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Number Five



A Christmas Carol

By PHILLIPS BROOKS

THE earth has grown old with its
burden of care,
But at Christmas it always is young;
The heart of the jewel burns lustrous
and fair,
And its soul full of music breaks forth
on the air,
When the song of the angels is sung.

It is coming, old earth, it is coming to-night!
On the snowflakes that cover thy sod
The feet of the Christ-Child fall gentle and white,
And the voice of the Christ-Child tells out with delight
That mankind are the children of God.

The feet of the humblest may walk in the field
Where the feet of the holiest have trod,
This, this is the marvel to mortals revealed
When the silvery trumpets of Christmas have pealed,
That mankind are the children of God.

July—BOSTON—1931

Bulletin No. 6

By W. H. Battersby

In my last bulletin, I promised to take you out of Boston for a while to visit some of the other historic towns. Now let us see. Where shall we go? Plymouth? Salem and Marblehead? Lexington and Concord? All right then. To Lexington and Concord we shall go.

A visit to both of these historic shrines may be made in a single trip, Lexington being but eleven miles from Boston, while Concord is nine miles further away on the same route.

Now before we can reach Lexington, we must pass through Cambridge, North Cambridge, and Arlington. We will not stop at either of the first two places, but a short visit to Arlington will repay those of us who like to see the historic spots. It is on the direct route taken by Paul Revere on his famous ride. It was in this town that the first capture of war prisoners was made. In the Arlington churchyard at the corner of Pleasant Street and Massachusetts Avenue is a low stone tablet which says:

Mr. Jason Russell was
barbarously murdered in his own
home by Gage's bloody Troops
on ye 19th of April, 1775

It goes on to tell how his body rests with eleven others cruelly slain on that fatal day. Jason Russell was an old cripple, who had been warned to flee but barricaded his Tavern instead and gathered there with eleven old cronies, all too old to go with the Minutemen. The British soldiers rushed the Tavern and shot them all in cold blood. However all was not on the side of the British that day in Arlington, for at another spot, a band of old men, one of whom was deaf and some of them nearly blind, captured eighteen British, the first capture of the war of the Revolution.

It was in this village, too, that the British coming upon the town shoemaker's place, knocked roughly on the door and asked why the candles in the shop were burning at that unseemly hour. For answer the shoemaker's good wife replied that she was brewing herb tea. However the shoemaker's "herb tea" was a concoction afterwards absorbed by the Redcoats in the form of solid substance, known as Yankee bullets, and made of household pewter.

There are other historic places in Arlington but all have disappeared and only tablets are left to inform the visitor of Arlington's past history.

Before we go further, let us review the causes leading up to the Battle of Lexington and Concord. The King of England had sent an army here to enforce his edicts as to taxes, etc., and to subdue the rebellious spirit displayed by the colonists. Boston was the headquarters of the army under the command of General Gage. He had his spies scattered all over the col-

ony, and receiving reports that the ammunition of the patriots was stored at Concord, determined to either gain possession of the stores or destroy them. Hence he sent what he thought was a secret expedition of eight hundred men under cover of night, rowed them across the bay from Boston and started them on the road, little dreaming that at the moment they were leaving the Boston shore, Paul Revere and William Dawes were racing ahead on horseback, warning the patriots of the coming of the British.

Early the next day Earl Percy with a force of a thousand or so left Boston to reinforce those who had left the night before, and to this force may be given the credit that the original force of eight hundred men was not completely annihilated, for he arrived just in time to save them.

Nearing Lexington, the first object of interest is the old Munroe Tavern, dating from 1695. This Tavern was Earl Percy's headquarters during his short but hectic stay in the town, and Washington during his last visit to New England in 1790 was a guest here. There are many stories about the Tavern, which space forbids relating here, but there is one short one that can be told. It happened that the Munroes did not believe in small families, hence at the time of the Revolution there was a house full of children who called the landlord father. Now among these was a daughter, Anna Munroe. She was one of those young ladies who, if she were living today, could never make much headway in Hollywood. From all accounts, she was terrible in looks. Well there was a young student at Harvard, a William Muzzey, the son of a minister, who had met Anna while a guest at the Tavern, and fallen in love with her. One Sunday he brought a classmate to the Tavern with him to see his girl friend and to get his opinion of her. After dinner that afternoon the three went to meeting and William managed to get his friend aside to ask his opinion of Anna. "Well," said the Harvard boy, "she has a devil of a face, but the form and foot of an angel, and all's well that ends well." William and Anna were married and lived just as the tales in the story books say, happily ever after. William was sport enough to tell Anna about his friend's appraisal of her (after they were married, of course) and instead of being angry, she thought it a huge joke and never missed the opportunity to tell the story to others. What a gem of a girl. You may see her picture in the Tavern if you visit it, along with some others, not to mention the clothes, household articles and other antiques preserved there.

Other points of interest in Lexington are a stone tablet on the left at Bloomfield Street, and a granite cannon on the right by the High school which mark the spots where Earl Percy placed his two cannon to cover the retreat of the British. A visit to

the Carey Memorial Building, the Carey Memorial Library, and the Town Hall will repay you for the time spent there because of the many paintings, etc., to be seen.

The Old Belfry from which the alarm was sounded at the approach of the British, may be reached by taking the winding lane up the hill from Clark Street. It is an exact reproduction of the original belfry.

Lexington Green is the point of vital interest in the town, the site of the battle. Here is the statue of the Minuteman facing in the direction of the British approach. On the common there are tablets or monuments which tell the story better than I could put it down here. Among the most important is the boulder with the inscription of Captain Parker's famous command: "Stand your ground. Don't fire unless fired upon, but if they mean to have a war, let it begin here."

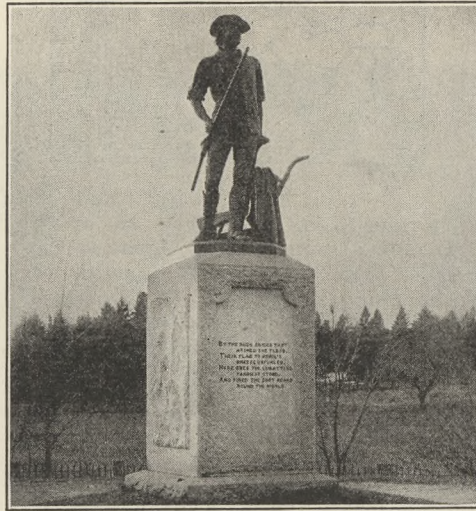
In a stone vault back of the Old Stone Monument lie the remains of seven of the eight patriots who were killed at the battle of Lexington.

A five minute walk down Hancock Street brings us to the Hancock-Clarke House built in 1698. It was here on the night of April 18, 1775, that John Hancock and Samuel Adams were stopping when Paul Revere gave the alarm. A price had been set on the heads of these two rebels against British authority. There one may see preserved many of the relics of the revolution. In connection with John Hancock a few words might not be amiss here. Every one knows that to be asked to put your John Hancock on any document means to sign your name. Many people have pondered over the signature of John Hancock in the Declaration of Independence. Some have thought that he must have been egotistic or something like that to write with such a flourish. The fact is that at the time he was about to sign his name there was a reward out for his capture, so when it came time for him to sign, he did so with an unmistakable flourish. "There!" he cried, "John Bull can read that without spectacles. Now let him double his reward."

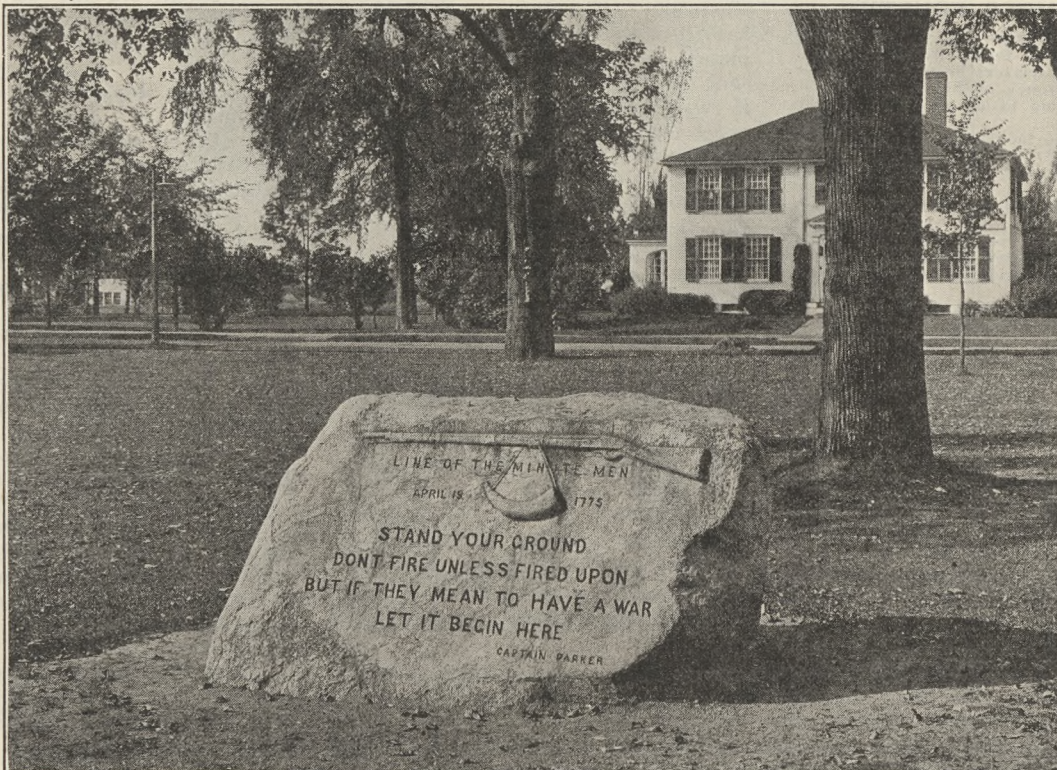
Now let us be on our way to Concord, which has been called "the most interesting village in America" because of its historic and literary associations and its natural beauty. On our way to the town we pass numerous monuments which mark the sites recalling the advance of the British soldiers and their harassed retreat after the fight at Concord Bridge.

On our way we come to "The Wayside," the house once occupied by the Alcott family but better known as the home of Hawthorne after his return from Europe. Just a little distance beyond is the Orchard House where the Alcotts lived for twenty years and where Louisa M. Alcott wrote "Little Women." Still nearer the town we come to the square white house which we will know is the Emerson House, where Ralph Waldo Emerson lived the greater part of his life and where he

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Statue of Minuteman, Concord, Facing Approach of the British



The Battle Boulder on Lexington Green, Marking Site of Battle of Lexington

died. Entering the town we first see the old Wright Tavern dating from 1747. It was here on the day of the battle that Major Pitcairn in charge of the British stirred his hot toddy with his finger, boasting that before nightfall he would be using the same finger to stir the blood of the rebels.

Nearby is the Sleepy Hollow cemetery. Located on a high ridge behind the beautiful hollow which gives the cemetery its name are the graves of such immortals as Hawthorne, Emerson, Thoreau, and Louisa Alcott.

In the square is a street, Monument Street to be exact, which leads one to the Old Manse where Emerson wrote some of his books, and where Hawthorne lived for a time. This house was built ten years before the battle at the bridge close by. The wooded lane nearby leads to the scene of the Concord battle. Inscriptions on the monuments tell of the battle. Perhaps the most pathetic is the simple inscription which marks the graves of the unknown British killed there.

Now that you know what to see and where to see it, I will leave you to find your way about to the less famous places in the town. I am quite sure you will find many places that even I have never known existed. That has been the experience of many who have visited historical places in New England.

THE SPOTLIGHT

DECEMBER FOURTH

His tired typewriter is trusty, though dusty,
All lonesome and lonely it stands;
His pastepot and scissors lie musty and rusty,
Awaiting the touch of his hands!
But his honest old hands are now peacefully
folded,
The task that he tackled (some praised him,
some scolded)
Is still "carried on" by the men that he
moulded,
By you, me, and all of the Grands.

"On, on—carry on" every frater doth chatter,
Each doing whatever he can
To aid Deafdom's pride to grow fatter and
fatter.

A growth that's amazing to scan.
The fertile frat-faith Gibson fostered so
fondly,
From strong, sublime seeds that he sowed
all so soundly,
Sees sons of the silence assembled profound-
ly

In hail to our Miracle Man!

December 4 marks the first anniversary of the passing of a great deaf American! A man whose meteoric career was at zenith when suddenly blotted out. The man who ran a shoe-string into a million-dollar corporation, and left it in capable hands with command to "Carry On."

How well we have fulfilled his last wish may be seen from the gain in assets since then. We even show an increase in membership, despite the terrific unemployment period. Somewhere, I know, good old Gib must be smiling in quiet contentment.

"To you, from falling hands, we throw
The torch. By yours to hold it high;
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders Fields."

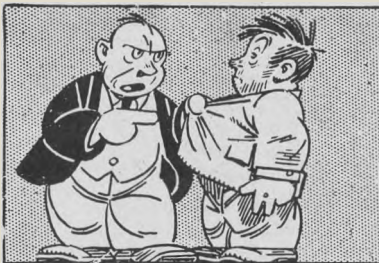
We have all kept the faith, Brother Gibson, and have carried on the torch of fair fraternity thrown us from your falling hands! We are with you still, even as we were when you aimed to ring the bell by reaching the mark of that first million!



San Francisco's vast civic auditorium was packed, October 17, at the Diamond Jubilee of St. Ignatius College. After 75 years, St. Ignatius was changing its name to the University of San Francisco. The printed program listed distinguished delegates from just four dozen colleges, universities, and learned societies. Among those 48 sagacious savants were representatives from universities in Europe and South America, as well as from Maine, Yale and Notre Dame. But the name in 27th position is familiar to fraters: "Gallaudet College—Prof. Winfield Scott Runde."

July 20-25, 1931

Old Timers will wax reminiscent on learning George E. Morton, aged 70, has just retired after some 50 years as a union printer. As the first Grand Chairman of Trustees our Society ever had, it was Morton who, in 1904, apprised Gibson, "the kid president," that others were looting the treasury. It was he who stood with Gibson against great odds, and finally saved our Society at heavy personal cost. Morton was a shy, retiring chap. The undeserved criticism and cruel character-blackening he and Gib got for merely doing their duty, broke his honest heart. He soon resigned from the Society, and retired practically forever from deaf association.



The month's best retort courteous: Hank Crutcher, who is still sap enough to avoid the spider's web of matrimony despite the pleading of his many friends (like the fox which had its tail cut off and urged other foxes to do likewise) Hank Crutcher's name was made fun of by Schwarzslose of Frisco, in the ADC. This evoked Crutch's comment: "That's just like a

hippopotamus telling a rhinoceros he is ugly."

Hotel Statler, Boston

The will of Supt. Jones of the Ohio school leaves an estate of \$16,000 to his widow. Only \$16,000 after some forty years of teaching the deaf! No wonder the profession attracts so few desirable new men.

Attendance Expected—5,000 silents

Last June over 1,000 deaf youths competed in a "Spartaciad," or physical-mental test, in Moscow, Russia.

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

QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

ON PARLIAMENTARY LAW

By Edwin M. Hazel

Question No. 1—Suppose a delegate (or alternate) is two months in arrears, may he continue his delegateship?

Answer—Not if he continues in arrears.

Q. 2—When should Divisions send in proposed amendments so that the Law Committee may consider them?

A.—Between now and April. The sooner the better.

Q. 3—May the Law Committee present new amendments not submitted by either the Grand Division or by subordinate Divisions?

A.—Yes.

Q. 4—Should the Law Committee give a full report of approved and rejected amendments?

A.—Yes, in a brief published at least thirty days before date of convention.

Q. 5—Should the membership of the different convention committees be composed of duly elected delegates, alternates, and Grand Officers?

A.—Yes. Alternates may serve on committees in order that the delegates may be present at convention meetings.

Q. 6—Is a delegate a member of the Grand Division?

A.—Yes. Officers of the Grand Division and the delegates constitute the convention of the Grand Division.

Q. 7—Has an officer of the Grand Division the right to attend a local (subordinate) Division meeting?

A.—Yes. He is called ex-officio member of his local Division.

Q. 8—Should the minutes of the convention be read and approved before adjournment?

A.—Yes.

Q. 9—Can a member not present at the Division meeting at which his name is presented be nominated and elected to the delegateship?

A.—Yes.

Q. 10—Has a member, whether he be a delegate, an alternate, or a visiting member, the right to wear his own Division cap during the convention?

A.—Yes.

IN MEMORIAM



FRANCIS PEREW GIBSON

August 6, 1870 December 4, 1929

President Fraternal Society of the Deaf 1903-1905;
Secretary National Fraternal Society of the Deaf 1909-1927;
President 1927-1929

*WHO comprehended his trust, and to the same
Kept faithful with a singleness of aim;
Played in the many games of life, that one
Where what he most did value must be won;
Whom neither shape of danger could dismay,
Nor thought of tender happiness betray;
Who, not content that former worth stand fast,
Looked forward, persevering to the last.*

Wordsworth:
Character of the Happy Warrior.

