the ladies of Springfield and Holyoke for the same afternoon, to make the rivalry complete. Come on everybody; no one has been disappointed with Holyoke's social arrangements yet, and this will be even better.

Keep your eyes glued on the monthly notes issued through the Holyoke column for our future affairs which will give full particulars and details of our coming socials. We have practically decided upon the last Saturday in March for our March social, which the committee is working on now, like all others it will be something novel and new.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (By Isadore Zisman)—A most successful bingo party one of a series of monthly winter socials, was held on Jan. 13. Frank Malaguti and Salvatore Giuffre, both new in running off socials, were in charge. Much is expected of these two youngsters in the management of future affairs.

Charles Moscovitz has been chosen to be in charge of our annual May ball, which will be held on May 25 in Hotel Kimball, Springfield's leading hotel. His aides are Bros. Rogers, Gatlin and Zisman. Bro. Moscovitz, transferred from Boston, hasn't said much about his plans, which leads us to suspect he has a batch of new ideas up his sleeve. More anon.

President Max Thompson states that at the military whist party of which he is chairman, and which is scheduled to be held on Feb. 10 in the Hotel Bridgeway, refreshments will be served by the hotel. As this affair will be held following the meeting, Pres. Thompson requests that members come to the meeting at 7 p. m. sharp. In the afternoon, bowling, which has gained such popularity among the deaf, will be available to those interested, at Smith's alleys, Worthington Street, off Main Street.

Don't forget March 9, when Bro. Gatlin will be in charge of a movie social. He is on the lookout for a well-known silent picture which will interest all those who attend.

HARTFORD (By D. R. Cole)—The Division has got a good start toward its quota of 5 new members for 1940. Already two have been admitted, leaving us three to go . . . The date of our Annual Ball in October has been set, and it will be October 26 at our favorite place, the well known Hotel Bond Ballroom. For the afternoon a good football game is being lined-up by Bro. Rockwell, coach of the A. S. D. team, so remember the date and start saving your pennies, as you can still remember last October.

Our old friend Billy Goat is happy, as we have promised to have him with us Saturday, April 6. He is eager to go after those new members who have not yet ridden him. The works will be put on by the Nutmeg Forest No. 116 Tall Cedars of Lebanon Drill Team, are well known for their work, and are from Manchester, Conn., the home town of the Secretary. It is hoped that several New England Divisions who meet on the first Saturday will postpone their April meeting date so their members can be with us to join in the fun. More details in the next issue.

Don't forget our Spring Dance at the Hotel Bond, March 16. It is going to be equal to our Annual October Ball.

MANHATTAN (By Art Kruger)—Installation is over and a new administration takes over the responsibility of the division. One more year has passed in the life of the division—another year of great accomplishment—each officer, each committeeman, each member has given his all towards one goal, to carry on the division. During the past year we have brought in several new members whose average age is about 25 years. What especially enthruses us is that we lead the four other local divisions in securing new members, and it is evident that we have the live wire members. Now let's make our 1940 membership drive the greatest in division history. It can be done of each one of you does his duty and enrolls his friend or neighbor as one of us. If each member were to get only one new member, what a glorious year 1940 would be. Get him to join; you will be doing him a favor and he will thank you for it. He will be indebted to you for a long, long time. If you cannot do it by yourself, let us have his name and address and we shall be more than happy to help enroll him. If each of you do, we will have 150 more members by the end of the

year, and what is more, we will get \$150.00 more from the Home Office.

Aaron M. Feit, who was born in Antwerp, Belgium, and educated in Germany, has decided to join with us. . . Now we have exactly 153 members, 22 of whom are charter members . . . Since its inception on Jan. 20, 1922, the Division has had 243 different names on its membership roster . . . Hotel Edison has been selected as the place for our next Ball on April 27th. It is located on 228 West 47th Street, which is only three short blocks from UL, the scene of our monthly confabs. The success of every affair is measured by the attendance. To this end we cannot help stress the necessity of a large ticket sale. The purchase and selling of tickets, which will be distributed at our next meeting, will demonstrate your enthusiasm and afford you the opportunity of supporting your division in this annual Ball. Admission will be \$1.00 each. Come on, Comrades, let's go.

Greetings were received from Brother Ben F. de Castro in Panama. Thanks, Ben, and a Happy New Year to you and the Mrs.

Forget ye not the goat jamboree to be held immediately following the end of the meeting on Feb. 7. Free eats and drinks to be served, and you are in for a swell time, for we have at least 10 novices to show us how to ride our sacred Billy Goat.

BROOKLYN (By H. J. Goldberg)—The "peepuls choice", President Emil (y) Mulfeld was inaugurated with much pomp and ceremony. In glittering sartorial effect and oratorical splendor he opened his administration in a blaze of glory.