FINANCES

DIVISION COLLECTIONS FOR OCTOBER

Grand Division	\$ 29.71
Chicago Division No. 1	514.38
Detroit	294.57
Saginaw	22.97
Louisville	56.97
Little Rock	166.29
Dayton	56.70
Bay City	15.09
Cincinnati	105.01
Evansville	16.17
Nashville	13.91
Springfield, O.	3.63
Olathe	101.11
Flint	154.49
Toledo	115.77
Milwaukee	127.23
Columbus	112.81
Knoxville	43.65
Cleveland	116.83
Indianapolis	158.13
Brooklyn	627.25
St. Louis	318.36
New Haven	40.11
Holyoke	18.84
Los Angeles	363.19
Atlanta	116.55
Philadelphia	189.48
Kansas City	129.41
Omaha	56.24
New Orleans	51.42
Kalamazoo	28.97
Boston	287.20
Pittsburgh	166.93
Hartford	38.85
Memphis	39.54
Portland, Me.	18.19
Buffalo	85.42
Portland, Ore.	204.47
Newark	164.00
Providence	85.73
Seattle	132.92
Utica	81.08
Washington	87.60
Baltimore	78.41
Syracuse	73.70
Cedar Rapids	136.55
Huntington	48.93
Albany	22.38
Rochester	75.89
San Francisco	182.71
Reading	156.29
Akron	234.02
Salt Lake City	44.64
Rockford	59.27
Springfield, Ill.	21.97
Davenport	26.83
Worcester	27.95
St. Paul-Minneapolis	162.60
Fort Worth	68.22
Dallas	202.53
Denver	117.52
Waterbury	25.78
Springfield, Mass.	54.27
Waco	54.88
Bangor	39.11
Kenosha	100.45
Birmingham	63.79
Sioux Falls	66.26
Wichita	43.48
Spokane	36.58
Des Moines	65.05
Lowell	41.45
Berkeley	41.24

Delavan	\$ 72.59
Houston	120.64
Scranton	39.11
Richmond	73.84
Johnstown	13.49
Manhattan	265.78
Jacksonville	34.69
Lewiston	40.34
Peoria	22.60
Jersey City	69.86
Bronx	103.32
Columbia	79.37
Charlotte	91.42
Durham	77.58
Grand Rapids	33.30
Toronto	221.98
Duluth	25.51
Canton	14.33
Faribault	24.32
South Bend (September)	101.33
South Bend (October)	22.47
Council Bluffs	35.01
Fort Wayne	17.52
Schenectady	21.78
Chicago No. 106	95.81
Miami	47.50
Binghamton	61.39
Wilkinsburg	40.47
San Diego	10.10
Eau Claire	29.88

Total collections\$9,836.75

TREASURER'S STATEMENT FOR OCTOBER, 1930

Balance and Income	
Balance, Sept. 30, 1930.....	\$1,354,906.99
Division collections.....	9,836.75
Interest, mortgage loans	7,510.40
Interest, bonds.....	3,162.50
Interest, banks.....	49.09
Lodge supplies.....	37.40
Recording and registry fees	29.00
Subscriptions for FRAT.....	1.20
Advertisement in FRAT.....	17.00
Exchange on checks.....	2.40
Sundry supplies.....	1.25

Total balance and income\$1,375,553.98

Disbursements	
Death benefits.....\$	3,633.00
Sick benefits.....	1,795.00
Accident benefits.....	720.00
Old Age Income Payment	4.06
Refund of dues.....	3.76
Organizing expenses.....	4.00
Salaries	370.83
Services	635.00
Official publication.....	339.33
Rent	250.00
Office expenses.....	60.41
Printing and stationery.....	52.49
Postage	37.45
Insurance Department fees	10.50
Sundry supplies.....	5.50

Total disbursements.....\$ 7,921.33

Recapitulation	
Balance and income.....	\$1,375,553.98
Disbursements	7,921.33
Balance, Oct. 31, 1930.....	\$1,367,632.65

TRUSTEES' REPORT

Ledger Assets, October 31, 1930	
Real Estate.....\$	11,000.00
Mortgage loans.....	1,072,185.00
First mortgage bonds.....	242,910.31
U. S. Liberty bonds.....	15,000.00
Canadian bonds.....	10,996.20
Cash in banks:	
Central Trust.....	9,114.44
Bank of Montreal.....	5,869.78
Sec'y-Treasurer's cash.....	556.92

Total ledger assets.....\$1,367,632.65

Balances in Funds	
Reserve fund.....	\$1,119,931.44
Mortuary fund.....	63,613.67
Sick and Accident fund.....	93,810.45
Unallocated interest.....	63,328.21
Convention fund.....	13,036.01
Organizing fund.....	1,794.91
General expense fund.....	12,117.96

Total in all funds.....\$1,367,632.65

Investments

In October maturities of investments amounted to \$1,665, and the Society acquired first mortgage loans amounting to \$15.00.

DEATHS

September 27—Mrs. Perry Kimball, sister of Harvey Fairchild, Jackson, Mich.

September 29—Mother of B. J. Beasley, Richmond, Va.

October 5—Father of Albert Balmuth, Newark, N. J.

October 9—Rachel Loew, wife of Moses Loew, New York, N. Y.

October 10—Franklin Hobb, son of George Hobb, Dyersburg, Tenn.

October 12—H. J. Sieberts, brother of J. R. Sieberts, Portland, Ore.

October 12—Mary R. Tripp, wife of George F. Tripp, Flint, Mich.

October 17—Frieda Jacobs Kassner, mother of Harry Jacobs, Milwaukee, Wis.

October 18—Mary Howson, mother of James W. Howson, Berkeley, Cal.

October 18—Infant child of W. H. Battersby, Jr., Newark, N. J.

October 22—Nettie Clinker, mother of L. E. Clinker, Toledo, O.

October 25—Father of Louis A. Di-vine, Vancouver, Wash.

October 26—Sister of Isidore Lewis, New York, N. Y.

October 30—Mrs. William Pahl, sister of Arthur Leisman, Milwaukee, Wis.

November 3—Infant son of Charles Green, Kansas City, Mo.

November 10—Lena Miller, mother of Ernest and Edward Miller, St. Louis, Mo., and Joseph Miller, Chicago, Ill.

ENGAGEMENTS

Roy Nordstrom, Latrobe, Pa., and Lydia Newingham, Jeannette, Pa.

Max Garfinkel, Newark, N. J., and Sadie Schatten, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Volney Wheeler and Edda Bonvecchio, both of San Francisco, Cal.

MEMBERSHIP

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

Division	New Members Since Jan. 1	Total Members Dec. 1
Chicago No. 1	17	311
Detroit	9	232
Saginaw	17	17
Louisville	81	81
Little Rock	9	100
Dayton	2	51
Bay City	14	14
Cincinnati	4	126
Evansville	27	27
Nashville	22	22
Springfield (O.)	16	16
Olathe	64	64
Flint	2	104
Toledo	1	94
Milwaukee	4	111
Columbus	2	136
Knoxville	49	49
Cleveland	4	95
Indianapolis	142	142
Brooklyn	23	324
St. Louis	6	206
New Haven	2	41
Holyoke	4	28
Los Angeles	14	202
Atlanta	5	65
Philadelphia	14	203
Kansas City	7	99
Omaha	7	74
New Orleans	1	71
Kalamazoo	28	28
Boston	7	169
Pittsburgh	4	124
Hartford	1	47
Memphis	2	41
Portland (Me.)	6	33
Buffalo	65	65
Portland (Ore.)	2	99
Newark	2	80
Providence	4	46
Seattle	12	94
Utica	21	85
Washington	3	75
Baltimore	8	84
Syracuse	7	47
Cedar Rapids	1	44
Huntington	1	54
Albany	2	38
Rochester	4	70
San Francisco	14	104
Reading	3	101
Akron	14	164
Salt Lake City	3	24
Rockford	43	43
Springfield (Ill.)	1	39
Davenport	37	37
Worcester	1	84
St. Paul-Minneapolis	3	95
Fort Worth	5	58
Dallas	28	118
Denver	1	58
Waterbury	3	21
Springfield (Mass.)	7	41
Waco	1	39
Bangor	30	30
Kenosha	1	41
Birmingham	43	43
Sioux Falls	9	37
Wichita	35	35
Spokane	3	28
Des Moines	7	46
Lowell	38	38
Berkeley	2	41
Delavan	6	67
Houston	11	62
Scranton	26	26
Richmond	1	59
Johnstown	1	81
Manhattan	6	161
Jacksonville	2	44
Lewiston	3	38
Peoria	1	26
Jersey City	2	55
Bronx	8	70
Columbia	1	35
Charlotte	2	43
Durham	49	49
Dubuque	18	18
Grand Rapids	1	28
Toronto	17	162
Duluth	19	19
Canton	1	22
Faribault	2	31
South Bend	1	36
Council Bluffs	3	39
Fort Wayne	2	28
Schenectady	23	23
Chicago No. 106	15	81
Miami	4	25
Binghamton	2	30
Wilkesburg	4	36
San Diego	1	16
Eau Claire	1	20
Total	428	7,123

STATE RANK

States rank in the order named. Net total of members in each state is given after making additions and deductions due to new entrants, transfers, lapses and deaths.

State	Members Jan. 1	Members Dec. 1
New York	847	918
Ohio	685	704
Illinois	517	543
Pennsylvania	507	521
Michigan	445	423
California	332	363
Massachusetts	296	310
Missouri	296	305
Texas	241	277
Wisconsin	232	239
Indiana	233	233
Iowa	178	184
Canada	147	162
Minnesota	146	145
New Jersey	130	135
Washington	110	122
Tennessee	114	112
Connecticut	106	109
Maine	95	102
Oregon	101	99
Arkansas	95	100
Kansas	98	99
North Carolina	89	92
Kentucky	83	81
Maryland	76	84
Nebraska	69	74
Dist. of Columbia	72	75
Louisiana	71	71
Georgia	65	65
Virginia	58	59
Colorado	59	58
West Virginia	55	54
Alabama	45	43
Rhode Island	42	46
South Dakota	27	37
South Carolina	33	35
Florida	21	25
Utah	20	24
Total	6,836	7,123

THE GET-ONE DEGREE

Aellis, D. A., Brooklyn.
Boone, S. D., Little Rock.
Booz, H. J., Milwaukee.
Cohen, Mark, Boston.
Dickerson, L. B., Atlanta.
Elliott, T. W., Los Angeles.
Fisk, L. A., Los Angeles.
Hill, T. E., Dallas (7).
Hodgson, W. J., Chicago No. 106.
Housman, S. F., Manhattan.
Lauritsen, W. A., Faribault.
Liggett, Howard, Columbus.
McGovern, J. A., Utica (3).
Morriss, R. C., Houston.
Omansky, Abraham, Baltimore.
Phillips, S. I., Delavan.
Rosnick, J. N., Toronto.
Saracione, L. C., Bronx.
Singerman, G., Johnstown.
Summers, H. J., St. Louis.
Wiegand, Joseph, Albany.

OBITUARY

STANTON F. WHEELER, 75, of Worcester Division No. 60, died October 12. He joined the Society as a social member January 16, 1921.

JOHN W. BROWNE, 35, of Eau Claire Division No. 111, died October 18. He joined the Society March 1, 1926 and held certificate No. 7697.

CHARLES F. BULLERMAN, 58, of Fort Wayne Division, No. 104, died October 29. He joined the Society November 2, 1925 and held Certificate No. 7466.

As rain gets into an ill-thatched house, so craving gets into an ill-trained mind.

SCORE CARDS

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

INDIVIDUALS

	Points on New Members	Points on Div. Increase	Total Points
T. E. Hill, Dallas	27	29	56
J. A. McGovern, Utica	17	27	44
F. L. Ascher, Springfield, Mass.	9	26	35
R. C. Morriss, Houston	9	18	27
J. N. Rosnick, Toronto	11	8	19
O. A. Sanders, Seattle	6	10	16
L. A. Fiske, Los Angeles	10	5	15
A. H. Enger, Providence	4	9	13
C. J. Holland, Miami	2	10	12
T. M. Hofmann, Syracuse	3	8	11

DIVISIONS

	Points on New Members	Points on Div. Increase	Total Points
Dallas	28	30	58
Utica	21	34	55
Sioux Falls	9	32	41
Chicago No. 106	15	23	38
Houston	11	22	33
Brooklyn	23	7	30
San Francisco	14	16	30
Toronto	17	11	28
Portland, Me.	6	22	28
Springfield, Mass.	7	20	27

A HELPING HAND

Most of our Divisions are lending a helping hand to their needy members, who on account of the business depression are having a hard time keeping up their dues owing to unemployment. Division funds are for just such emergencies. Those Divisions that have no local fund of any magnitude are in hard straits when it comes to helping their needy members and are forced to take various measures for their relief. They are finding it a rather inopportune time to collect funds for that purpose. The present bad times should serve as a reminder to all to build up a local fund in time of plenty and be prepared for emergencies. All Divisions should have a local fund that can be drawn on in time of need. Picnics, parties, socials, dances, etc., can be made not only a source of recreation and pleasure but of profit to each Division also. Those Divisions that had the foresight to fill their coffers when the filling was good are now sitting pretty.—N.

MARRIAGES

July 10—Meyer Miller and Marion Green, both of New York, N. Y.

August 27—Salvatore Laberta and Amelia Kohla, both of St. Louis, Mo.

September 6—Edward Ott and Florence Heffernan, both of Rochester, N. Y.

September 27—Lee Minter, Chester, Pa., and Esther Hassler, Chambersburg, Pa.

October 4—Edward Zearo, New Rochelle, N. Y., and Evelyn Forde, New York, N. Y.

October 19—Ernest Creteau, Cambridge, Mass., and M. Goric, Torrville, Conn.

October 25—Werner Schutz and Cecelia Finn, both of Chicago, Ill.

October 29—Louis Opatrny and Ruth Brown, both of Cleveland, O.

November 12—James Ponder and Violet Tolbert, both of Atlanta, Ga.



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\$1,367,632.65.

Which should bring us to around \$1,400,000 by December 31.

And to a little under \$1,500,000 by Boston time.

When we reach \$2,000,000, which will be in the not very distant future, we shall stop bragging about our assets. After that, millions will be commonplace.

BOSTON, JULY 20-25, 1931.

The illustrated bulletins being sent out by Chairman Battersby of the Boston Local committee should prove an incentive to start that personal convention fund.

Anyway, it is obvious that this will be a golden opportunity to brush up on your history.

An Englishwoman once told us that we did not have any American history.

If that is so, we wonder where Publicity Man Battersby is getting all his material.

In spite of the hard times, a preliminary survey of our 1930 lapsation figures shows that our lapsation rate this year will be only slightly higher than last year, when it was a little over 1%, as against 51% shown by some other companies and organizations.

This is remarkable, and demonstrates that the deaf place a proper valuation on the insurance, both death and disability, which they hold in the order.

A great deal of credit is also due our various Divisions which have come forward with relief loans from their local funds to tide over the dues of members temporarily out of work.

We are proud of our Divisions in thus demonstrating a true spirit of fraternity.

TO SECRETARIES AND TREASURERS

Secretaries are requested to forward reports of December meetings to the Home Office at the earliest possible date, so that bond schedules and other data may be compiled therefrom before the beginning of the new year.

The amounts in local funds should be given without fail, including cash in hand, in banks, and the value of securities held. This information is necessary in making up bond schedules to fully cover the assets of Divisions. Failure to give full value of assets will be at the risk of the Division, should the bond provided prove insufficient to cover assets.

Care should be taken to enter on report the exact number of members on the Division's roster, the number present at the December meeting, etc., so that the legality of elections may be readily determined without correspondence.

Treasurers should make every effort to clear up all outstanding dues of their members and include on December reports. In short, send in complete reports with all members paid up, if possible, so that we may close the year with a clean sheet. In any event, we hope that the close of the year will show a minimum number of members in arrears.

CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION

The Home Office has sent to all secretaries new certificate of election blanks for use following the December elections of officers.

Heretofore, lists of newly elected officers have been made out on the backs of secretaries' monthly report forms. This arrangement was unsatisfactory, as lists of officers were sometimes overlooked, and in other instances the names of some new officers omitted, making correspondence with the Division necessary.

Secretaries are requested to fill out the new blanks immediately following the elections and forward them to the Home Office, so that the official roster of Division officers may be prepared in good time for the next issue of THE FRAT.

Other certificate of election blanks, of a slightly different form, will be forwarded secretaries in January, for use following the election of delegates and alternates in February.

OKLAHOMA NEXT

The Society has secured a license from the Oklahoma State Insurance Department to do business in that commonwealth.

Oklahoma will make the forty-first insurance department with which the Society does business, testifying to the wide area covered by the operations of the order.

At present, we have about fifty members in the state, attached to outside Divisions. It is desired to bring this business under the jurisdiction of Oklahoma. It is also believed that this will encourage recruiting, with all state business handled by Oklahoma members. State pride is a factor to be reckoned with, and we know that our Oklahoma members take great pride in their native state, with good reason.

The first Division of the Society in Oklahoma will in all probability be established in Sulphur, seat of the State School for the Deaf. Petition for charter is now in preparation. The Division will probably be known as Sulphur Division, No. 112, and be installed early in January.

Later on, it is expected a second Division will be established in Tulsa.

Welcome, Oklahoma!

SWINDLERS

Last month, we ran the rogues gallery pictures of one Harry Ayers in THE FRAT. He was wanted in Kansas and other places for passing bad checks.

Early in November, a week or so after THE FRAT reached our members, Ayers appeared in Inglewood, California, and tried to induce Mrs. William A. Rice to endorse one of his famous rubber checks. She went into the next room, observed that Ayers was the man whose pictures appeared in THE FRAT, and promptly had him arrested.

A wire to the Kansas authorities brought the information that they did not care to bother with his extradition. However, bad check charges are now pending against him in Pasadena, California, where he is in jail. It is hoped to send him to the California penitentiary for the second time within a few years. A record of his activities has been furnished the Pasadena authorities, a record covering the last ten years, during which he has swindled many hard working deaf people.

Also held in the Pasadena jail is one Christie Abbott, hailing from West Virginia. He is also a bad check artist and swindler, with a record spread over most of the territory between his home state and the West Coast.