The retiring President, Joseph L. Call, in recognition of laudable services rendered, was the recipient of a 14-karat solid gold medallion. "Well done thou good and faithful servant."

Artie Taber is heading for membership in the N. Y. Bar Association. He introduced into legislation a local rule in the interests of sound economy. When a law brought into use is passed unanimously, Artie should have something to speak vain-gloriously about. Chests out, boys.

Expression of sympathy to Clarence Peterson, whose father passed away at the ripe age of 83. Ditto to Moses E. Josephs, who also lost his father.

Our orchids this month go to Bros. Tommy Cosgrove and Paul Tarlen. The couple can be seen here and everywhere exploiting the features of our 31st Annual Costume Ball, which will go off with a bang at the Towers Hotel, on the evening of February 10.

CLEVELAND (By Vic J. Knaus)—Installation ceremonies took place at the January meeting of No. 21 with quite a crowd on hand. The president-elect, Herman J. Cahen, put the meeting into high gear and had it over in an hour. Following the meeting Mr. Wallace Finch, Principal of the local Alexander Graham Bell Oral School, was escorted to the rostrum, and aux-frats and local deaf filed into the spacious hall, filling it completely, upon which Mr. Finch spoke on the problems of the deaf. Mr. Finch, a mild-mannered personality, first compared the mentality and abilities of the deaf with the hearing people, and stated that from his own association with both, he finds that there is absolutely no difference, and that in many respects the deaf are superior to the hearing people. He emphasized

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that the deaf should do away with timidity and self-consciousness and face their daily problems in a natural way. In concluding his talk, Mr. Finch outlined the plan which his school follows in educating the deaf, stating that pupils are grouped into five classes, depending upon the amount of hearing they possess. Following his talk we held an open house forum or social in which the topic of practically every conversation was Mr. Finch's discourse.

Our latest member to have completed his twenty-year payments is Albert J. Gebhardt. We can well imagine his elation, for twenty years seems a long period when a member decides on that plan, but how very short it really is when the period has been completed. Congratulations, Brother Gebhardt!

Saturday, February 24, is social night in the Frat headquarters, with "How ya" McMullan in charge. A big time and rollickin' crowd is expected. An Improvement Committee has been chosen whose job will be to get to the root of all local squabbles and plant a spirit of fraternity and good will among the deaf of Cleveland. "Watch us grow" is our motto for 1940.

TORONTO (By J. F. Gotthelf)—Those who have experienced swapping rowboats in a running river will understand the feelings of the new officers of our division who have been launched on the water for the year 1940.

At our January meeting resolutions of sympathy were passed on the occasion of the death of Newton Black of Kitchener Division, and of the mother of W. W. Ellis of Toronto Division.

At the conclusion of the meeting, our room at the Royal York Hotel was open to ladies to witness the installation of officers. Afterwards, euchre was enjoyed, with prizes for the winners and refreshments for everyone.

Our division will hold a Valentine party on February 3 at the hall on College Street and Spadina Avenue.

In the January issue of THE FRAT the address of the division secretary should have read 1524 Mt. Pleasant Rd., instead of 1524 Mt. Prospect Rd.

CHICAGO No. 1 (By Thos. O. Gray)—By the time this gets in the February issue, No. 1's 38th annual Masquerade will be in full swing. Chairmen Shaw and Love will have the bull by the horns. It will not be Ferdinand, who sits down and smells flowers adorning ladies hats, but a regular barnyard bellower that digs bomb holes with his horns. His motto will be, "Don't be a Sissy, be a Bull; join the Frat. It's a He-Man's organization." It ought to help members fill the 1940 quota of 25 new members by lending a new idea for organization work.

Besides the bovine described above there will be masqueraders, long and short, lean and fat, and hideous in looks, as well as "Rip Van Winkle" and the nuttiest man in the universe. All will parade around the arena with the Bull, running the risk of being helped through the window before the judges call a halt. The prizes to be donated are many, and the beer the best to drink with the limburger and horse radish. The refreshment stand will contain sandwiches of all kinds, up to the double-decker variety. Everybody welcome. The admission is 40 cents, doors open at 6:30 P.M. The place is Ravenswood Masonic Temple, 4605 N. Paulina Street, North Side "L" trains to Wilson station. Persons paying cash fare should ask agent for blue transfer (Bus) for Wilson Avenue bus to Paulina Avenue. Car riders transferring to Lawrence Avenue car line should get off at N. Paulina (1700 W.), walking south two blocks to hall.

The Home Office has our sincere thanks for the \$20.00 check received for getting the 20 new members, plus two non-residents of their own endorsing, a total for the year of 22. This year our quota is 25 and we have

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every reason to believe it will be exceeded by the 1st of December. In the past, new members were in a cautious mood because of not knowing much about the insurance plan, but after a year in the division they apply for increased insurance, attesting their faith in the NFSD.

At the installation ceremonies, officers of No. 1 were happily adorned with the new emblem jewels purchased from the Home Office. And No. 1 is proud to have the membership of Bro. Deitch, the manufacturer of the jewels, who was elevated to the Vice President's chair at the recent election.

Rogers Crocker, the photographer, whose record Mask Ball two years ago broke all records financially, has decided to move back to Sheboygan, Wisc., until better times return. We are indeed sorry to lose a good worker in the Division.

BALTIMORE (A. A. Hajna)—At the January meeting the program for the year 1940 was approved in its entirety. The first social event in March will be a St. Patrick's Day Social. It will be held on the 16th of that month. A bowling tournament will be held in Washington on the 30th. On April 20 the charter members will hold an Anniversary Social, an event that will hold the interest of every member, young and old.

The fifth annual play will be staged on May 18. This is an event that attracts a large attendance of "silent theatre-lovers" annually. This year promises to be the banner year of all time.

On July 4 an annual outing will be held at some resort yet to be selected.

The Hallowe'en affair, which was previously very successfully conducted, will again be held on October 26. Another event, "the Goat Day," to be conducted by the Board of Directors, will fall on the 16th of November. The Smoker affair is usually a very exciting event. The Division thus hopes a large crop of newcomers will be had for the Goat to bump around.

The annual New Year's Eve Dance will, as usual, be held on December 31. Since the event will be conducted under our auspices for the fifth straight year, it is hoped the affair will go over very big. Chairmen for the respective affairs will be named and appointed in the near future. As to the location of places, they will be selected and announced in later issues of THE FRAT.

LOS ANGELES (By Goldy)—Division members were saddened at the sudden death of one of their number, Andrew J. Genner. He was one man who did much on the quiet, never caring for the limelight. A number of Fraters were at his funeral, and a short service was conducted by them, Brother L. I. Peterson in charge. With the pall bearers and 4th Grand Vice-president Gilbert standing to one side of the flower-bedecked casket, Brother Peterson eulogized the deceased. 'Twas beautiful, aye, divine. Had us all almost in tears. Pall bearers were Brothers Willman, Vincent, Anderson, Peterson, Greenberg and Goldstein. The division's sympathy is tendered to Mrs. Genner in her bereavement and great loss.

T. W. Elliot, Editor of the *Silent Broadcaster*, was struck and seriously injured by an automobile as he was crossing the street. At this writing he is somewhat improved, and barring complications, he will be up and about in a few months.

The Division's annual Mask Ball will be held at the L.A.C.D. Hall, Feb. 24, Brother Verburg in charge. Don't miss it.

And lest you forget, there's the ALLIED FRAT DANCE, sponsored by divisions 27, 53, 79, 110, 119. The first three will stage their dance simultaneously on March 16; No. 27 at the L.A.C.D.; No. 53 at Oakland, and No. 79 at San Francisco. Net proceeds will go to the Allied Frat Smoker Fund, which will stage a monster smoker for fraters only during the NAD convention, July 21-27.

KANSAS CITY (By Pat McPherson)—February 24 will mark the date of the first Frat and Aux-Frat cooperative party. Both will share and share alike in work, expenses and profits. There will be a "Penny Lunch" early in the evening and then a program will be given, "Wife Wanted." So don't forget the date, Feb. 24, and the place is at our regular meeting hall, 912 Grand Ave.

William Seeser, one of our new non-residents, from Mt. Vernon, Mo., spent the holidays in K. C., visiting the folks and extended his visit to include our January meeting. It was his first meeting, although he has been a member for a year. We would like to meet some more of the boys who live "way down yonder," so try to come up and see us some time. Say, fellows, where are all those new members you promised me? I have plenty of blanks, and there are plenty of prospects running around loose. Better get to work.

SCRANTON (By H. B. Young)—Saturday evening, April 6, will be a red-letter night for Frats of the Anthracite Valley, for on that date Scranton Division will give its Easter Social under the chairmanship of Anthony Piazza, assisted by Wm. Patts, as co-chairman. Both brothers are non-residents of the Division from Wilkes-Barre, also members of the Wilkes-Barre Society for the Deaf, and the Society has very kindly offered the use of their spacious hall for the affair. So, folks, make plans now to attend this social. Remember the date, April 6; the place, Wilkes-Barre Society for the Deaf hall, 261 South Main Street, Wilkes-Barre, Pa. Full details next month.

PORTLAND, ME. (By E. P. Coyne)—Our next "movie" entertainment is scheduled for Saturday night, February 10. Bro. Borden, one of the committees, will run pictures with his own machine (16 mm.). Admission, 25c at the door. Our next meeting will be opened at 7:00 sharp instead of 7:30 P.M., because of the movies. Tell your friends about it. Thank you.