The deaf are afflicted with their Eddie Sullivans, their Christie Abbotts, their Harry Ayers, all intent upon separating them from their hard won dollars. But what we fail to understand is how the deaf who have been swindled could put any confidence in these gentry, endorse the checks and buy the stocks of total strangers.

DON'T DO IT. Don't buy the stocks or endorse the checks of people you know nothing about. You are pretty sure to come to grief if you do.

DIVISION NOTES

COMING DIVISION EVENTS

December

- 6. SocialFaribault
- 6. Memorial Dinner.....Davenport
- 6. Sport night.....Kansas City
- 6. Card partyRochester
- 6. BazaarDes Moines
- 6. Gallaudet partyDuluth
- 13. SocialCedar Rapids
- 13. BazaarJersey City
- 13. SmokerRichmond
- 13. SocialSchenectady
- 14. LectureFort Wayne
- 16. Xmas partyHouston
- 20. Xmas treeDes Moines
- 20. SocialDenver
- 20. Xmas partyChicago No. 1
- 20. Xmas carnivalBronx
- 20. Xmas supper.....Peoria
- 20. Xmas partyBinghamton
- 20. SocialHartford
- 20. MoviesDallas
- 21. Xmas partySaginaw
- 31. BallBoston
- 31. DanceMilwaukee
- 31. Watch partyBuffalo
- 31. PartySeattle
- 31. Watch partyWichita
- 31. SocialBaltimore
- 31. Watch partyDubuque
- 31. Watch partyWashington
- 31. Watch partyBinghamton
- 31. PartySalt Lake City
- 31. Watch partyToledo
- 31. Watch nightAlbany

January

- 3. Open houseDes Moines
- 10. InitiationKansas City
- 17. Whist partyHolyoke
- 24. King WinterScranton
- 25. Social boxMiami
- 31. Civic mask ballJersey City
- 31. Civic mask ballNewark
- 31. PartyChicago No. 106

February

- 1. Mask partyDes Moines
- 14. Valentine partyFort Wayne
- 14. Mask ballLouisville
- 21. Mask partyBerkeley

CHICAGO NO. 1

By C. B. Kemp

A welcome visitor at our November meeting was the Reverend Brother J. W. Michaels of Mountainburg, Ark. Brother Michaels is an old timer, with certificate No. 114, and was a prominent figure in the early years of the Society. He gave us a short address, filled with reminiscences of the years between the Cincinnati convention and the present day.

At its November meeting the Division ordered the purchase of a wreath to be placed on the grave of the late Grand President Gibson on the anniversary of his death, December 4. Also, at the December meeting on the second, a memorial service will be held. "Gib" is gone, but his memory remains.

Great interest was manifested in the report of the nominating committee at the last meeting. Contrary to condi-

tions for several years past, there were plenty of candidates for the various offices, and the December election should be a warm one. Curiously enough, the chief scramble seems to be for the office of president, which has heretofore been hardest to fill. May the best man win.

Chairman Meinken of the coming 1931 annual ball has announced his committee of arrangements. It will be composed of about equal numbers of younger members and old timers. This seems a good idea, as it will give the younger members the benefit of the experience of the older members, and which will be of great benefit to them in later years, when they are the old timers. A goodly proportion of the members of No. 1 have borne the load for twenty years and more, and it is time the youngsters took it over and gave the others a rest.

Chairman Hooper of the entertainment committee announces that the Division's Christmas tree party will be held on December 20, on the 19th floor of the Capitol Building, State and Randolph Sts. He also asked that grandchildren be included in the "immediate family" restriction on attendance, which was granted. A poll of the members present showed at least 25 grandchildren, showing that we have quite a few grandfathers in our Division. But in a Division nearly 30 years old, that is to be expected, I suppose.

The Division is still engaged in looking after the dues of members who are out of work, and also has helped members get coal and provisions, where the need was unusually great. But calls for help have lately been noticeably fewer, and we hope that this presages an improvement in employment for our members.

Notices have been sent to uninitiated members to prepare for that ordeal at our coming smoker on Saturday evening, November 29. It will be held at Occidental Hall, 14 N. Sacramento Blvd., just off Madison St., easy to reach from any part of the city. With 30 entrants of the Division and 20 transfers, it is expected that the smoker will break all records. A. H. Migatz, chairman, has an extra goat in reserve in case Old Billy proves unequal to handling such a crowd, so none of them can hope to escape. Abe also has a stunt up his sleeve that will prove an eye-opener for those present.

The charity dance and card party held at Albany Park Hall on October 25 was quite a successful affair, though the new location, out on the northwest side, probably kept some from attending. It was held for the benefit of the Illinois Home for Aged Deaf, and a snug sum was realized. Most of the crowd preferred dancing on the excellent floor of the hall, but those who wished to play "500" or bunco were accommodated in another room. In a third room refreshments were served. Except possibly in the matter of location, this hall seems very well

adapted to such combination entertainments. Such comments as I heard were pretty generally favorable, and all appeared to have a good time.

Recent visitors at headquarters were R. W. Perkins, Albert Toby, Abraham Magnan, Arvo Johnson, Robert Stokes and Toivo Lindholm, Faribault, Minn.; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Meck, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Ulsh, Detroit, Mich.; F. W. A. Hammer, Dixon, Ill.; H. E. Hammer, Rockford, Ill.; James F. Cullen, Janesville, Wis.; Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Dubey, Minneapolis, Minn.; Mrs. Roy Grimse, San Diego, Cal.; Rev. J. W. Michaels, Mountainburg, Ark.; Rev. F. C. Smielau, Columbus, O.

DENVER

By H. B. Herbold

Chairman Joseph Haden and his hustling aides, Brothers Sabott and Harvat, made a splendid success of the Hallowe'en party on October 25, for the benefit of the delegate fund. A number of non-resident frats from other towns were present, some of them coming in to attend the meeting of the Arkansas Valley Club that was held the next day. Quite a few of the members lived up to the spirit of the occasion by wearing their old clothes. Fine "eats" were served, a donation from Mrs. W. B. Brown, sister of Brother Sabott. The fine program of games was enjoyed by all. The attendance was well over 70, and the profits amounted to about \$35. We wish to express our appreciation to the committee, and especially to Mrs. Brown for her kindness.

At the October meeting T. Y. Northern acted as secretary pro tem., Secretary H. B. Herbold having been ordered to the hospital the day before, for an operation for acute appendicitis. Brother Herbold recovered sufficiently to assume his duties at the November meeting, but it will be some time before he can go back to work.

The deer season, October 12 to 16, saw several local deer out in the mountains after game. Treasurer Fred Bates returned home with a nice deer. He got one last year, also. He surely must be some hunter.

Among those from out of town attending the Hallowe'en celebration at the parish hall on October 31 were Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Simpson of Canon City, and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Brooks of Ft. Collins. Brother Simpson attended our November meeting the next evening.

The print shop of F. A. Lessley is a hustling place these days. Brother Lessley has a crew of 10 working for him. He recently turned out a big order for the Outdoor Life Co. and a big order of catalogues for the Carson Crockery Co. This keeps Brother Lessley working late hours, and as a result he has not been able to attend some of our parties, recently.

Vice President Fraser was absent from the November meeting, having been transferred from the day shift to the night shift where he works. We

all hope he will soon be transferred back to the day shift, so he can attend our meetings.

The annual election of officers will take place at the December meeting, and every member of the Division is urged to attend. The meeting will be held on December 6, at Howe Hall, 1548 California St.

To one and all, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

BOSTON

By A. A. Sinclair

Hubward, July 20-25, 1931.

Mrs. Hull gave us another series of moving pictures after the November meeting, and everyone enjoyed every one of them. We extend our thanks to Mrs. Hull for her kindness. Her husband, George Hull, has joined our Society, as a social member, and we are glad to have him with us.

Everything is ready for our New Year Frolic and Dance on December 31, at the convention hall on St. Botolph St., cor. Garrison. The hall will be open from 7 p. m. to 2 a. m., and everyone is assured of a real good time. Checking room free.

The convention committee and the local Division both are very grateful for donations to the convention fund from Springfield and Lewiston Divisions. It is such help as this that encourages us in our efforts to make the Boston convention a record breaker.

Brothers Thibodeau and Fritz of Gray, Me., were recent visitors in this vicinity. Brother Thibodeau surely looked fine, and all were glad to see the "Tiny Farmer Brownie." Come again, boys. Another visitor hereabouts was Franz Ascher of Springfield, who was the guest of Brother Battersby during his stay. On two occasions his Tin Lizzie was tagged by the police, once for parking on a crosswalk, and once for parking at night without lights. On both occasions he was excused, thanks to the influence of Brother Battersby. Watch you step, Franz, or you will land in the jug one of these days.

Miss Lillian Mitchell, a member of



IFINDTHEGREAT
thing in this world is not so much where we stand, as in what direction we are moving.

—Oliver Wendell Holmes.



the aux-frats, has been appointed chairman of an entertainment to be held on February 21. It will be held at Huntington Chambers, and complete plans will be announced in the next issue.

Please bear in mind that the biggest and best time of the year is December 31 for us Bostonians this year. No need to explain why. Last year's affair was enough explanation, and this year's is going to be even better. Plenty of confetti, streamers, caps and balloons. Come everybody.

Also remember that our December meeting will start at 7 o'clock sharp. Every member should attend to vote for new officers.

CLEVELAND

By H. T. McCann

Division No. 21 is approaching its 25th anniversary, and it has aged quite a bit since its birth. But those on its rolls still enjoy things that make up the "spice of life." So to get a bit of this spice, and at the same time show our appreciation of the way our Akron brothers turned out for our smoker awhile back, every one, from the oldest to the youngest, was given the time and location of Akron Division's smoker on November 1, and a satisfactory number of them passworded themselves into No. 55's commodious lodge room. It proved a big affair, and the fraternalism, fine fellowship and the doings both at the business meeting and at the educating of the future members was viewed with interest, albeit through a rather thick and hazy smoke screen. The Akron boys put on the best initiation ceremony we have ever seen. The Rubber City boys are a lively bunch, up and doing, and when they start doing a thing for the good of the Society, there can be no odds to lay on a possible failure. They have the stuff—the "IT" stuff. The only sore spot for us was the fact that we failed to have at least one more member present than there were Akronites at our smoker.

Speaking of our 25th anniversary impels us to mention that the Division ordered the president to select a committee to begin preparations for the affair. He selected Brothers Meade, Koelle, Wasserstrom and Miller for the job, and instructed them to get busy with preparations. But don't order your Tuxedo yet awhile; there is no great rush, as the time is still some distance away. The Division was organized November 2, 1908, so by the time the 25th anniversary rolls around, your waist measure may not be the same as it is now.

All's well with the local boys, but work is so scarce you cannot locate it

with the most powerful binoculars if you happen to be unemployed.

Great interest is being shown in next month's election of officers, and many of our youngsters are aspiring for office. Good; let them have 'em, and we old fellows take a rest.

CEDAR RAPIDS

By L. P. Herbold

On the evening of October 18 a good crowd of the deaf of Cedar Rapids and surrounding country surprised our newly-weds, Brother and Mrs. Bernard Gulstorf of Keystone, with a welcoming party at their country home, and presented them with numerous gifts. They were married on September 20. Mrs. Gulstorf was Mabel Wenzel of Creston, and like her husband, a product of the Iowa school. They are now running a fine farm of his father's, who has retired and moved into town. They took a two-weeks' honeymoon trip through the Black Hills, and had an excellent time.

Clayton Pringle was struck by an auto while crossing the street near his home, and badly injured. After a time in the hospital, he is now at home, recovering as nicely as can be expected, considering his age.

Carl Osterberg and wife are preparing to go to California for the winter. We will miss them, but wish them a good rest and much happiness. He is one of the best Division presidents we know of.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL.

By J. G. Otto

Lonnie Baird of Taylorville is now a resident member, having moved with his parents to this city. His father, a railway engineer, was transferred here.

Ralph Coberly of Decatur was a visitor at our last meeting. His wife and Mrs. Gates spent the time shopping.

At our December meeting on the 6th, we will have a memorial service to the late Grand President Gibson. We have received an invitation to attend a memorial dinner given by Davenport Division. As we can't all go, we will send John W. Close as our representative.

Earl Collins, a former member of the Society, was killed by a train on October 30. He was walking on the

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track—the most foolish thing a deaf man can do.

Our November meeting was postponed a week, so that members could attend the home-coming day game at the Illinois School for the Deaf.

DUBUQUE

By W. G. Wright

Our Hallowe'en party on October 25 was quite successful. We were pleased to have several out of town visitors with us. Among them were Albert Vermuelen and wife of Moline, and Charles Loughran and wife of Davenport. We regretted that none of the Cedar Rapids boys were present.

Brother and Mrs. Otto Roth entertained the Vermuelens and Loughrans during their stay here. They left for home in the early evening, and we hope they arrived home safely, and with no accidents.

Some of our members and friends gave the Roth family a surprise party, recently. It was in honor of the birthday of their son John, who received many nice presents from his friends.

BERKELEY

By W. A. Cotter

Maurice Enos, a member of San Francisco Division, was a visitor at our last meeting. We were pleased to have him with us.

At the last meeting President Lee instructed the two new members, Harry Jacobs and Elbert Dowling as to their duties and privileges as members. Both expressed a willingness to work for the good of the Order.

Henry Franck reports that he expects to bring in a new member at our next meeting or so. We hope he succeeds.

Melvin Davidson has accepted the appointment as chairman of the masquerade party to be held on February 21. The proceeds will be turned into the delegate fund. By the way, Brother Davidson thinks himself qualified to act as delegate, and has thrown his hat into the ring, an example promptly followed by Doney Goodrich.

A number of our members attended the Hallowe'en party given by San Francisco Division. The affair drew a crowd of around 200.

An invitation has been extended by the Division to Principal Stevenson to make an address at some future meeting. We hope he will accept.

PORTLAND, ORE.

By H. P. Nelson

Brother and Mrs. Moses Aronson of Oakland, Cal., after spending over two months in Portland and the Puget Sound, returned home on October 11. Many parties and auto excursions were given in their honor. Brother Aronson attended two frat meetings while in Portland, and gave a few interesting remarks.

The banquet in honor of the 10th anniversary of the founding of the S. F. L. Club auxiliary of No. 41 was

GALLAUDET

December 10, 1787



*HE helped us apprehend the stars;
He showed us to the light;
He broke for us the prison bars
That held us in the night.*

J. Schuyler Long:
On Gallaudet's Birthday.

held Saturday evening, October 11, in Multnomah Hall. Following the banquet, speeches were made by Mrs. Gannon, president of the club, Mrs. Spieler, vice president, Mrs. Peterson, secretary, Mrs. Nelson, treasurer, Mrs. Kautz, past president, and Brothers Nelson, Linde, Wondrack and Reichle. Mrs. Reichle, chairman, read a letter of greeting from Mrs. F. P. Gibson of Chicago. Mrs. Gibson was made an honorary member of the club during her visit here with the late Grand President Gibson, in 1929. She spoke finely of the hospitality shown her during her visit to Portland. A few humorous stories rounded out what everybody called a good time. Much credit for the success of the affair is given to Mrs. J. O. Reichle, chairman, and her efficient aide, Mrs. Kreidt.

L. A. Divine has the sympathy of the Division in the death of his father, which occurred on October 21, at the ripe old age of 87. He was the eldest deaf man in this part of the northwest. We last saw him at the O. A. D. convention in Portland, and noted that he

still had a keen memory for past events.

The Hallowe'en party held after the business meeting on November 1 was well attended, and an enjoyable time had. Refreshments were served. Miles Sanders was chairman of the affair, and deserves praise for the way it was carried out.

Howard Lines has moved his family to Beaverton, Ore., where he has rented a small piece of land, and is doing fairly well. He was thrown out of work here by the company going out of business.

Rev. Brother Hanson held services in Vancouver and Portland on Sunday, October 26. His next services will be held on January 4.

TOLEDO

By S. G. Henry

Our hobo party was the biggest success of the year. Nathan Henick was in charge, assisted by Brothers Neal, Deak, Eller, Cowan, Krowicz and Wachowiak. There were quite a number of out of town visitors present, among them Nelwyn Speers, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Foster, Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Huhn, Claude Barnett and R. H. Hecht of Detroit, Mich., Mrs. Mattie Merrill and Mrs. E. McGrath of St. Louis, Mo., Oscar Huffman, Monroe, Mich., Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Blevins, Henry Sherrill, Abe Lee and Miss Ruby Richardson, Akron, O.

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Harlan Eller enjoyed a two weeks' trip in Indiana with his cousin in the latter's car, visiting relatives. He appeared at our meeting half asleep after driving all night.

The members of the Division extend their sympathy to Brother Clinker in the loss of his mother, who died recently.

Our Division will hold a watch night party on December 31, at Kapp Hall. The committee in charge is composed of Brothers Hetzel, Kaintz, Neal, Lee, Wachowiak, Sellers, Augustus, Pilliod, Deak, George and Stremmel. They assure all of us a good time, and ask all to turn out for the affair, to help swell our local fund.

We will give our Christmas party as usual, this year. It will be held on December 20, with the Board of Directors in charge. Santa Claus will be there—Kapp Hall—so bring your children with you.

HARTFORD

By H. V. Jarvis

The social given on October 18 for the benefit of our delegate fund was a swell affair. It was held at the home of Brother Olson. Out of town guests included Mrs. R. A. Ackerman of Syracuse, N. Y., and Miss Elizabeth Ahrens of Reading Pa. The latter is a sister of Mrs. H. V. Jarvis. Mrs. Ackerman was the guest of Mrs. Moran.

Our annual affair is now a matter of history. In spite of the prevailing business depression, there was a good attendance—about 150—which was quite satisfactory. A number of games in vogue 25 or more years ago were introduced and enjoyed, especially by the older ones present. Refreshments were on sale, prepared by our own chef, Arthur Rock, assisted by Carl Olson and Walter Barrows. President Moran made a stirring speech, directed at the non-members, in which he extolled the N. F. S. D., and showed up its advantages. As a result, several promised to join as soon as they got steady jobs. Much credit for the success of the affair belongs to Chairman Barrows and his committee of old timers. Among visiting brothers noted were Charles Newberg, Pawtucket, J. F. Lorimer, Providence, J. A. Sandberg and wife, Worcester, Joseph Kremer, Holyoke, Berger Brunsell, J. E. Hagerty, F. L. Ascher, Springfield, Russel Sargent, Sullivan, Me., Edward Gilmartin, Pittsfield, Nathan Zietz, Brooklyn, Harry Kelly and sister, Waterbury, R. A. Ackerman and wife, Syracuse.

SOME FATHERS
still seem wonderful to their small sons, and some have tried to help them with their home-work.

Those of our members who are in Class A are urged to read the item in the Los Angeles notes in the October-November issue of THE FRAT, concerning a member who "put off" converting. Heed the moral; write your secretary today for blank application. Protect your dear ones.

KANSAS CITY

By F. W. Rebal, Jr.

On November 1 we celebrated the 20th anniversary of the founding of our Division with a masquerade ball. The affair turned out to be a big success. There were paid admissions to the number of 112, and many came in costume. This is a record for a Hallowe'en party, in our Division. Pies made and donated by the wives of members, and hot dogs and coffee were on sale. The committee in charge of the affair was composed of Brothers Loeb, Allmon, Price and Milton Johnson. They, as well as the ladies who so generously contributed, are entitled to, and get, our sincere thanks.

At our last meeting Howard Forshay, Willie Wellbaum and Arthur Salisbury were given the pledge and the password. The first two have steady jobs here. Brother Salisbury is a New Englander, but makes his home here about half of the year. He is a sheep-shearer by trade, and makes annual trips to Wyoming and Montana to work at it. We hope he may be able to find us some new members up that way.

Brother Jenkins, who has been sick for some time, is around with us again. Brother Sanford is resting comfortably after having his appendix removed. Brother Dick of Leavenworth has been laid up with chronic appendicitis, and was recently removed to a hospital here, where he is still under observation.

Mrs. Philip Goldansky celebrated the Democratic landslide on November 4 by adding a future Democratic voter to their home. Mother and boy are doing well.

At our last meeting Joe Jenkins was selected to represent this Division at the big smoker to be held by Chicago Division No. 1 on November 29. We expect he will learn a lot, and bring back some ideas that will give us added pep and enthusiasm in conducting our smoker, to be held sometime this coming winter.

KALAMAZOO

By Daniel Tellier

The Division held a Hallowe'en rally and social on October 25. Moses Graff was chairman, and the affair was well attended, though few were in costume. In addition to selecting and rewarding those adjudged as having the best costumes, many games were played. A Dutch song, "A bean in a restaurant," given by Mrs. Toegel of Detroit, attired as a Dutch peasant, wooden shoes and all, provoked much laughter. Refreshments were served

by Chairman Graff and Brother Adams.

Our regular Division meeting, scheduled for November 1, was postponed until November 8, to enable some of our members to attend the big football contest at the Jacksonville school.

A good-sized delegation from Kalamazoo attended the hard times social given by Grand Rapids Division on October 18. They report having had a good time.

It was a great shock to our members to learn of the terrible accident to Brother and Mrs. George F. Tripp of Flint, in which the latter was killed, and the former badly hurt. Brother Tripp was a welcome visitor at our September meeting, coming here in the interests of the Michigan Association of the Deaf.

ST. PAUL-MINNEAPOLIS

By J. J. McNeill

On Saturday evening, November 1, at Thompson Hall, Rev. Brother F. C. Smielau of Columbus, O., gave a talk to a packed house. It was one of the best talks we have ever had here, and we all appreciated it very much, and wish the Reverend brother could come here oftener. The following day he delivered a sermon in Gethsemane Episcopal Church in Minneapolis, assisted by the Rev. Brother Homer E. Grace of Denver. A big crowd was in attendance. After the church services he went to Faribault with Brother and Mrs. Alby Peterson. The party motored from Ohio, by way of Upper Michigan and Wisconsin to northern Minnesota, where Brother Peterson's home was before he went to Ohio, and then down here.

Our Hallowe'en social at the Thompson clubhouse on October 25 was a good success. The attendance was pretty good, considering the hard times, but there were few maskers, and all the winners were hearing people. Tony Garbarino, with McNeill and Inhofer, were on the committee, and did well.

Anton Schroeder, who has been recovering from a severe illness, is plan-



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All gleaming and glowing:
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The whole world rejoices
Around the red ember,
And so with glad voices
Sing "Hail to December!"

—Clinton Scollard.

ning to go to Florida in a few weeks, to spend the winter with a sister who lives there. Here's hoping that the change of climate will do him good.

Brother and Mrs. Harry Hansman of Knapp, Wis., came up in their car to meet Rev. Brother Smielau, and we were glad to see them again. They have a big farm, with 59 head of registered cows, and are doing well.

Brother and Mrs. L. A. Roth of Fari-bault motored up on the 26th to visit their sons, who live in Minneapolis.

The many friends of Elmer Fiedler extend him their sympathy in the loss of his mother, Mrs. Anna Fiedler, which occurred recently, following an illness of over a year. She was known to many of the deaf of this city, frequently attending their socials.

ST. LOUIS

By C. H. Fry

J. H. Burgherr is now in Lincoln, Nebr., where he is under the care of a brother, who is a doctor. Brother Burgherr was injured in a fall from a ladder sometime ago.

Louis Egle of Florida came to St. Louis to see if he could find a job. He has been idle for weeks.

Robert Stout is now in the Lutheran Hospital. His condition has been growing worse, and he will be operated upon soon.

Hugh Stack of Bonner Springs, Kans., and Brother Rheinhardt stopped in St. Louis on their way to attend the football game at Jacksonville, Ill., between the teams representing the schools for the deaf of Kansas and Illinois. The Kansas team won 12 to 0.

Peter Hughes of Fulton, Mo., was in St. Louis for a short visit, recently.

Random shots: There is only one talkless cinema theater in town, at Broadway and Market street, the delight of old and young frats many an evening; better times must be on the way, for Rev. Brother Steidemann turned down an offer to work as a draughtsman on account of his calling; Fred Stocksick became a great fisherman only a few years ago, and the sweet summertime just gone by saw a fine piscatorial camaraderie between him and the veteran Joe Palecek; David Aut drives the Ford for Ed. England, and we wonder if the census enumerator was told of his being a chauffeur on the side; John H. Burgher, the burgomeister of south side deafdom, is recuperating from his accident at his brother's home in Nebraska; William H. Schaub, who represented No. 24 at Atlanta and Denver, considers these as two Presidential terms, and is not a candidate for Boston; nearing his seventieth milestone William Stafford looks more

like sixty, and he (himself) drives a Ford; since his firm moved to swell Olive street, Harry Berwin gets shaved every day; thank the bumper California grape crop for overtime work as coopers, acclaim Ernest F. Miller and John Gilmere; Sam Perlmutter started the first Gallaudet Club meeting as president by sporting a brand new necktie; his brothers in No. 24 lament that Carl B. Smith's excellent tonsorial ministrations can only be secured by going almost to the northern end of the city; while an employee of Sportsman's Park, Edward Miller was deputized to see that the cameramen did not puncture the roof with their tripods during the World's Series games, and not a few cigars did he get; living at the end of a car line does not prevent Eudora Harden, 73, from being nearly always the first arrival at our meetings; returning home late one night after repairing a water-heater at his sister's, George W. Roeder was followed all the way by a police squad, who remonstrated that the loose tools in his car made a queer noise; the five jobless frats who laid new flooring at the Gallaudet Club, had Charles W. Haig for their boss; ask Geo. D. Hunter which he likes best, baseball during the warm weather, or pinochle by the fireside.

LOS ANGELES

By A. D. Ruggero

The rogues gallery pictures of Harry Ayers, notorious thief and swindler of the deaf, appearing in THE FRAT last month proved effective in leading to the capture of that crook on November 6, about a week after THE FRAT was received. Credit for the remarkable capture of the habitual criminal goes to Mrs. W. A. Rice, wife of Brother Rice, for her cool head and cleverness in detaining him in her home until the police came and handcuffed him. He was taken to jail to be held, waiting for advice from the sheriff of Lynn County, Mound City, Kansas, where the criminal may be sentenced to the penitentiary for life under the habitual criminal act. It was a battle of wits for Mrs. Rice to hold the crook in such a manner that he did not suspect being already in a trap. Innocently, he walked into the trap when he tried to pass a bad check to Mrs. Rice. Mrs. Rice certainly deserves a reward for the successful capture of Harry Ayers, who has been posing as a member of Fraternal Society by wearing a stolen button emblem of the Order. This crook has done much harm to the Society by his wearing the stolen button emblem in order to aid him victimize many fellow frats, and it would be very nice for the Society to see that Mrs. Rice, aged and nearly blind, gets a liberal reward for helping the Society eliminate the imposter, and bringing him to justice.

Due to the fact that there will be an election of officers for 1931 at the next business meeting on December 6, it is imperative for every member to

be present and enjoy the privilege of voting. Come and see the race. There may be a dark horse in it.

Since the date of our next dance, under Chairman Gilbert and his willing aides, Ulysses Cool and Raymond Stillman, is set on November 14, and the dead line for correspondents to turn in their Division notes for publication in THE FRAT is set on the 10th of the month, the write-up of the dance will have to go into the January issue. It is forecast that a financial success of the affair will be certain, the way tickets are being sold.

Division Treasurer William Brooks and Harry Stark went deer-hunting in Santa Barbara mountains last October. A large 250 pound deer was a reward for the marksmanship of Brother Brooks, who claimed that it was his first shot at a deer. Also, it was generous of him to divide his highly prized deer equally with Brother Stark.

We regret to learn that Jacob Beck is still in the hospital. He has had a string of misfortunes lately. We all earnestly hope for his speedy recovery and also a "lucky break" for him.

Dan Cupid still laughs at the business depression, for he got Paul Smith engaged to Miss Irene Linderman. Also business depression could not stop the progress of our membership increase, as we got two more new members, Gerald Wear and Lon Ramsel. The latter was recently married.

The end of the better and bigger year is now at hand. We are glad that the year was the best of all in history of our Division, for there were more social activities in that year than before. We hope the new year 1931 will bring better attractions in such a way that new members will roll in.

A Merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year to all.

ROCKFORD

By B. F. Jackson

Turning their backs on all workaday things, the deaf of the Rockford district celebrated Hallowe'en with one of the largest parties ever held in Rockford. There were over 65 present at the E. E. Church hall on the evening of November 1, and nearly all were in costume, too. There were some very clever make-ups. Mrs. Tom Dool won the prize for ladies, while Karl Niklaus captured that for men. Those in charge of the affair were Misses Giarcherio, Geiger, Everett and Lindley, and Mrs. Williams, assisted by Brothers Bondick and Skarzynski.

Among those who attended the Wisconsin-Minneapolis football game at Delavan on October 18 were the following from Rockford: Brothers Shatwell, Baird, Long, Dildine, King, Niklaus, Ehrhart and Jackson.

Under the camouflage of staging a masquerade party, a number of frats and aux-frats raided the palatial home of the Ehrharts on the evening of October 18, and after some dancing and games, presented to the host and hostess a basket containing about every-

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thing in the line of tin ware, from a tin whistle to a dish-pan, the occasion being the couple's tin wedding anniversary. Roscoe will be expected to blow his own horn after this. Appropriate refreshments were served, and the party did not break up until the wee sma' hours of the morning. It was then that the revellers discovered that while they were enjoying the good cheer and comfort within, it had turned bitter cold without. Several found the radiators of their cars frozen, and had considerable trouble in starting. Jimmie Boyer of Freeport was unable to get his radiator thawed out until the next afternoon.

Harvey Crow, formerly of Grand Rapids, Mich., is now located at Malta, Ill., and may transfer to Rockford Division in the near future.

Our secretary has received several letters enquiring as to work in Rockford. Our advice is not to come here looking for a job, as industrial conditions here are very bad. A large number of our members are either out of work or working short hours.

Charles Schmidt and Wilford Picchioni were among those who took in the Kansas-Illinois football game at Jacksonville.

The usual watch night party will be held at our hall on December 31. An interesting program will be given. It will be bigger and better than ever. Everybody welcome.

Chicago No. 106

By F. B. Wirt

Verily, as far as the deaf are concerned, the automobile does give us a lot of pleasure and convenience; at the same time it is the destruction of some of us. Since the Division was organized we have lost two brothers through automobile accidents, and a short while ago very nearly added one more. We were greatly shocked to learn of the recent death of one of our charter members, and, more recently, a charter member of Eau Claire Division, John W. Browne, who was killed by auto recently. We sympathize with No. 111 in the loss of their member, and sincerely hope that it will be a long time before their membership is reduced by such an accidental death. That there are, even among the hearing, men who have no business driving a car was attested by the fact that Brother Brown was run down and

killed by a driver blind in one eye.

The slow pick-up—if there is a pick-up at all—in present business conditions, is unbearable to many of our members who are either without jobs or have been working short hours. The Division is doing all it can for them, paying their dues for any number of months up to a year, and will continue to do so until times are better. None of our members have been dropped for non-payment of dues, where we could help them avoid it.

Our annual dance on the evening of November 8, at the Logan Square Masonic Temple, was a success, everything considered. That there were counter attractions on that same evening appeared to make little difference, and there were about 200 present. The beautiful hall has a fine dance floor, so there were not many wall flowers. We have had the same musicians for several years, and they are used to playing on a slightly higher key for our benefit. The receipts, when audited, give promise of a good profit. This, however, is a minor matter to that of giving our young people a chance to get together and have a good time. Such affairs as this always prove a hunting ground for new members, so it is possible that we may continue to mount upwards in Division membership.

Curiosity as to who will be our Division officers in 1931 is getting keen, and we are confident that there will be no hard feelings after the election, and that the winners will be able to give good accounts of themselves in their respective offices.

Don't forget the boxing-wrestling show at Occidental Hall on January 31, from 7:30 to 9:00. It will be great. Bunco and "500" after the show. Admission, 50 cents. Good comedy acts between bouts.

PITTSBURGH

By F. R. Connor

The November meeting was the largest and most interesting held in some months. Lively and earnest discussion on ways and means of aiding needy members prolonged the meeting. Eventually a proposal was approved with enthusiasm to take up a collection for the benefit of a really destitute member in New Castle, and a goodly sum was raised in short order. In addition to being out of work, two deaths in the member's family had hit him hard. He would be glad to work, but is unable to get it. Brother Cowley of New Castle gave him what aid he could by giving him odd jobs to do around his farm, thus showing the true fraternal spirit.

It is not too early to begin thinking about our coming banquet. President Zahn has announced the appointment of three banquet committees, under the general chairmanship of Peter Graves. In this way the work and responsibility will be facilitated and divided, with less worry for any particular member. The date set for the banquet is February 21. Watch for

announcements. Chairman Graves may be having something new up his sleeve.

The social activities of the Division, long laid on the shelf, were revived with a Hallowe'en social on October 18, with Wesley Stevenson as chairman. It was a decided success, and netted our treasury a neat sum. Latest and newest games were indulged in, to the enjoyment of those present. The committee was liberal in its distribution of prizes.

The out of work condition is rather severe around here, and some of our members have unfortunately fallen several months in arrears. While the Division is willing to shoulder the responsibility of keeping them in good standing, and of having a clean slate for the treasurer in December, the local loan fund of \$350 has gone the limit. Every member in debt to the Division, who has a steady job, is earnestly urged to pay back every cent he owes, so that the treasurer can use the money to help others in greater need. This applies also to those who are habitually in arrears. Pay up, so we can help others.

The members are more vitally interested in the coming election of officers and later of delegate to the Boston convention than most of them appear to realize. Your vote should not be governed by sentiment. If you will calmly decide who is best fitted for each office, and vote for him, regardless of personal feeling or personal interest, you will have done the best thing possible for your Division and for the N. F. S. D. as a whole.

LITTLE ROCK

By P. B. Jones

Hallowe'en was observed according to its traditions on November 1. Because of the fact that the monthly business meeting preceded it, the men were shy at wearing costumes, but otherwise the true spirit prevailed. Mrs. Albert Hopkins and Master James Goree, Jr. won prizes for the best costumes. The hall was artistically decorated for the occasion. Apples, peanuts and cider were served. The pumpkins donated by Roy Calhoun brought fancy prices at auction. Acting chairman Shibley and his aides, Brothers Athy, Crow and Eads, were commended for the success of the affair.

James Smith, Robert Marsden and Nathan Zimble were among the large number of frats who accompanied the football team to Jackson, Miss., on November 1. They enjoyed swapping college yarns with the Gallaudet alumni on the Mississippi school faculty.

Clifton Mills was painfully burned on the face and hands last month, when he lighted the gas range at the school, the pipe being leaky. He has been incapacitated from work for some time, but by the time this appears will be back on duty.

Brother and Mrs. C. P. Coker are spending the winter with their children in Wichita, Kans. Brother Coker enjoys attending the meetings of Wichita Division.

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Our interest is naturally pointed to the December meeting, when the annual election of officers will be in order. Who will be the lucky winners, I wonder.