Portland Division has decided that it is going to have an annual party in April. Committee: Coyne, Leighton, Collins, Borden and Gillan.

We are glad to have Edward Plummer of Lisbon Falls transferred to Portland from Lewiston Division.

INDIANAPOLIS (By R. H. Phillips)—After the Central States Basketball Tournament, to be held at the School for the Deaf on Feb. 24, the Indianapolis Division will have a get-acquainted party for the visitors attending the tournament at the Democrat Club, 42nd and College. Cards, Bunco and a dance will fill out the rest of the evening. For information write to Thomas Wainser, School for the Deaf. The profit is to furnish the Frat's room at the Home for the aged deaf.

LEWISTON (By Edward Welch)—The beano social held last month was successful in spite of the small attendance.

No plans have been made for February, but it is expected there will be some sort of entertainment as usual.

The Division is now making plans for its 18th Anniversary Celebration on March 2. It is hoped we shall be able to secure pictures of the convention at Toronto last summer. It is also hoped to have a bowling match in the afternoon between the deaf of Lewiston and our out-of-town friends. It is hoped to have tickets ready for sale by the first of February. We haven't decided on the price of admission, but assure you it will be within the means of all.

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BUFFALO, NEW YORK
April 6 and 7, 1940

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58 Harrison Ave., Lockport, N.Y.

For Entry Blanks write
H. D. HETZLER, Sec'y-Treas.
854 Eugene St., Indianapolis, Ind.

ENTRIES CLOSE MARCH 9, 1940

AKRON (By F. X. Zitnik)—As the 4th Annual Ohio State Deaf Bowling Tournament is going to be held in Akron, March 2 and 3, our Division decided to hold its regular monthly meeting and social March 9 so as not to interfere with the tournament. Make a note of this, brothers and visitors, and make this your official notice of change in dates.

Our January meeting drew a record crowd of members who were regaled by Bro. Showe's report of his committee pertaining to the relations of P.W.A. and the Deaf. The after-meeting social was a good success in every respect.

This humble pen-pusher lifts his hat off to Arthur G. Leisman of Milwaukee for his masterful poem, "The Gift of Faith," in the January issue of THE FRAT. He certainly has something there, and the last stanzas were read by me through a mist in my eyes.

UTICA (By Richard McCabe)—Utica Division will have a party for the benefit of the Empire State News on the evening of Feb. 3, after the business meeting, which will be held at 7 o'clock. We are looking forward to a large crowd at the affair.

A goodly number of persons attended our New Year's Eve party at Masonic Temple, Rome, on Dec. 30. It proved a big success, for which Chairman Giansanti and his committee deserve full credit. \$30.84 was cleared, according to his report.

Joseph Lever died Jan. 13 at his home in Iliou. He was 77 years of age. He always has been such a grand fellow that we will miss him at meetings. Our sympathy is extended to his sister, with whom he made his home.

James Nicholas DeJohn's application for membership was received and approved unanimously. He resides in Frankfort and is working on a farm for his father. Several new members are in prospect since business in this section is beginning to pick up.

FARIBAULT (By J. T. Boatwright)—A public installation of new officers was conducted after the regular meeting at Brunswick Hotel on Jan. 6. Immediately after the Division officers, including the Aux-Frats officers, were sworn in, a brief program was arranged, with two speakers celebrating the 15th anniversary of our Division. Victor

Spence gave a talk, describing how, when, by whom, etc., our Division was organized. Byron Burnes was then called upon to give a short talk. He dealt with the progress and growth of our Division. Then a picture game and refreshments were enjoyed by everyone. In the picture game, L. A. Roth won by naming the famous or renowned persons in the pictures hung on the wall.

On Dec. 20, a delicious turkey dinner with all the trimmings was served by the Aux-Frats to the members and children at the Brunswick Hotel. After the dinner was taken, a program was arranged. Santa Claus came in time to distribute almost a hundred bags of candy, nuts and fruit to all. Mrs. Nomeland sang "Silent Night." Bro. Chester Dobson acted in pantomime the part of a father who had several children at home waiting for him to return Christmas eve, empty-handed, after being on the street all day ringing the bell for the pot.

ST. LOUIS (By C. H. Fry)—At the December meeting, Edward Dykes, the former President of 1939, was congratulated on the arrival of a new boy baby while he went to the presidential chair. He organized a local Frat athletic club after the December meeting. Ask him for information.

A St. Patrick Party will be given by the Division at Jeffla Hall on the 9th of March. Tickets from members, 25c, or at door, 30c. Take Jefferson or Compton or Tower Grove car or Cherokee bus to Jeffla Hall. Help the party's success by telling your friends to go. Raymond Halbach is the chairman.