The writer has received several inquiries about emblem rings. To the writers he would say that they can get the information desired by reading the advertisements in *THE FRAT*.

NEW HAVEN

By Clarence Baldwin

New Haven Division No. 25 had a most delightful Hallowe'en party following their November meeting. It was a real old fashioned one, with jack o' lanterns, pumpkins, decorations of all kinds. Admission was 15 cents for members, and 25 cents for non-members, as we felt membership should entitle us to some special privileges. A crowd of well over fifty people put in their appearance, some in costume and others going as their natural selves, and presumably expecting to win a prize. Frank Chamerda won a prize for the best costumed fellow present, and Mrs. Baldwin, the wife of the writer, captured the prize offered to the ladies. The committee in charge were Moise Chagnon, chairman, and Bernard Sullivan, his assistant, who helped with a variety of games which helped to provide fun and plenty of merriment for all present. A free lunch was provided in the form of all the cider and doughnuts one could eat, and plenty of apples. The party broke up shortly after midnight, after being voted the most successful seen hereabouts in some time.

Louis Wellner made quite a trip throughout the state of Pennsylvania and surrounding countryside—over 5,000 miles all told—last summer in his Pontiac sedan. Brother Wellner has done considerable traveling over this section of the country in his capacity as necktie salesman. He reports business is quite bad. This he gleaned from his own personal experience.

Since we are fortunate enough to secure a room in Fraternal Hall here on the first Saturday of each month, that will be our meeting date henceforth, unless changed. So, be it known to the members of New Haven Division No. 25 and all others, friends and enemies, we meet on the first Saturday

of each month, instead of on the second Saturday as heretofore, commencing with the November meeting.

The unemployment situation has not hit our members so badly as it has in other sections of the country. All summer all of us had 3 or 4 days' work per week, so we feel pretty fortunate. Business seems to be picking up right now, and nearly all of us are on full time, some even being lucky enough to be on overtime schedule as well.

Now all is in readiness for our third annual masquerade ball to be held in Fraternal Hall, 19 Elm Street, New Haven, on Saturday evening, November 29, at 7 p. m. We fully expect a record attendance and those who attend will not be disappointed. There will be plenty of music by a splendid local orchestra. For further details see our advertisement in *THE FRAT*, *Deaf-Mutes' Journal*, *American Deaf Citizen*, and *New Era*. When New Haven Division starts out to do something, they make a most thorough job of it, and extensive advertising, we are sure, will greatly help us to crowd the hall.

CINCINNATI

By J. M. Shepherd

Our masquerade social on November 1 was a success, financially and socially. The committee in charge was composed of five of our youngest members, but they worked like veterans. Miss Del Monte was adjudged as having the most beautiful costume, with Miss Manning and Mrs. Welte as second and third choice. For the most comical, Brother Hagedorn was adjudged the winner, with Brother Welte and Mrs. Anderson in second and third place. In the children's class the winners were the little daughter of Albert Bender, the little daughter of Fred Jones, and the little son of Albert Watters. Among the visitors noted were K. B. Ayers of Akron and J. B. Taylor of Dayton.

Social member Alton Odom was at our November meeting, bidding us good bye for a lengthy period. He has been in poor health for some time, and on his physician's advice he is going south.

Rev. Brother J. W. Michaels of Mountainburg, Ark., gave a reading at the M. E. Church here on Wednesday evening, November 5. There was an

attendance of about 60. Brother Michaels was on his way home, in a roundabout way, from Chicago.

Our next social event will be a Christmas party sometime around Christmas day. This will be a family party, with gifts mostly for the children—with, of course, a Christmas tree. Howard Weber is chairman, and will make full announcements at our December meeting. But as to who will be Santa Claus, Howard is mum.

Those members who were not present at our November meeting will please take notice that it was decided to call the December meeting to order at 7 o'clock sharp, instead of the usual 7:30. This is to give us more time for the election of officers. May the best man win.

SALT LAKE CITY

By E. R. Thurston

The Hallowe'en party held on October 25 was one of the most unique ever staged by the local Division. There were an unusually great number of different costumes and freaks, all showing signs of their owners having strived for accuracy in their make-up, which made it very hard for the judges to select the winners. On entering the party in the middle of the frolic one would find less noise and whoopee than heretofore, and I presume that the cause was in the fact that Emery Preece was attired in the garb of a patrolman. He looked very much like one, considering his height and size. The party was enjoyed by everyone present, and we hope to turn out one similar to it next year.

Brother and Mrs. Frederick Voyle Farmer are the proud parents of their first born, a girl, who first appeared on September 18, weighing 7 pounds 11 ounces. The first little fellow who desires to get fresh and flirt with her, may call her Eula.

BUFFALO

By R. B. Heacock

At our November meeting the members stood in silent respect to our late brother and friend, Louis La Rocque of Quebec, Canada, formerly a member of our Division, but lately attached to Toronto. We extend our sympathy to his family.

Nominations for office for the December election were made at our November meeting. A full slate has been put up, and no candidate will have a walk-over through being unopposed. The members will do well to study the qualifications of the various candidates, and when the time comes to vote, vote for those best qualified for the particular office they seek. This also holds



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good in regard to candidates for delegate to the Boston convention next year. Competition is bound to be keen for the honor, and enthusiasm will run high, but sober judgment should be used in the final selection. The most popular member does not always make the best delegate.

The Division will hold a watch night party on New Year's Eve. If successful, and we don't doubt but what it will be, it may be made an annual affair. Guessing contests, games of Pedro and Bridge, and many other forms of amusement will be provided. Leo Coughlin is chairman, and as he knows his business, we can feel assured of a fine time, lasting until the cows come home in the morning—or should we say the milkman, being city dwellers? Keep this date open, come prepared for a big time, and bring your friends.

Rumor has it that A. L. Sedlowsky will shortly forsake the ranks of the bachelors and become a benedict. They say Fond Papa has given his consent, and all that remains is the trip to the altar. Imagine Altor at the altar!

DETROIT

By Ferdinand McCarthy

In regard to the special assessment of ten cents on members of the Division, to help unemployed members keep in good standing, the legality of which some have questioned, President Hansz wishes to call attention to the provisions of Section 112 of the Society's Laws. Under this section, Divisions may, by a majority vote, levy a special assessment on the local members for the benefit of local funds, for use in any legal manner. Such an assessment was unanimously passed by the Division, and Secretary Stutsman instructed to notify the members by mail of the fact, with explanations. Section 112 will be found on page 26 of our Laws.

Members are reminded that duty and loyalty to the Division should cause them to attend the December meeting of the Division, to assist in the election of new officers for 1931. And Treasurer Affeldt wishes to remind them that their dues must be paid up if they wish to vote. Help him send in a fully paid up report for December, so that the 1931 treasurer, whoever he may be, can start the new year with a clean slate.

Thomas J. Kenney, three times president of our Division, appeared at the November meeting, after a long absence due to ill-health. He announces that in co-operation with a field worker of the City Welfare Department, he will be glad to give what assistance he may to deaf people out of employment

in Detroit. Any one desiring help should write or call on him. His address is 15327 Cherrylawn Ave., Detroit.

Ivan Heymanson, chairman of the Board of Trustees, will receive applications for help from needy members, and will give such immediate assistance as he can. It looks as if the coming winter would be a hard one on some of our members, and we are willing to do all we can to aid them. Brother Heymanson's address is 1267 Wayburn Ave., Detroit.

HOLYOKE

By Joseph Kremer

About 100 attended our costume ball at Caledonian Hall on November 1, of whom about 30 were in costume. First place was awarded to Mrs. Nettie Klinke and Mrs. John D. Moran of Hartford. Vincent Kaminsky copped first place on the men's side. J. E. Haggerty, Ernest Sargeant and Berger Brunsell of Springfield, as Chinamen, were also in the running. Good sized delegations were present from Springfield, Worcester and Hartford Divisions. The affair was managed by Joseph Kremer.

A whist party and social will be given at Caledonian Hall on January 17, managed by Ernest Klinke. The proceeds will be donated to the 1931 convention fund. Caledonian Hall is located at 189 High St. All welcome.

The Division expects to hold socials frequently from now on, to raise funds for our delegate's expenses to Boston.

Most of our members are working part time only. The Division is prepared to help the needy ones when necessary.

Those of our members who attended Springfield Division's fraternal, October 11-13, report a fine time. Two others, Joseph Kremer and Russell Cosby, attended the old times party at Hartford on October 25, and likewise report a fine time.

Edward Lavigne recently underwent an operation for appendicitis. Complications followed, and he was laid up for several weeks, returning to work on November 17.

There are plenty of candidates in the field for Division office for 1931. With plenty of candidates, it should be easy to select a first class set of officers to guide the Division through the convention year.

SAN FRANCISCO

By G. D. Coats

A crowd of well over 200 turned out for our Hallowe'en masquerade party on October 27, a goodly number coming in costume. Bill Stephens, who was in charge of this affair, kept things running so well that everyone went home happy, and the Division treasury was enriched by the tidy sum of \$36. This is more than we have been able to realize on a social in a long time. Here's hoping that our Thanksgiving social scheduled for November 22 will draw as well or better.

The December meeting will be election time. Every resident member, and those non-resident members able to do so, should be present to register their choice for Division officers for 1931. A fine of fifty cents will be imposed on resident members who are absent without sufficient reason, so don't fail to come, or send a written excuse.

Secretary Conaway has moved again. This time it is a permanent address, he assures us. His new address is 1362 East 25th St., Oakland.

Brother Patterson attended the November meeting, after several months' absention due to vacation time and his duties at the Berkeley school.

Speaking of Christmas presents, how about a life insurance policy, with sick and accident protection, for your friend's family? Talk it over with him, and see if he doesn't agree that a policy in our Society is a more profitable and enduring gift than a houseful of presents.

LOWELL

By Leo Joncas

On September 27, Colin McCord was in charge of a whist party and moving picture show at Needham Hall, Lawrence. Brothers Battersby, Joncas and Nichols and William F. Newell assisted him. The films shown were those of the picnic of Boston Division at Danvers on July 4. We expect Mr. Newell will soon join our Society, and hope that he will be as helpful as "Brother" Newell as he was as plain "Mr." Newell.

On October 25 a birthday party was given in honor of Mrs. Leo Joncas, wife of the secretary of No. 78, at their home. A large gathering of their friends were present, and the refreshments and the very pleasant time provided were much enjoyed.

The K. L. D. of Lowell is to hold a bean supper, vaudeville show and whist party on November 29, and it is expected that a large crowd will be on hand. It will be a good three-in-one entertainment, for the small sum of only "four bits." Half of the proceeds will be given to the Boston convention committee.

UTICA

By C. D. Gale

A surprise birthday party was held at the home of Brother and Mrs. Fred McKee at Malone on Saturday evening, November 8, in honor of Brother McKee's birthday. About 35 were present, and spent the evening playing cards and in other pastimes. Brother McKee was presented with many useful presents, and at one o'clock lunch

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was served. The surprise of the evening was when James McGovern, deputy organizer of Utica Division, which Brother McKee recently joined, accompanied by Robert Siver and Thomas Kinsella, breezed in to help him celebrate. Others present included Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bennett and Ray Kinsella of Saranac Lake, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Lewis and Leo Benzing of Lake Placid, William Dupree of Ogdensburg, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Gale and daughter of Gouverneur, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Kirkey, Mrs. Olive Kelley and two daughters of Malone, and Ralph Young of Canton. The party did not break up until five o'clock in the morning.

ROCHESTER

By H. V. Barnett

On July 13, under the chairmanship of William Collins, an outing took place at Mendon Pond Park, with a good-sized crowd in attendance. The park was recently acquired and improved by the state, and is a place of natural wild beauty. Chairman Collins provided plenty of games and other amusements, which were enjoyed by all, especially the baseball game. Friends were present from Buffalo, Red Creek, Williamson, Geneva, Pittsford and other places.

Durand-Eastman Park was the scene of another outing on August 3. Only a small crowd was present, due partly to cold weather and high water in the park. Chairman Ira Todd had plenty of fun on tap for those who did attend, and his novel games were very entertaining. Durand-Eastman Park, which was deeded to the city by the men whose name it bears, is located on the shore of Lake Ontario, six miles from the city of Rochester. With its hills, woods and flowers, it is very beautiful, and one of the show places of this part of the state. There is also a fine zoo, which many of the crowd visited.

On September 14 another picnic at Ellison Park proved a very successful affair. The chief attraction was the corn roast. Chairman Howard Whyland saw to it that everyone had his or her ear of corn to roast. Games in plenty were provided, and all had a good time. Ellison Park is famous as a battle ground of the Irondequoit Indians, and in scenic beauty is equal to any. In fact, all of the parks in and around Rochester are some of the most beautiful in the state.

After a long month of illness, Mrs. William Heffernan passed away on August 1. She was a very quiet woman, a good home maker, and a devoted mother to her three children. Brother Heffernan and children have our deepest sympathy in their affliction.

LeGrand Klock was host to over 50 of his friends at a card party in the Hotel Seneca on September 15. The tables were arranged in a large room on the Mezzanine floor, and each table was provided with candy and nuts, and also a prize. A thoroughly good time was enjoyed.

On December 6 there will be a progressive card party at Fraternal Hall,

East Main and Swan Sts. A splendid program is being arranged, and all are urged to attend. It will be a sort of victory celebration for the new officers who will be elected at the business meeting on December 2. All of the resident members, and as many of the non-resident ones as can do so, should attend this business meeting, and assist in the election.

The Division will use Fraternal Hall for a time, on account of the high rent at Gannett House. The hall is at East Main and Swan Sts., a stone's throw from the Eastman Theatre. This necessitates a change in its meeting date, as our usual date, the first Friday of the month, had already been taken by another organization. So from now on, we will meet on the first Tuesday evening of each month. Every member should make careful note of both the change of date and the change of location.

BROOKLYN

By T. J. Cosgrove

See you in BOSTON July 20-25, 1931. Only eight months to save something for the big time. DO IT NOW.

The November meeting of the Division drew the usual attendance of 150, with all present officers at their stations, except Trustees Call and Sheehan. Sheehan was in a hospital and Joe Call was "called" elsewhere for the evening.

Nominations were in order, but failed to bring out any rush of aspirants. However, those that are in the running are capable in every way of performing the duties of the offices to which they aspire.

There will be no opposition for the present President, Secretary or Treasurer. The other offices will furnish the election fireworks, having for Vice-President, Blumenthal vs. Tabor; Director, LaCurto vs. Sanford; Sergeant, O'Grady vs. Neufeld, and for Trustee, Fogel vs. DiAnno.

Visitors from Manhattan, Bronx and Jersey were with us, as also was a surprise visitor attached to San Francisco Division, Charles J. LeClerc, a New Yorker, but of late years out on the Coast. He gave us an outline of what he has seen among frat circles lately and greatly pleased all with his remarks. LeClerc is one of the ablest signmakers among the deaf and usually knows how to make a talk interesting

as well as valuable. He was accompanied by two of our distinguished "strangers" in the personages of Alex L. Pach and Harry P. Kane. We hope the two will find time enough to be "regulars" again.

Chairman Hy Dramis of the ball committee is laying low with all the arrangements. He added two more hustlers to his list of assistants and will probably have a Christmas present ready for you at the December meeting.

The report of the picnic held last August was read by Chairman Cosgrove. It showed, in spite of the unusually hard times hereabouts that Brooklyn Division still holds a warm spot in the hearts of all its good friends. The profits were far greater (considering the times) than a good many wise birds looked for, exceeding many previous such affairs.

That the lust for frat "glory" is still an overwhelming favorite with some who have never tasted its sensations or after effects, seems to have captured "Diamond" Charley Sanford. Sanford, not content with dabbling in the mysteries of the glittering, shining, pieces of "precious" ornaments believes he will find time to attend to the duties of Director of the Division—if elected. He is opposed by LaCurto, the present incumbent, who has performed his duties in a satisfactory manner during his term.

Charles H. Klein, a social member, has been in a hospital for the past few weeks awaiting an opportune time to undergo an operation on his spine, which it is hoped will alleviate his long suffering and otherwise greatly benefit his health.

Intent on acting before his second term as President of the Division starts, President Stigliabotti had his "Ways and Means Committee" get together recently and do something to establish the new "Relief Fund" for the Division. Several good suggestions were brought forward and they will come up for the consideration of the Division at the December meeting. Please be present as it concerns you and should interest all the members.

The practice of passing the hat at meetings for needy brothers has always been displeasing to many. The amounts collected have always varied and those good enough to "chip in" do not like the idea of only half the membership carrying the burden while the other half remains away from the meeting. This part will be remedied if the plans we now have go over.

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Another instance of the big-heartedness of the members of "23" was displayed at the meeting when a report was made that a brother was in the hospital with lobar pneumonia and his wife and three children in dire want. The hat was passed and \$25.00 was collected.

Though the greeting may mean nothing to many who read this, still it is our hope that all will in some way or another, find it possible to enjoy the ancient and honorable custom of having A Merry Christmas.

READING

By E. C. Ritchie

Some weeks ago we received notice to quit our meeting place, but were later notified that the bank that contemplated rebuilding had decided to defer same, and that we could continue our lease at the present place, which has been a very convenient location for us. While we are happy to stay at our old stand, we must bear in mind that the bank will sooner or later rebuild, which will compel us to move. We hope that time is far away.

Brother Yiengst has been playing football and other sports ever since his residence here. He has starred on the gridiron in every game so far, and has attracted a large number of deaf people to the games. We hear that next season will find him with the Silent Wonders of Philadelphia.