At the January meeting the newly-elected officers wore the gold-plated emblem jewels for the first time. The members looked at these jewels before the meeting was started.

Members, please send dues to Bro. Carl Hiken, Treasurer, 4152a Labadie Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

READING (By James N. Cutler)—When half a dozen non-resident members will drive a car on a rainy, gloomy Sunday morning f-o-r-t-y miles to attend a meeting of Reading Division, it proves that there MUST be something doing in Reading's new Frat Hall. 'Twas another two-hour session, but don't worry any more, brothers, the new Laws are now signed, sealed and delivered and out of the way, and hereafter the meetings will be crisp, short

and snappy. There was a fine bingo party in the afternoon, and the financial end made all the officers happy. Why not, when the Ladies Aux gets on the job and serves good roast beef dinners and suppers, and helps to add to the division funds? Past President Ritchie installed the new officers for the year, and your secretary reported securing the Hotel Berkshire for the 25th anniversary banquet of the division, Saturday, October 12, 1940, when a great, grand and glorious time will be had by all members and friends. But listen, brothers, there's something missing and that is, not all of you are sending me the name of that "new" prospect for membership. Watch Reading's quota. While we have seven more to go, to make up the quota set by General Organizer, we have still seventeen to go before we make our own goal, 25 new members by the 25th anniversary, a member for every year! This can only be won by each and every member doing his own share, and sending name of a new prospect to the secretary, 31 South 9th St., Reading, Pa., and RIGHT NOW! Come, help us make good this year.

DETROIT (By Jack Bertram)—We had four more new applicants for membership approved at our January meeting. Getting more members brings joy to the Home Office and to our treasury; at the same time it is a cause for worry to the officers of this division. The big question at every meeting date is, Will we be able to have a quorum for the meeting?

It seems as if Detroit Division is in an unusual position in regard to the working hours of its members. A large number of our members work at Ford's and they have to change shifts from night to day every two weeks; some are on regular afternoon shifts. The same conditions hold good at Packard's and General Motors. This condition sometimes makes it very difficult to have a quorum.

To our resident members this is a warning. We have a law on our books assessing a fine of fifty cents on all resident members who fail to attend meetings when there is no quorum, so please try to attend meetings regularly.

We are planning to hold a smoker some time in March. T. J. Kenney will be in charge; more details in the next FRAT.

BIRTHS

December 11—Mr. and Mrs. John Kelly, Roslindale, Mass., a boy.
December 12—Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jascor, Withee, Wis., a girl.
December 18—Mr. and Mrs. John Johnson, Jr., Knoxville, Tenn., a girl.
January 14—Mr. and Mrs. August Kastner, Delavan, Wis., a girl.

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Notions

By FRANK SHANNON

THERE are folks who have a notion
That this thing which we call "Life"
Should be a bed of roses,
Without struggle, without strife.
That man, who's born of woman,
Should live a life of ease—
No thought nor care for neighbor
But act as he may please.
Perhaps that is the reason
Why most everywhere we go
We see ten lazy loafers
To one who wields the hoe.
'Tis a rather foolish notion
For anybody's head,
But one, I s'pose that men will have
'Til the world itself is dead.
'Twere better, far, I reckon,
If folks could learn somehow
That man should earn his living
By the sweat upon his brow.

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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

Brooklyn Division's Ball

IN spite of this last-minute article of information, there will be plenty of time in which to get out your "duds" and doll-up for No. 23's annual event



— the premier of them 'all hereabouts.

This year's affair is bringing back the old-time fancy costume addition for which Brooklyn was famous years ago. Although it's only on a small scale, no doubt of many availing themselves of the opportunity to display their ambitions to copy some leading star or comedian for once.

This is in addition to a high-class professional entertainment being arranged for Brooklyn Division by one of the leading theatrical agencies and which you will surely enjoy.

It is also noticeable that this affair is a Brooklyn affair in that it will be held in the "City of Churches" where so many successful and record-attending past affairs were held, before migrating to Manhattan. The Hotel Towers is amply capable of satisfying every want of your affection, in fact, the beautiful ballroom outdoes any of those hotel ballrooms that have been used in the past. Something more to please you will be the knowledge that the entire balcony is surrounded by large windows which have direct openings with the street outside and the ballroom floor also has street ventilation.

As a number of our Brothers from various other divisions are always in attendance it is for their information that we suggest they get aboard an IRT 7th Ave. subway train headed for Brooklyn from the various R.R. and bus stations in New York City, and get off at Clark St. station. Walk one block to the Towers Hotel. This is the simplest and most convenient route from anywhere in the city.

With a friendly greeting and the hope of seeing the majority of Fraternity on February 10th, we beg to remain,

THE 1940 BALL COMMITTEE.



ABRAHAM LINCOLN said: "I have been driven many times to my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had nowhere else to go. My own wisdom and that of all about me, seemed insufficient for that day."

MEMBERSHIP QUOTAS—1940

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	New Members
Chicago No. 1	25	1
Detroit	15	10
Saginaw	5	
Louisville	5	2
Little Rock	5	5
Dayton	5	
Cincinnati	10	
Nashville	5	
Olathe	5	1
Flint	10	
Toledo	10	
Milwaukee	10	
Columbus	15	
Knoxville	5	
Cleveland	10	
Indianapolis	15	
Brooklyn	25	2
St. Louis	15	
New Haven	5	
Holyoke	5	
Los Angeles	15	1
Atlanta	5	
Philadelphia	15	
Kansas City	10	
Omaha	5	1
New Orleans	5	2
Kalamazoo	5	
Boston	15	1
Pittsburgh	10	
Hartford	5	2
Memphis	5	
Portland, Me.	5	1
Buffalo	5	
Portland, Ore.	5	
Newark	5	
Providence	5	
Seattle	5	
Utica	5	1
Washington	10	1
Baltimore	10	
Syracuse	5	
Cedar Rapids	5	
Albany	5	
Rochester	5	1
San Francisco	5	
Reading	10	3
Akron	15	
Salt Lake City	5	
Rockford	5	2
Springfield, Ill.	5	2
Davenport	5	
Worcester	5	
St. Paul-Minneapolis	10	
Fort Worth	10	
Dallas	10	
Denver	5	1
Waterbury	5	
Springfield, Mass.	5	
Bangor	5	
Kenosha	5	
Birmingham	5	
Sioux Falls	5	1
Wichita	5	
Spokane	5	1
Des Moines	5	
Lowell	5	
Berkeley	5	
Delavan	5	
Houston	5	
Scranton	5	
Richmond	5	
Johnstown	5	
Manhattan	15	3
Jacksonville	5	
Lewiston	5	
Peoria	5	
Jersey City	5	
Bronx	5	
Columbia	5	
Charlotte	5	1
Durham	5	
Grand Rapids	5	
Toronto	10	
Duluth	5	
Canton	5	
Faribault	5	
South Bend	5	
Council Bluffs	5	
Fort Wayne	5	
Schenectady	5	2
Chicago No. 106	5	
Miami	5	
Ringhamton	5	
Wilkinsburg	5	
San Diego	5	
Eau Claire	5	2
Sulphur	5	
Vancouver	5	3
Westchester	5	
Queens	5	
Montreal	5	
Hollywood	5	1
Hamilton	5	
Kitchener	5	2

DECEMBER COLLECTIONS

Grand Division	\$ 31.28
Chicago No. 1	372.40
Detroit	150.73
Saginaw	39.71
Louisville	85.48
Little Rock	76.96
Dayton	72.21
Cincinnati	167.02
Nashville	45.20
Olathe	41.56
Flint	130.11
Toledo	80.72
Milwaukee	129.01
Columbus	180.84
Knoxville	81.94
Cleveland	160.80
Indianapolis	139.36
Brooklyn	499.03
St. Louis	325.42
New Haven	66.86
Holyoke	47.49
Los Angeles	264.84
Atlanta	115.34
Philadelphia	270.85
Kansas City	80.48
Omaha	63.88
New Orleans	130.17
Kalamazoo	34.68
Boston	189.83
Pittsburgh	103.40
Hartford	90.93
Memphis	82.05
Portland, Me.	70.43
Buffalo	60.07
Portland, Ore.	101.87
Newark	103.96
Providence	65.47
Seattle	110.98
Utica	85.58
Washington	147.79
Baltimore	169.97
Syracuse	81.37
Cedar Rapids	48.72
Albany	53.85
Rochester	107.59
San Francisco	117.76
Reading	155.40
Akron	241.28
Salt Lake City	63.04
Rockford	47.96
Springfield, Ill.	45.79
Davenport	29.24
Worcester	46.98
St. Paul-Minneapolis	169.38
Fort Worth	77.91
Dallas	106.55
Denver	73.56
Waterbury	53.38
Springfield, Mass.	66.68
Bangor	57.69
Kenosha	28.60
Birmingham	62.24
Sioux Falls	40.09
Wichita	42.08
Spokane	43.44
Des Moines	74.91
Lowell	39.83
Berkeley	57.57
Delavan	86.07
Houston	104.70
Scranton	57.44
Richmond	107.92
Johnstown	67.38
Manhattan	259.82
Jacksonville	79.22
Lewiston	26.90
Peoria	75.53
Jersey City	110.04
Bronx	80.62
Columbia	89.87
Charlotte	142.00
Durham	73.88
Grand Rapids	27.28
Toronto	93.52
Duluth	28.63
Canton	26.21
Faribault	57.11
South Bend	156.34
Council Bluffs	55.50
Fort Wayne	51.62
Schenectady	46.36
Chicago No. 106	87.12
Miami	50.93
Binghamton	51.95
Wilkesburg	34.38
San Diego	22.00
Eau Claire	66.27
Sulphur	87.04
Vancouver	39.46
Westchester	75.00
Queens	64.69
Montreal	51.59
Hollywood	43.34
Hamilton	18.00
Kitchener	17.27
Ottawa	151.82
East Toronto	53.79
Total collections	\$10,057.59