ATLANTA

By Muriel C. Bishop

Our annual Hallowe'en party is generally regarded as the "opening gun" of Atlanta's fall and winter season of social affairs. This year was no exception, for after a long hot summer, which was longer and hotter than any known to Atlanta, the crisp Autumn weather had everyone stepping and we started things moving with a bang. Attendance was 100 or more, which is Atlanta's peak. The grand march was a pretty sight; costumes were of a large variety, many showing exceptional originality in their get-up. A very lively frog could fox-trot despite his unwieldy feet, an animated shock of corn fodder 7 or 8 feet tall, topped with a jack-o-lantern burning merrily threatened to send someone scurrying to the fire-alarm, but he managed to get through the masked hour without any mishap. Unmasking brought a series of surprises, girls were boys, boys were girls, everybody turned out to be somebody else, when the queer assortment of faces were thrown aside. Prizes awarded to the most original, prettiest, funniest and ugliest impersonations were won by Mrs. L. B. Dickerson, Mrs. Eva Murdoch, Messrs. Horace Sanders, Esteben Ward, John Webb. Various

games and dancing filled the program until 12 o'clock. The committee who worked so efficiently and made the affair the success it was, included the following frats: I. H. Marchman, R. A. Johnson, H. H. Williams, G. G. Weil, J. F. Ponder, assisted by a floor committee of W. A. Willingham, L. A. Cole and L. B. Dickerson.

The Michaels Union, Atlanta's B. Y. P. U. class for the deaf, celebrated its 3rd anniversary with a dinner at the Frances Virginia Tea Room the evening of November 8th. Somewhere around sixty enjoyed the dinner and the informal program. Honorary guests for the evening were Rev. Brother J. W. Michaels, of Mountainburg, Ark., Rev. Brother A. O. Wilson of Meridan, Miss., Rev. Brother S. M. Freeman, Mrs. M. M. Simmons, Mr. J. F. Cool-edge, Jr., of Atlanta, and Rev. and Mrs. Robert C. Fletcher of Birmingham, Ala.

Our membership drive is still on, but new members are coming in very slowly on account of the business depression. Up to date only four have joined, but we hope to get as many more, if not double that number, by December 31st.

A son was born to Brother and Mrs. Lee Cole, October 22nd. We hope he will prove to be a second edition of that fine little brother of his.

John Webb of Detroit is home on a visit, being temporarily laid off from work, but expects to return north November 15th.

E. B. Young, who has been ill some time, is now resting easy, and making satisfactory progress, at the Battle Hill Sanatorium.

Congratulations to the newlyweds! A great many friends will be interested in the announcement of the marriage of Miss Violet Tolbert and J. F. Ponder which took place quietly in Atlanta, November 12th. Both young people are popular members of our "younger set."

MANHATTAN

By John N. Funk

The Division, according to the membership table in last month's FRAT, has been making no progress, though the Secretary's supply of membership blanks has been depleted to the extent of forcing him to put in a requisition for more—and the end is not yet! The Home Office admonishes us to be careful of those blanks, and not scatter 'em around like throw-aways boosting some ball or bazaar. Well, we are careful. So much so one would think they were gilt-edged bonds. (And aren't they, now? Just ask the brother who has been sick, and been cheered by a check from the Home Office! Or the beneficiaries of departed brethren. They, who know, will tell you an application blank is a potential gilt-edged bond.) Well, then, what about those application blanks you have been pestering the Secretary for, and which he gave you only after a grilling cross-examination to make sure you had a red-hot, honest-to-goodness, sure-fire prospect? If

you don't get after your prospects and personally lead them to the doctor, those precious blanks are going to rot in the pockets or top-bureau drawers of your friends. Remember this—few men have the sense to buy insurance, though they will spend many times the cost of it on smokes, cards and toasting Mr. Volstead! So it's up to you. Argue with them, plead with them or bull-doze them. All methods are legitimate when selling a good thing like the N. F. S. D. Anyone take exception? No! All right. Let's go!

And another thing. Keep up with your dues. One of our brethren didn't do that little thing, we regret to say, and the Home Office had to refuse his application for disability benefit. Our Division treasurer is authorized to use Division funds to keep a member in good standing to the extent of two months' dues upon request. Remember this, and avail yourselves of this help when in need.

Nominations for officers for 1931 were held at the November meeting, a rather dull proceeding as all the officers, with the exception of vice president and trustee for three years, were re-elected by acclamation. Signifying what? Complete satisfaction, we hope.

If the members of this Division would keep the correspondent informed of their doings, more personals would appear in this column.

That reminds me: Arne Olsen is back after a summer at Boothbay Harbor, Maine, where he divided his time between enjoying the excellent weather they have there, and keeping his hand in by doing some lucrative work at the art preservative of arts, vulgarly known as printing.

COUNCIL BLUFFS

By T. L. Anderson

The football whoopee party following the Kansas-Iowa game on October 25 was the big event of the fall season. A record crowd gathered at the Knights of Columbus Hall, augmented by numerous visiting brethren from Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska and Illinois. The committee worked hard to make the affair a success.

The balloon dance degenerated into a shin-kicking match, and seemed out of place on a ballroom floor. Dart Lotto was quite popular, and Brother Netusil was rewarded for his labor in preparing the board. The committee members were assisted by their wives in serving lunch to the crowd, which was a task of some magnitude. All deserve praise for the manner in which the arrangements were carried out. On the committee were Brothers Netusil, chairman, Marty, Jacobson, Hanson, and Mulvaney.

Ransome Arch got the kinks out of his back acquired as lathe machinist at the Kimball Elevator plant by digging a trench and laying water piping during his spare time at his mother's home on Spencer Avenue. Brother Arch claims that exercise is good for a fellow.

Efford Johnson works at the Iowa School and lives at his parents' farm home near the city. He helps them with the work at home all he can. Brother Johnson is a hard worker, and is seldom seen loafing on the street corners.

George Weidman is another Iowa School employee who lives at home in town. He recently acquired a nice new Model A Ford sedan. He talks guardedly of work he does towards building a little cottage on his lot adjoining his parents' home. Something tells us Brother Weidman will not remain a bachelor much longer.

Word received from George Jackson, who was hurt in an auto accident in Kansas City late in September, his skull being fractured, is that he is improving rapidly, and the doctor permits him to walk about a little each day. Recent X-ray photos of his skull show the fracture has healed nicely. Brother Jackson will not be able to return to work before the first of the year, according to the doctor's orders. It is remarkable that his injury was almost identically the same as one sustained by his hearing father-in-law, J. H. Ronnefeldt of Council Bluffs, last year, who was struck by an auto and received a skull fracture from which he was a long time in recovering. After effects of this injury still bother Mr. Ronnefeldt.

Brothers Jacobson, Scarvie, Marty, McConnell, and Taylor were among those accompanying the Iowa School football team to Fulton, Mo., for the game November 1, in which Missouri drubbed the Iowans 51 to 0.

Gregory Kratzberg is now putting in full time as a supervisor at the Iowa School, his former status being that of half-time supervisor and student in the Senior Class.

Gerald Osborne takes seriously his duties as Head Gardener and Florist at the Iowa School. He is happy over the recent completion of a handsome new greenhouse, much larger than the old one. He now has Keith Millard of Fonda working under him in the garden and about the grounds. Brother Osborne is frequently seen these fall days staring abstractedly up into trees about the school grounds. He will stand for 15 minutes, carefully considering which limbs to cut out with his pruning saw. After due deliberation, he amputates the limbs selected, and the result is a nicely balanced tree.

T. L. Anderson joined George Hagen of Ames on a pheasant hunt at the farm of Rudolph Kaplan near Alden on November 1, and each got the legal limit of 3 birds during the morning. The day was ideal, cold and clear, and the birds plentiful in the corn fields on Brother Kaplan's farm, and those of his relatives adjoining. Hunters from all over Iowa were afield November 1, for the one day's shooting permitted in a few northern counties, and so wary were these magnificent game birds that not many got the legal limit of 3 birds between sunrise and sunset,

SPRINGFIELD, MASS.

By F. L. Ascher

Our October and November meetings were, as usual, well attended, and much business was transacted for the benefit of our members. Much consideration was given to helping our unfortunate members retain their good standing in our Society by seeing that their dues were paid up to date. Because of business depression, it was voted to suspend interest on loans or fines indefinitely. Yet we are still optimistic for brighter times ahead, and know that the members will feel well repaid by being loyal members of the Society.

The annual fraternal on October 11, 12 and 13, sponsored by our Division, turned out to be both socially and financially successful. More than three hundred attended the carnival. In fact, it was the best we have had in a long time, and in spite of business depression. We opened our affair with a dance at Melha Temple on the 11th. During the dance there was an entertainment including a clog dance by Miss Margaret Low, a Spanish dance by Miss LaMoyné Young, and a waltz dance of '90 by Brother and Mrs. Sargent. Several prizes were awarded to the best dancers of the waltz contest. October 12th was Boosters' Day, which was observed all day at Memorial Hall. That day was so called in order to boost the Boston 1931 Convention, and the affair was so successful that we were able to raise seventy-five dollars, which went to swell the convention fund. The afternoon session was devoted to addresses by officers prominent in the Society, and representatives of the New England and New York State Divisions, and in the evening there was an entertainment including the presentation of a one-act play, "Time Table" by Brother McCord of Lowell and Miss Elizabeth Hayes of Lawrence, tricks by Mr. Dramin, our local magician, and movies showing the activities of the Divisions. One of the most impressive and interesting ceremonies was the unveiling of a portrait of the late Grand President Gibson. Brother Haggerty gave a brief sketch of Brother Gibson's life and a eulogy to him written by Miss Hayes was given by the author. Brother Battersby, President of Boston Division, and chairman of the 1931 Convention fund gave a stirring address, telling some of the plans for the coming convention. Division President Brunzell extended our greetings to the visiting members and friends, and Brother Sargent was the master of ceremonies. The carnival concluded with a field day at Forest Park, which was well attended. Much credit is due to the splendid cooperation of all the local members headed by Chairman Ascher, and to Brother McCord and Miss Hayes who helped to make the carnival successful.

Springfield Division was well represented at Hartford and Holyoke when these Divisions staged their social parties respectively on Oct. 25 and Nov. 1.

While working recently, Brother Leno painfully injured his right foot,

and was taken to a hospital where it was necessary to take precautions in order to save his foot. Very fortunately he did not have to lose his foot as feared, and is improving, at this writing.

At our last meeting we noticed that Brother Greenough was recovering from a "sore neck." It was caused by stretching his neck looking up at the tall buildings in New York City, where he and his wife spent their two weeks vacation. They reported that they had wonderful times renewing friendships and visiting interesting places in the city. Brother Haggerty, accompanied by Brother Sargent and wife motored to New York City in Haggerty's Oldsmobile for a week-end, last month. Brother Haggerty reported that the traffic system in the city was so well managed that he did not find any difficulty in driving through the heart of the city.

Brother Ascher attended the November meeting of Boston Division, where he publicly presented, on behalf of our Division, to the chairmen of the Boston Convention fund a check of seventy-five dollars, that being the gross receipts of the Boosters' Day affair on October 12th. Brother Ascher wishes to report via this bulletin that Chairman Battersby is working hard in order to make the Boston Convention go over in a way that will reflect credit to the deaf of Boston, and those of all New England. Therefore it is necessary to arouse the civic pride or the sectional pride of the deaf of all New England States. The Boston Convention is, in a sense, a New England Convention and all the Divisions located in New England should do their part to help the Boston local committee see that the goal is reached, so that everyone attending the coming convention can be well assured of glorious times during the week at the convention. So let us show the "SPIRIT OF FRATERNITY" by making the Boston Convention our "New England" Convention. Let's get behind Boston! B-O-O-M B-O-S-T-O-N!

Brother Ascher, accompanied by the Battersby family and the Garlands of Boston motored to Gray, Maine, where they visited Brother Thibodeau and his farm. Brothers Ascher, Battersby and Garland were visitors at the November meeting of the Lewiston Division, where they gave short speeches.

The writer is still on the outlook for new prospects, and hopes to land a few more before the year is over. Yet he wants to extend congratulations to Brothers Hill of Dallas and McGovern of Utica for their splendid part and hopes to meet them personally at the coming convention. Brothers of all Divisions, let's increase the membership of the Society, our best one, which helps us plenty!

DALLAS

By T. E. Hill

Tom Sheppard, who has been ill since last February, attended the meeting on the night of November 4th, 1930, for the first time, since his illness, and

looks fat and sassy as anyone could expect.

Brothers Virgil Gray, of Dallas, and Bill Lucas, of Sulphur, Oklahoma, were introduced to the Division on the night of October 18, 1930, when they were initiated, but not Goated. Just wait until we introduce them to Brother Billy, our great goat.

Brother and Mrs. Clifton M. Seale of Kerens, Texas, announce the arrival of Jo-Ann, on Saturday, October 18th, 1930, as one reason why they could not attend the annual Fraternal of Dallas Division this year. We expected Brother Clifton to send us a box of seegars, but since the youngster's a she, don't know what to expect now.

Old Number 63 has now passed through 12 consecutive months, with one or more new members at each meeting of the Division, having had one or more for December, 1929, and each month on through November, 1930, and the year is not over yet. We have so far added 22 or more new members and expect a few more at the December meeting. Of course we can't go out and bring in six or seven new members each meeting, for the deaf down here in the Greatest Old State in the Union, live quite a piece from one another, and the Division Deputy has made trips of 150 to 200 miles to interview prospects. At the November meeting the Division voted to finance another trip into the old Indian Territory, in quest of wild Indian Braves, who have eluded the lassos of Tony, so far.

Dallas Division's Wrestlers are doing quite well. At the wrestling matches held October 18, 1930, under auspices of Dallas Division, there were four matches, and the members of Dallas Division, Bill Lucas, and Cecil Akers, won their matches, while Everett ("Silent") Rattan, who is a member of Kansas City Division, also came through with a win, but Willie Walls, who is not yet a frat, lost his match. Maybe that's why he lost, because he is not a frat. Ambitious youngsters, bear that in mind. Unless you are a frat, you just cannot win, for there's something lacking if you do not join the greatest organization of the deaf on the face of old mother earth.

By the time this issue is in the hands of the members, Dallas Division, along with all the others will probably have elected a new set of officials for the 1931 season, and we hope they elected the ones qualified for the position, and not go by personalities.

Dallas Division has passed a number of amendments to the Constitution which will be sent to the Grand Division Law Committee, soon, to be presented to the Boston Convention.

AKRON

By T. W. Osborne

In keeping pace with other progressive Divisions in the Gibson Memorial Membership Drive, the Akron Division has received two applications through the efforts of Brother "Moon" Stewart, one each at the last two business meetings. The applicants are Freder-

ick Beem who has recently and successfully passed the probation tests of our degree team and now is a full fledged member, and Lloyd Corey, whose application is now in the hands of the Home Office for final approval. Beem attended the Ohio State School for the Deaf while the other gentleman received the three R's at the Kentucky School for the Deaf. Both are employed in local rubber shops. Congratulations to both these gentlemen for their wisdom in casting their lot with the Society. Brother Stewart also ought to be given sincere handclapping and hearty patting for putting his "bit" over. It is with earnest hope that the Division continue its membership increase in this kind of recruiting work despite the fact that the deaf population of Akron remains practically stationary, as it has been since the boom times of 1919-1920, with no bright prospects for the immigration of the deaf from other parts of the country, unless another such major war like the World's War, or a sudden invention of something that causes shortage of labor among the hearing population make such possible.

The annual masquerade social, which was held October 25th in East Akron, was pulled off with a much larger crowd than hoped for, but, unfortunately, the place of the social was too crowded for so many people. This hall can comfortably accommodate not over 200. Some said that about 300 attended, but others believed that over 375 came in. Prizes were quite plentiful and generous, as compared with ones given away at previous socials, which usually numbered six or less. Such liberal action on the part of the committee in charge is probably due to the fact that the members of the committee happen to be descendants of other nationals than Scotch. The financial return was very satisfactory, and was turned over to the local fund in time to offset the rapid drainage on it, owing to the fact that many loans have been granted now and then to keep in good standing those frats who have affected by no, or part-time work. A good many visitors came from distant places like New York, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Kentucky and Michigan. Most praise for the successful occasion is due the committee, headed by Brother Hower and his associates, Seinensohn, Thompson, Ware and P. Myers.

The Akron Division celebrated its fifteenth anniversary with a smoker and initiation, preceded by its November business meeting, Saturday night, November 1. The local members present which numbered over 125—larger than usual—enjoyed the honor and opportunity of showing their hospitality to the visiting members from the Cleveland, Canton, Columbus, Detroit and Johnstown Divisions. Every one present agreed that this occasion was the most enjoyable and merriest smoker ever given by the local Division. The initiation was managed in clock-like manner from the beginning to the end,

and also generous eats and drinks were served free of charge to all present. The success of putting such things over was due to the well-earned efforts of the committee in charge, Brothers Newman, Murphy, McConnell, Wilson, D. Williams, Barron and Shropshire.

OMAHA

By R. W. Mullin

Seven new fraters—seven men strong—seven, mind you. This is a real Thanksgiving for them. You see, they all flopped and flunked and failed in proceeding to the altar alone which, of course, never was won until Brother Director and his reliable crew injected sincere Fraternalism into them. Now we earnestly salute Brothers Bilger, Beran, Reed, Marshall, Hitschew, Vitamus and Milano. They all say it feels like starting life anew, so we'll never mind their past whereabouts, sizes and shapes, etc. And what's more, there was no Curfew after the meeting ended, finding every one of us up in Straub's Beanery at a long, long table with thirty-seven frats entertaining their new brothers, and indulging in all sorts of merry-making. Brother Bilger was seen to mumble over his toothpick that the life of a frat is worth while.