TREASURER'S STATEMENT FOR
DECEMBER, 1939

Balance and Income	
Balance, Nov. 30, 1939	\$2,297,354.31
Division collections	10,057.59
Interest, mortgage loans	3,362.59
Interest, bonds	6,780.59
Indemnity premiums	2.14
Increase, book value of bonds	43.52
Mortgage fees	325.00
Property insurance premiums	275.21
Refund, office expenses	11.71
Refund, investment expenses	199.25
Refund, real estate operating exp.	3.00
Rental allowance, Home Office	2,400.00
Rents	5,647.80
Lodge supplies	4.20
Recording and registry fees	6.00
Advertising in THE FRAT	9.00
Subscriptions to THE FRAT	5.40
Total balance and income	\$2,326,487.31

Disbursements	
Death benefits	\$ 4,417.00
Sick benefits	1,370.00
Accident benefits	290.00
Old-age income payments	232.25
Disability benefit after age 70	10.00
Amortization of bonds	1,064.70
Depreciation, Home Office equipment	359.03
Clerical services	287.10
Insurance Department fees	12.64
Mortgage expenses	168.00
Office expenses	173.25
Officers' expenses	22.98
Officers' and Trustees' salaries	784.50
Official publication	170.69
Organizing expenses	235.00
Postage	29.50
Printing and stationery	60.80
Property insurance premiums	275.21
Rental allowance, Home Office	2,400.00
Real estate operating expenses	2,042.50
Taxes on real estate	106.36
Total disbursements	\$ 14,511.01

Recapitulation	
Balance and income	\$2,326,487.31
Disbursements	14,511.01
Balance, Dec. 30, 1939	\$2,311,976.30

TRUSTEES' REPORT

Ledger Assets, Dec. 30, 1939

Real estate	\$ 815,158.46
First mortgage loans	581,264.55
Bonds and stocks	571,160.92
Bank deposits	320,633.83
Cash in society's office	20,527.24
Home Office equipment	3,231.30
Total ledger assets	\$2,311,976.30

Balances in Funds	
Mortuary funds	\$2,085,854.97
Sick and accident fund	110,572.41
Accumulated interest	54,638.06
General expense fund	43,398.90
Convention fund	13,968.27
Indemnity fund	3,543.69
Total in all funds	\$2,311,976.30

DECEMBER DISABILITY CLAIMS

D. J. Carey, Los Angeles	\$ 75.00
Byron Whitehead, Atlanta	15.00
H. W. Perry, Chicago No. 1	15.00
George Chagnon, Bronx	30.00
L. C. Saracione, Bronx	150.00
*P. E. Feast, Portland, Ore.	30.00
Wm. Tischaefer, Milwaukee	60.00
E. W. Hinterthuer, Kenosha	10.00
Aurele Brisebois, Toronto	75.00
G. H. Hunter, East Toronto	45.00
S. B. Alley, Washington	10.00
A. J. Barlotta, New Orleans	30.00
Harold Whitehouse, Boston	10.00
J. A. Dexter, Lowell	10.00
J. J. Hellers, Detroit	50.00
S. J. Juillet, Flint	150.00
Arthur Bren, St. Paul	50.00
J. V. Campbell, Jr., Kansas City	30.00
John Nitto, Binghamton	60.00
Fred McClish, Cleveland	50.00
J. B. Goden, Nashville	30.00
*E. C. Bromann, Chicago No. 1	15.00
*R. B. Redlich, Springfield, Ill.	10.00
*Max Mandel, Manhattan	30.00
*R. D. Glenn, Salt Lake City	90.00
R. L. Cooper, Atlanta	60.00
Chas. Mansfield, Faribault	50.00
*W. N. Bennett, Kansas City	40.00
C. C. Stromberg, Milwaukee	20.00
*Geo. Karges, Milwaukee	75.00
Louis Cohen, Brooklyn	35.00
J. L. Leghorn, Queens	50.00
G. R. Harper, Reading	20.00
Maurice Moster, Brooklyn	150.00
Total for the month	\$1,660.00

*Denotes accident claims.

DECEMBER DEATH CLAIMS

Seligman Gerson, Manhattan	\$2,000.00
*Harry G. Stone, Columbus	90.00
*Orson H. Fay, Portland, Ore.	565.00
William C. Bader, Louisville	500.00
*Mortimer E. Howard, Worcester	385.00
*Wm. A. McDermott, Brooklyn	116.00
*Fred Young, Chicago No. 1	211.00
*James S. Kirk, New Haven	50.00
Robert H. Sneed, Nashville	500.00
Total for the month	\$4,417.00

*Denotes paid-up benefits.

OBITUARY

ALBERT ZWICKER, 51. Entry April 1, 1913. Died Jan. 3, 1940. Certificate No. 1632-D. Brooklyn Div. No. 23.

CLAUDE E. ROLLINGS, 48. Entry Oct. 1, 1913. Died Jan. 15, 1940. Certificate No. 1786-C. Indianapolis Div. No. 22.

JOSEPH D. LEVER, 77. Entry May 1, 1914. Died Jan. 13, 1940. Certificate No. 2024-C. Utica Div. No. 45.

MAURITZ LINDSTROM, 50. Entry Aug. 1, 1919. Died Dec. 19, 1939. Certificate No. 4600-C. Los Angeles Div. No. 27.

FRANCIS J. MAGILL, 59. Entry May 1, 1920. Died Dec. 6, 1939. Certificate No. 5136-E. Providence Div. No. 43.

ANDREW J. GENNER, 41. Entry June 1, 1921. Died Dec. 29, 1939. Certificate No. 5867-D. Los Angeles Div. No. 27.

NEWTON R. BLACK, 63. Entry June 2, 1924. Died Dec. 31, 1939. Certificate No. 7037-E. Kitchener Div. No. 121.

HENRY H. WHITE, 65. Entry Nov. 1, 1924. Died Jan. 13, 1940. Certificate No. 7165-E. Toronto Div. No. 98.

NEW MEMBERS

Detroit:	Denver:
Everett Stevick	George Dietz
Peter Wurm	Sioux Falls:
Clarence Schulz	Raymond Daugaard
Francis Donovan	Spokane:
Little Rock:	John Tuggle
Race Drake	Manhattan:
Olathe:	Aaron Feit
Thaine Ayers	Schenectady:
Brooklyn:	William Abbott, Jr.
Daniel Fitzgerald	Peter Benacquisto
Los Angeles:	Eau Claire:
Andrew Stirling	Raymond Rasmus
Omaha:	Frederick Richardson
Ivan Howsden	Vancouver:
Portland, Me.:	George Eversaul
Carl Norberg	Oroth McKeel
Utica:	Ike Kor
James de John	Kitchener:
Reading:	Clarence Nahrgang
Arden Eberly	Wallace Nahrgang
Rockford:	
Reuben Swanson	

THE GET-ONE DEGREE

Detroit—Leo Goldstick (2), Robert Davis, Domenid de Filippo
 Little Rock—James Smith
 Olathe—Uel Hurd
 Brooklyn—Philip Topfer
 Los Angeles—Paul Cope
 Omaha—Charles Falk
 Portland, Me.—Lawrence Duggan
 Utica—Robert Siver
 Reading—Russell Schenck
 Rockford—Chester Hart
 Denver—Fred Gustafson
 Sioux Falls—Brandt Otten
 Spokane—Edgar Winchell
 Manhattan—Charles Joselow
 Schenectady—William Abbott, Sr. (2)
 Eau Claire—Edward Rasmus (2)
 Vancouver—Arvid Rudnick (3)
 Kitchener—Allen Nahrgang (2)

MARRIAGES

November 16—Gus Weil and Bessie Marchman, both of Atlanta, Ga.
 December 23—Horace Duke and Edna Watson, both of Morgantown, N. C.
 December 24—Philip Carman and Sarah Feldberg, both of Toronto, Ont.
 December 30—Alphonse Skalski and Mary Straub, both of Reading, Pa.
 January 4—Robert Curtin and Marguerite Bennett, both of Ft. Wayne, Ind.
 Victor Hottle, Wichita, Kans., and
 Nada Buchman, Olathe, Kans.
 George Crosby, Jr., Montgomery, Ala., and Clifford Belle Liverman, Eautaw, La.

ENGAGEMENTS

Steve Butola and Ovidia Stai, St. Paul, Minn.
 Meyer Miller and Fannie Schwartz, both of New York, N. Y.
 Nathan Nelson and Maude Johnston, both of Birmingham, Ala.
 Victor Shanks, Toronto, Ont., and Thelma Hall, Montreal, Que.
 Joseph O'Shea, Hackensack, N. J., and Margaret McNally, New York, N. Y.