Nick Petersen is quite a busy fellow, and the fair maidens run out of breath before they catch him. Always can be found in the carpenter shop nicking nails among a lot of young, wide open eyes, or in his private studio nicking athletic points as physical director for some prospective Babe Ruths or Knute Rocknes at the Nebraska School for Deaf, which again proves that the altar cannot be reached alone. And his boys won most of this year's football games. Another co-worker that helps print all of our magnetic advertising is Brother Clayton. He is a skilled printer and linotype operator—a funny little fellow with a big, fat cigar—but he's really 100 per cent O. K. and has generously done quite a lot of ticket printing for us fraters whenever we have coming entertainments.

The Omaha fraters don't always stay home and huddle around the old stove; no, siree. They run around far and wide; spreading brotherly cheer to other frats. Nine of 'em went to Jacksonville, Ill., in their own autos November 1st to see a football scrimmage and make whoopee with other frats just before hitting the hay. (Please notice, Brother Meagher! There was a vast area of parked autos all owned by deaf from far and near, and they all got home without a scratch.) Only we regret to admit that out in Iowa some one "road-hogged" Brother Hazel, who was driving Brother Osmun's nice new bonnet. Thanks to skill and quick work in turning just in time, only a couple of new fenders now look like cauliflower ears. It was simply another hit and runner that didn't get us, but some day he will undoubtedly ride away in a meat wagon.

We don't care where Dale Paden came from, but he's carrying an im-

portant look, not only because he's Henry Ford's shine, but surely he likes being a frat and wishes Henry also was one. He simply sandpapers, polishes and shines the flivvers that most of us drive and there is no doubt about the lustre; we'd even buy them in the dark.

The Lincoln frats held an entertainment in October engineered by Brother Chowins. There was a large number of visitors from every corner of this state, also some from Kansas and Iowa. The Omaha bunch, piloted by Brother Osmun, went forth and all had a splendid time, remaining overnight at a good hotel so as to be able to see the state Penitentiary and new Capital next day.

FLINT

By E. M. Bristol

Quite a number of auto accidents have taken place hereabouts in the last few months, in which several members of this Division were involved. The latest, a most tragic one, occurred to Brother and Mrs. George F. Tripp, in which Mrs. Tripp's life was snuffed out almost instantly. On Sunday, October 12, shortly after the noon hour, while passing a blind corner at an intersection four miles north of Lansing, Tripp's car was hit by a big Buick car speeding along at a high rate, side-swiping his car with such force as to push it into a ditch. Mrs. Tripp was found pinned under the Buick car, while Mr. Tripp succeeded in some manner to get out of his car and, partly stunned by the impact, wandered about aimlessly for a few minutes. Both Mr. and Mrs. Tripp, as well as the occupants of the Buick car, were immediately taken to a hospital at Lansing, but Mrs. Tripp was so badly hurt that she lived only half an hour after she was admitted to the hospital. Mr. Tripp was not very seriously hurt, although he was badly cut about his face, and two of his ribs were broken. Mrs. Tripp's body was brought to her home in Flint the next day. The funeral was held the Wednesday afternoon following the accident, and was attended by a large number of friends from this city, also from Detroit, Ann Arbor and many other places. Floral tributes were numerous and beautiful. The remains were interred in the crypt at the Sunset mausoleum on the Flushing road. Brother Tripp has recovered from the accident sufficiently to come down town now and then. The sympathy of the deaf of the entire city is extended to him in his great loss.

Harold Holmes, who has been employed by the Lewis dry cleaners in this city for the past two years, has returned to West Palm Beach, Fla., and is once more assuming the management of a dry cleaning and tailoring shop there.

Norman Crawford spent his entire summer vacation at his home in Detroit.

James M. Stewart's print shop in the

rear of his home on West Court Street was damaged by fire the first week in September. No damage was done to his printing equipment.

William Gibney, who is making his home with his daughter at Buchanan most of the time, spent a few weeks with his friends in this city the latter part of September.

Taking advantage of two weeks' leave of absence, Brother Swigert motored to Pittsburg in August. He was present at a meeting of the Pittsburg division.

A Halloween party was held in Saginaw Saturday evening, October 25, and several members of our Division attended it. The Saginaw boys reciprocated by coming to our party on Saturday evening, November 1.

At the October meeting several members who were laid off at their factories were financially assisted to tide over. By the way, we wish to say that the unemployment situation in this city is still serious, although some of the deaf are fortunate enough to put in three or four days each week. Several are laid off until January, if not permanently. Quite a few have returned to their home towns in other states.

WASHINGTON

By H. L. Tracy

Quite a number of frats and aux-frats have been ill lately. Hunter S. Edington and W. W. Duvall, both government printers, have had to take to bed for a good while, the latter going under the knife at one of the hospitals. Happily both stalwart members of No. 46 are on the mend, and may soon mingle among us again.

Brother and Mrs. E. E. Hannan have disposed of their property in Laurel, Md., and are now laying plans to become New Englanders. While Washingtonians will miss them, all hope they will fare well in their new location.

The District of Columbia Chapter of the Alumni Association of Gallaudet College held its initial meeting for this year at the hospitable home of Brother and Mrs. Harley P. Drake on Kendall Green, on the last Wednesday evening of October, and elected officers to serve the ensuing year. Frederick H. Hughes was elected president, Albert Rose, vice-president, and Roy J. Stewart secretary-treasurer. Brothers Henriksen and Holter and Mrs. Sam B. Craig were admitted as members. Besides choosing new leaders, cards were resorted to. After partaking of delicious refreshments, the members departed at a late hour, all voting they had had a most delightful evening.

Peter E. Henriksen of Nebraska is the latest addition to the deaf community of the national capital, he having accepted a position in the Department of Agriculture. He graduated from Gallaudet in 1928 with the degree of Bachelor of Science. Before coming eastward he was connected with the school for the deaf at Omaha.

The writer and Mrs. Tracy motored out to Romney, West Va., the last day of last month, and found C. D. Seaton as busy as ever with his school room duties, as well as trying to get the Tablet, of which he has been the capable editor for many years, out on time.

A number of Washingtonians are planning to go to Staunton, Va., to help boost the young Virginians at the school for the deaf in their gridiron tussle with the Tennessee warriors on the 29th, thereby encouraging Brothers Bass and Moore, who have done yeoman service with Coach Lewellyn to build up a good team, among which are some promising young frats.

Why did she love him? Curious fool
be still—

Is human love the growth of human
will? —Byron.



A Merry Christmas to All Our Readers

MAY the King of Christmas bless
you,

While o'er all the waking earth
We, with thankful hearts are keeping,
The bright season of His birth—

May the King of Christmas bless you
With His gifts of love and peace
And your share of life's best blessings
Every passing year increase.

THE FORUM

A QUESTION FOR DISCUSSION

The question of the number of delegates representing a Division at a convention has for a long time appealed to me as demanding thought and discussion. It does not appeal to me as wise or businesslike to have one delegate represent such a large number of vote-units as is now the case.

Would it not be better to do away with the vote-units altogether and allow each delegate only one vote? This is the plan followed by the labor organizations and others, and, it seems to me, insures fairness.

According to our present plan seven vote-units go to one delegate. Now suppose a Division has a membership of 300. The delegate representing this Division would possess forty-three vote-units, which gives him a tremendous advantage in the shaping of the Society's destiny.

It appears to me that delegates with only one vote each would best serve the Society. A delegate with such a large number of vote-units as 43 would be apt to force things according to the sentiment prevailing in his section of the country. This, I feel sure, would create a better fraternal feeling and understanding among the delegates and the Divisions they represent. Anyway I deem the question of sufficient importance to deserve some free-for-all discussion and in this spirit I start it.

EDWIN M. HAZEL.

Omaha Division.

Resolutions

BY OREGON ASSOCIATION

At the convention of the Oregon Association of the Deaf held recently in Portland, Oregon, the following resolution was adopted:

"WHEREAS, On the fourth day of December, 1929, when death cut off the life of Francis P. Gibson, president of the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf, Oregon lost a noble friend, and the deaf all over the United States a great leader and pioneer in fraternal insurance matters; and

"WHEREAS, Francis P. Gibson reorganized the N. F. S. D. at a time when it was in imminent danger of disintegration; and

"WHEREAS, The death of Francis P. Gibson was emblematic of his entire life, being incurred in the course of his duty as president of the above mentioned Society; therefore, be it

"RESOLVED, By the Oregon Association of the Deaf, that in the passing of Grand President Francis P. Gibson we feel the loss, not only to Oregon and the nation at large, but especially to the growth of the N. F. S. D., which he so much loved. We express to his family and many friends our deepest sympathy and wish to remind

them that the life of our lost comrade has been a noble one, and is typical of the spirit of America; and be it further

"RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be sent by the secretary to the family of Francis P. Gibson, to THE FRAT, and to the Deaf-Mutes' Journal for publication."

C. H. LINDE,
Retiring Secretary.

BY NEW ORLEANS DIVISION No. 33

Be it resolved by this body assembled that we express our deep sorrow in the death of our beloved brother and president, Francis P. Gibson, who lived and labored for the welfare of the deaf. We shall miss his wise counsel and brotherly love.

Be it further resolved that we extend our heartfelt sympathy to his loved ones and point them to the source of all blessings for comfort and guidance.

GERVAIS GAIENNIE,
HENRY FUX, SR.,
HENRY J. SOLAND, JR.

BY COLUMBIA DIVISION No. 93

WHEREAS, Our Heavenly Father called from our midst Grand President Francis P. Gibson; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we feel keenly the loss of our faithful worker in the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf; that we hereby extend our sincere sympathy to the family; that a copy of this resolution be sent to THE FRAT for publication, a copy be sent to the bereaved family, and that a page in our minutes be dedicated to his memory.

W. L. SMITH,
C. F. SMOAK,
H. R. GLOVER.

"DUMB" BEGGAR FINDS COPPER IS NOT SO DUMB

Answering a knock at the kitchen door of his home at 2236 North Lawn-dale avenue, Policeman George Willfhof of the Town Hall station yesterday encountered a man with a pad and pencil, who handed him a note. It read:

"I am deaf and dumb. Can you help me?"

Last winter, having contracted a cold which made him speechless for three weeks, Policeman Willfhof had mastered the one hand deaf mute alphabet. Raising his right hand, he gesticulated rapidly with his fingers. The mendicant smiled. So did Policeman Willfhof, who donned his cap and uniform and escorted the man to a patrol box. He was identified later as August Fleming, who in 1922 had been sent to Joliet prison for one to four years for burglary.

"How did you guess?" Fleming asked Policeman Willfhof, having recovered his voice.

"Easy," replied Willfhof, "I called you a liar and you smiled."—Chicago Tribune.

OCTOBER DISABILITY CLAIMS

*G. A. Koenig, Baltimore....	\$ 15.00
H. W. Porter, Cincinnati....	100.00
Mark Bishop, Milwaukee....	20.00
S. O. Wigen, Milwaukee....	10.00
C. Davis, Miami	200.00
J. J. Burnett, Kalamazoo....	15.00
M. Latrovato, Rochester....	15.00
K. Thomas, Little Rock....	50.00
H. F. Riley, Cleveland....	50.00
G. Ehlert, Cleveland....	150.00
R. E. Davis, Canton....	20.00
A. Hannerman, Brooklyn....	50.00
W. L. Bowers, Brooklyn....	35.00
C. B. Strail, Syracuse....	50.00
A. H. Robbins, Indianapolis....	50.00
J. E. Calhoun, Durham....	15.00
*M. E. Barthlow, Portland....	10.00
O. Sanford, Kansas City....	45.00
B. F. Ryan, Chicago No. 1..	35.00
G. W. Pritchard, Houston....	35.00
*O. R. Henderson, Houston..	100.00
*E. R. Elder, Cedar Rapids..	75.00
*R. C. Worrell, Little Rock..	150.00
*Max Lewis, Milwaukee....	20.00
U. B. Shockley, Baltimore..	10.00
R. E. West, Milwaukee....	50.00
D. Basalygo, Toronto....	50.00
J. Alexander, Manhattan....	50.00
*R. Cohen, Manhattan....	15.00
*W. J. Jones, Lewiston....	20.00
*J. E. Modar, Seattle....	10.00
*R. V. Rogers, Richmond....	10.00
*R. W. Lichty, Akron....	10.00
*W. E. Bradbury, Houston....	250.00
L. A. Elmer, Knoxville....	50.00
*J. C. Brown, San Diego....	10.00
J. F. Conley, Spokane....	50.00
H. Shapiro, Philadelphia....	50.00
A. Barr, Manhattan....	75.00
S. Houser, Little Rock....	50.00
F. S. Delanoy, Portland, Ore.	40.00
J. W. Cail, Bronx....	75.00
O. J. Lawson, Buffalo	250.00
J. F. Miller, Chicago No. 1	40.00
F. Arndt, Cleveland....	10.00
*L. S. Campbell, Richmond....	25.00

Total for the month.....\$2,515.00

*Denotes accident claims.

NEW MEMBERS

Little Rock Division—John Shearer.
Columbus—Charles Liggett.
Milwaukee—Charles Rolfson.
Brooklyn—Charles Terry.
St. Louis—Charles Ashley.
Los Angeles—Gerald Wear, Lon Ramsel.
Atlanta—Spencer McLean.
Boston—*Benjamin Segal.
Utica—Harvey Kirkey, Ozias Lashway, Chester Matuszczak.
Baltimore—Louis Omansky.
Albany—Andrew La Panis.
Dallas—Bert Neathery, Hobert Nowell, Earl Beasley, Francis Edgmon, Willie Thomas, Edwin Johnson, Arvil Ballard.
Delavan—Glen Byrne.
Houston—Earl Day.
Johnstown—William Potter.
Manhattan—William Katz.
Bronx—Edgar Haslett.
Toronto—Morris Mandel.
Faribault—John Gustafson.
Chicago No. 106—Theodore Werner.

* Denotes social member.

JOHN MARTIN JONES

WHEREAS, The Almighty God, in His wise judgment, has seen fit to call from this earthly life our beloved friend and brother, John M. Jones, a native Georgian but a resident of Akron, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, The sudden passing of our brother, John M. Jones, filled us with deepest sorrow; and

WHEREAS, He was a man always likable and well respected, and by his genial and charming personality he enjoyed the distinction of holding the everlasting friendship of those who came into contact with him; and

WHEREAS, Our departed friend and brother was the father of native Georgia frats and one of the charter members of Atlanta Division, No. 28, which first saw the light May 7, 1910, and also was instrumental in the founding of Georgia Association of the Deaf in July 1910; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That Atlanta Division No. 28 go on record as deeply mourning the passing of our beloved friend and brother, and that the members of this Division extend our deepest sympathy to his widow, Juanita Gatewood Jones, and his three daughters, Mary, Juanita, and Addie, and to his only brother, Wm. R. Jones, of Lithonia, Ga.; and be it

RESOLVED, That the charter of the Division shall be draped in mourning for a period of thirty days; and be it further

RESOLVED, That these resolutions be spread on the minutes of our Division, copies transmitted to the members of the bereaved family, and a copy be sent to the School Helper, published at the Georgia School for the Deaf, and to THE FRAT, official organ of the N. F. S. D., for publication.

IRBY H. MARCHMAN,
LEONARD B. DICKERSON,
HUBERT H. WILLIAMS.

DAVENPORT INVITES YOU

On December 6, 1930, Davenport Division No. 59 will have a memorial dinner and program in honor of our late Grand President, Francis Perew Gibson, at which a memorial portrait of "Our Gib" will be unveiled. Brother and Grand Secretary Roberts of Chicago will be the principal speaker.

The program will start with the dinner at 6:30 p. m. on the third floor of Trinity Cathedral Parish House at Twelfth and Brady Streets, Davenport. At 8:30 o'clock a moving picture and vaudeville show will be given on the first floor of the parish house. The pictures will feature films particularly of interest to the deaf. Tickets, 25c.

Reservations must be in by December 2nd. Please tell your friends about this as we have not the addresses of all who should be interested.

Address all communications to Adolph N. Struck, Secretary, P. O. Box 344, Moline, Illinois.

PETER N. HELLERS

Should I happen to stand before a large assembly of Ye Brethren of the N. F. S. D. today, and ask: "Who was the Father of Our Country?" I doubt not that hundreds of hands would shoot up, all at one time: "George Washington."

Well, and good! Suppose I next ask: "Who is the Father of the N. F. S. D.?" I imagine a silence. Five seconds. Ten seconds. One hand here now up, rather hesitatingly. Another pause. Now two and three more hands show halfway up, off to the right and to the left.

Suppose I should take you all to one of the entrance gates of the Ford Motor Company some morning where thousands of workmen come and go incessantly for a couple of hours, and when I espied a certain man I was seeking, I should point him out to you and say: "Behold! The Father of the N. F. S. D." I can imagine that you would look at him, look again and closer, and turn back to me with a doubting look in your eye.

Unlike George Washington, with hair white, eyes and mouth aged, gait lacking "pep," all the signs of past middle age upon him when he was first called the "Father," this fellow I am pointing out to you is clad in working clothes, sleeves rolled up, cap tilted back, head up and more often than not, forward as tho interested in something at a distance over the heads of the men in front of him, and walking shoulder to shoulder with hurrying young men without the apparent effort which would betray approaching old age.

At home, or at some social gathering, you would find him neatly dressed, head erect, hair hardly grey, eyes remarkably pleasant, no spectacles, shoulders well up and back, no walking stick, and no wavering in his gait. He just glides among his acquaintances like a well-polished Senator, and he always has a kind word for everybody.

Yes, this gentleman is Peter N. Hellers.

He was one of the small group of young school boys at Flint some 30 years ago, who first thought out what is now called the N. F. S. D., and he was later made first Grand President. Consequently he was given membership certificate No. 1.

The membership of the N. F. S. D. today is around 7,100, and need I repeat to you that the Society is the best of all business organizations of the deaf in the world?

If all frats were to stand in line in the order of their admission to the Order, or according to the number of their certificates, it would be a long and impressive file. One would espy a goodly number of gaps in the line which memorialize deceased brothers, as well as gray-haired heads and bent shoulders here and there along the line, especially near the beginning, and our Peter would be found the very leader of the line, the still living, com-

paratively young and alert holder of certificate No. 1.

ASA A. STUTSMAN
Detroit Division

BIRTHS

July 26—Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Ciavolino, New York, N. Y., a girl.

August 23—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Willis, Memphis, Tenn., a boy.

September 18—Mr. and Mrs. F. V. Farmer, Salt Lake City, Utah, a girl.

October 1—Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Teeple, Niles, O., a girl.

October 4—Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Rockwell, Hartford, Conn., a boy.

October 14—Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Herrinton, Des Moines, Ia., a girl.

October 18—Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Seale, Kerens, Tex., a girl.

October 19—Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Williams, Houston, Tex., a boy.

October 20—Mr. and Mrs. Milton Silverman, Hartford, Conn., a boy.

October 21—Mr. and Mrs. George Goll, Stryker, O., a girl.

October 21—Mr. and Mrs. Otto Reinbolt, Toledo, O., a boy.

October 22—Mr. and Mrs. Lee A. Cole, Atlanta, Ga., a boy.

October 26—Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cruzan, Tacoma, Wash., a girl.

November 2—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Green, Kansas City, Mo., a girl.

November 4—Mr. and Mrs. Philip Goldansky, Kansas City, Mo., a boy.

November 8—Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Liner, Ruston, La., a girl.

OCTOBER DEATH CLAIMS

Paid to Sue Mary Taylor, Louisville, Ky., for death benefit of William M. Taylor, certificate No. 7055-D, deceased September 14, 1930, \$133.00.

Paid to Antoinette P. LaRocque, Quebec, Can., for death benefit of Louis J. LaRocque, certificate No. 5991-D, deceased September 11, 1930, \$2000.00.

Paid to Susie A. Gedney, Brooklyn, New York, for death benefit of Wilbur L. Bowers, certificate No. 635-C, deceased September 13, 1930, \$250.00.

Paid to Catherine M. Gour, Marlboro, Mass., for death benefit of Henry F. Gour, certificate No. 2869-D, deceased September 14, 1930, \$500.00.

Paid to Loretta C. Pellagrino, New York, N. Y., for death benefit of Paschal M. Caggiano, certificate No. 6239-D, deceased September 26, 1930, \$500.00.

Paid to Mrs. Augustine Bernhardt, New York, N. Y., for death benefit of Augustine Bernhardt, certificate No. 6736-C, deceased September 28, 1930, \$250.00.

COOPERATION

By Paul Revere Wyls

In times like these
Let's face the breeze,
And put more members through;
Get in the line,
All help—it's fine,
Cooperation true.

Life Insurance Is The Income That Outlives The Man

Life insurance is a protection. It is not bought for pecuniary gain. As a shelter for the helpless, it has no equal and no substitutes. The uncertainty of life and the certainty of death are problems which face every man.

How Is It With You?

A PROMINENT life company official tells the following gripping story of an actual experience:

Recently I was requested by a widow to join her in a petition to the Attorney General for a permit to open the safety deposit box of her deceased husband without her having first been appointed administratrix of his estate. The purpose was to learn if therein lay securities of value to warrant administration process.

The permit was granted. The cashier, the widow and myself retired to a secluded booth for the examination of the box's numerous and bulky contents.

In an orderly manner each instrument was listed. It contained stock certificates. They held promise of value. A hurried checking disclosed some of the corporations now defunct, others of mines whose pockets of precious metals had been depleted, and still others of value but the equity foreclosed for the payments of assessments.

There were land contracts incomplete, deeds to lands that one time had promise of value that did not materialize.

Then there were life insurance policies. They gave hope of food and shelter. Hastily the respective companies were communicated with.

Imagine with what a heavy heart I conveyed to the grief stricken widow that each had lapsed for non-payment of premium.

From the lesson I resolved that whenever and wherever I could I would declare with vigor and advise with sincerity that all holders of life policies make every sacrifice to keep such policies in force.—F. A. W. News.

A True Story

"I AM not an insurance agent, but I do not hesitate to say that modern insurance comes nearer to giving something for nothing, and making this something sure and certain, than any other known institution of our times.

"It is nothing short of an unpardonable crime when a father and husband, with a wife and children depending upon him for support, neglects the sacred obligation; uses up each week his wages, and in a moment of time is stricken by death; compels his friends to bury him; leaves his family destitute and objects of pity and charity.

"Though I should live a thousand years I never could forget the picture

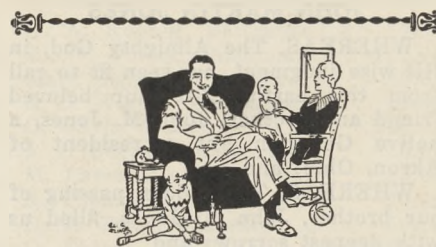
of just such a scene as this I saw at Mt. Hope Cemetery a few days ago—the one that inspired this sermon. I was called upon to preach the funeral sermon of a man who was a clerk in one of the great railroad offices down town. He had a beautiful home here in the city, a lovely wife and child. He lived a life of simple, happy ease.

"One day last week he was sitting at his desk writing and whistling, when suddenly his whistling ceased, his writing stopped, his head dropped forward on his book, and his heart, ever light and gay, ceased to throb.

"When his accounts were footed up he had nothing. The boys in the office had to buy his coffin and defray all funeral expenses, and they were just as poor as he. A few dollars a week invested in life insurance would have avoided all this.

"The saddest thing I think I ever witnessed in my life was his frail, delicate little wife, standing beside the open grave with the cold wind whistling through the barren trees, sobbing as if her heart would break, with not enough money in her pocketbook to buy her lunch and pay her way back to her cheerless home.

"And after she had returned home, what then? No bread in the pantry, no money in the purse no coal in the bunker, and the next month's rent due. I have no sorrow for that dead husband. My sympathy is all for the poor, destitute and unfortunate wife. It is a pity that such men cannot suffer the penalty of their own folly; but, unfortunately, the suffering is endured by their luckless wives and innocent children."—Rev. R. Keene Ryan.



There is nothing equal to the self-respect that one enjoys from having provided for his loved ones.

—Frank E. Hand

Protection

WHEN a man dies, the question nearly every one asks is, "I wonder how much life insurance he carried?" Not only do friends and relatives ask, but the widow is likely to have the inquiry made of her. Did you ever consider how embarrassing it must be for a widow to have to apologize for her husband's lack of forethought? There may be instances when she would be right in excusing him, for could not the blame in some instances be laid at any agent's door, because he passed the husband by, or else did not make his canvass sufficiently intensive to get the prospect to secure the proper coverage?—Prudential Weekly Record.

Where Does a Nation Invest Its Funds

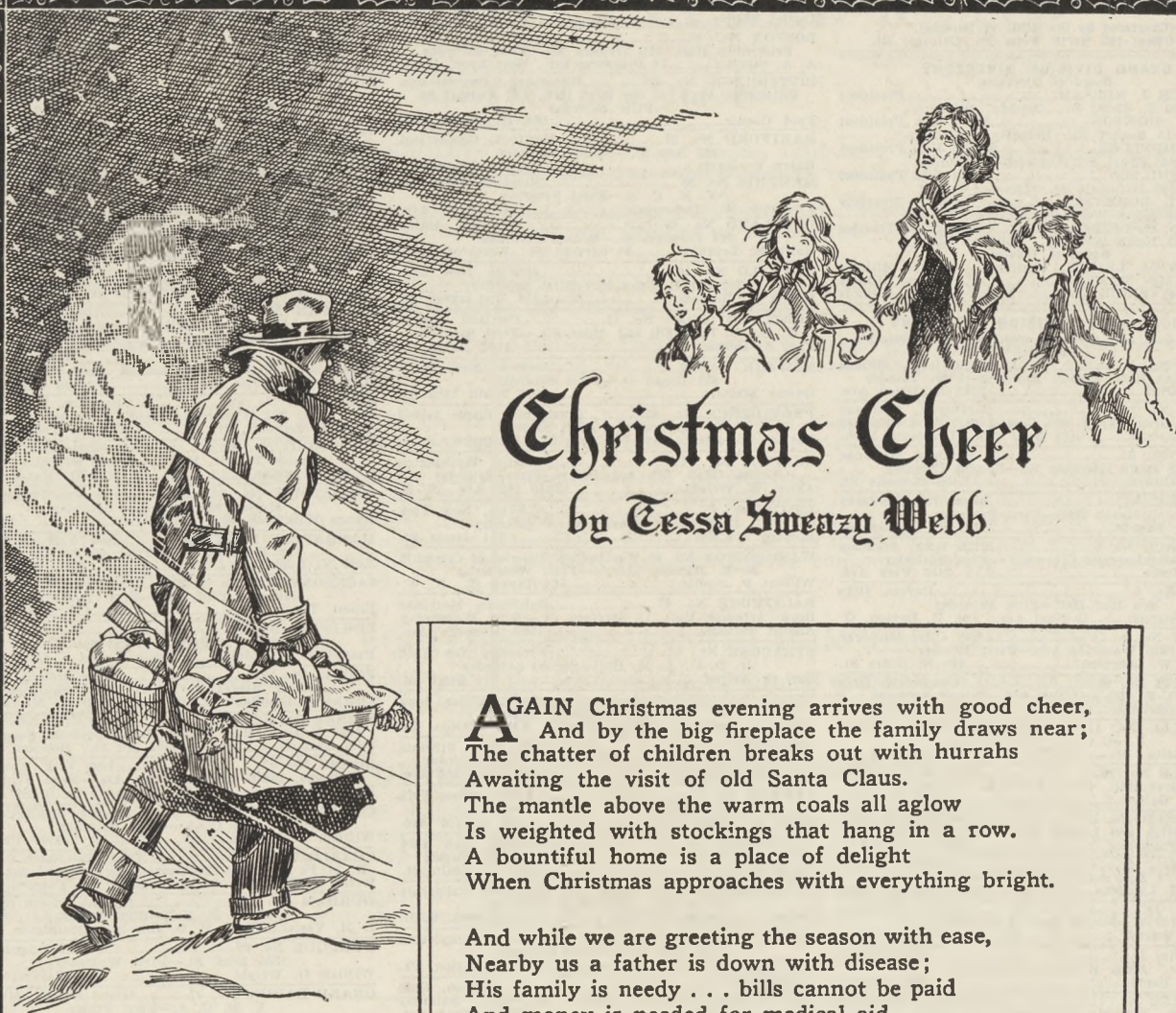
REAL estate, stocks and bonds, and life insurance are three of the primary channels through which the nation, with its estimated annual income of ninety billions of dollars, invests its funds.

More than 11,000,000 people own their own homes; approximately 15,000,000 people own stocks and bonds; while 67,000,000, or more than four times as many, own life insurance.

In event of death, it takes time to convert a home into cash, and then frequently only at a sacrifice.

Many stocks are uncertain; bonds are by no means infallible. Death or interruption of earning power frequently prevents the building of an estate by these means.

Life insurance is the only investment death cannot frustrate; the only investment a man can make and cease to worry about; the only way by which a wage-earner or salaried man can create immediately an estate large enough to be of any real value to his family. It offers a convenient, safe and systematic means of providing for his family or his old age.



Christmas Cheer

by Tessa Smeazy Webb

A GAIN Christmas evening arrives with good cheer,
And by the big fireplace the family draws near;
The chatter of children breaks out with hurrahs
Awaiting the visit of old Santa Claus.
The mantle above the warm coals all aglow
Is weighted with stockings that hang in a row.
A bountiful home is a place of delight
When Christmas approaches with everything bright.

And while we are greeting the season with ease,
Nearby us a father is down with disease;
His family is needy . . . bills cannot be paid
And money is needed for medical aid.
As fond hopes are fading, the postman draws near
And brings to this family a message of cheer;
A check, bearing joys of compassion divine—
Your name may have graced it—perhaps it was mine.

The season of Yuletide when good folk abound
A barren and comfortless cottage is found;
A widow is hovering her little ones near
Who want to hang stockings, that Christmas is here.
She knows that no Santa can come while they sleep,
When outside she hears someone silently creep,
And lo! on her doorstep leaves baskets piled high.
Who found this poor family, did you or did I?

To have a bright Christmas, a time of good cheer,
Means more than to give just to those we hold dear;
For once in a manger glad tidings unfurled
When God gave His Christ Child unto the whole world.
The holiday pleasures that always will live
Are not those we get, but the ones that we give.
If we will endeavor each day to spread cheer
We shall celebrate Christmas joys all through the year.



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(Giving date and place of meeting and Secretary's address.)

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Kapp Hall—First Saturday
Samuel G. Henry.....702 Elm St.
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COLUMBUS No. 18.....Columbus, Ohio
Knights of Columbus Temple—First Tuesday
Joseph B. Arnold.....School for the Deaf
KNOXVILLE No. 20.....Knoxville, Tennessee
812½ S. Gay St.—Second Friday
L. Arthur Palmer.....1507 Goode Ave., South Knoxville
CLEVELAND No. 21.....Cleveland, Ohio
Moose Bldg., 1000 Walnut St.—First Saturday
Herman Koelle, Jr.....1262 Beach Ave., Lakewood
INDIANAPOLIS No. 22.....Indianapolis, Indiana
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Richard H. Phillips.....2945 Kenwood Ave.
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309 Schermerhorn St.—First Saturday
Nicholas J. McDermott.....1567 Broadway
ST. LOUIS No. 24.....St. Louis, Missouri
Jeffa Hall, Lafayette and Jefferson Ave.—First Friday
Charles H. Fry.....3416 St. Vincent Ave.
NEW HAVEN No. 25.....New Haven, Connecticut
Fraternal Hall, 19 Elm St.—First Saturday
Clarence Baldwin.....168 Dwight St.
HOLYOKE No. 26.....Holyoke, Massachusetts
Bridge Street Turn Hall—First Saturday
Joseph E. Kremer.....80 Pleasant St., Northampton, Mass.
LOS ANGELES No. 27.....Los Angeles, California
1329 S. Hope St.—First Saturday
Clarence H. Doane.....4731 Budlong Ave.
ATLANTA No. 28.....Atlanta, Georgia
Red Men's Wigwam—First Friday
Ross A. Johnson.....311 Fifth St., N. W.
PHILADELPHIA No. 30.....Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
1628 Arch St.—First Friday
James F. Brady.....202 Walnut St., Audubon, N. J.
KANSAS CITY No. 31.....Kansas City, Missouri
Frank W. Rebal, Jr.....504 W. 75th St.
OMAHA No. 32.....Omaha, Nebraska
Seymour Hall, 16th and Capitol Ave.—Second Saturday
James G. Long.....403 S. 48th Ave.
NEW ORLEANS No. 33.....New Orleans, Louisiana
B. K. A. Bldg., 627 North St.—First Saturday
William C. Goss.....1321 Delery St.

KALAMAZOO No. 34.....Kalamazoo, Michigan
Moose Temple, Portage St.—First Saturday
Daniel Teller.....1130 W. North St.
BOSTON No. 35.....Boston, Massachusetts
Friendship Hall, 515 Tremont St.—First Saturday
A. A. Sinclair.....16 Princeton Ter., West Lynn, Mass.
PITTSBURGH No. 36.....Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Pittsburgh Ass'n. of the Deaf Hall, 104 Federal St.—First Saturday
Fred Connor.....508 Hazelwood Ave.
HARTFORD No. 37.....Hartford, Connecticut
425 Ann St.—Second Saturday
Harry V. Jarvis.....18 Orange St.
MEMPHIS No. 38.....Memphis, Tennessee
Y. M. C. A.—First Saturday
Frederick W. Anderson.....548 Vance Ave.
PORTLAND No. 39.....Portland, Maine
514 Congress St.—Second Saturday
Keith M. Leighton.....34 Sargent St., Westbrook, Me.
BUFFALO No. 40.....Buffalo, New York
262-264 E. Utica St.—First Saturday
Robert B. Heacock.....356 Hunington St.
PORTLAND (ORE.) No. 41.....Portland, Oregon
W. O. Hall, 6th and Alder Sts.—First Saturday
Fred S. Delano.....1763 Haven St.
NEWARK No. 42.....Newark, New Jersey
851 Broad St.—First Saturday
Gustav Matzart.....696 South 14th St.
PROVIDENCE No. 43.....Providence, Rhode Island
59 Chestnut St.—First Saturday
Earl F. Gardiner.....182 Mulberry St., Pawtucket, R. I.
SEATTLE No. 44.....Seattle, Washington
Eagles' Hall, 7th and Union—First Saturday
Albert W. Wright.....6840 15th Ave., N. E.
UTICA No. 45.....Utica, New York
53 Franklin Square—First Saturday
Richard McCabe.....611 James St.
WASHINGTON No. 46.....Washington, District of Columbia
N. E. Masonic Temple—First Wednesday
Wilbert P. Souder.....524 Taylor St., N. W.
BALTIMORE No. 47.....Baltimore, Maryland
Royal Arcanum Hall, 18 Saratoga St.—First Wednesday
August Wriede.....1909 Kennedy Ave.
SYRACUSE No. 48.....Syracuse, New York
Jr. O. U. A. M. Hall—Second Saturday
Carl G. Ayling.....211 Fitch St.
CEDAR RAPIDS No. 49.....Cedar Rapids, Iowa
420 1st Ave. E.—Second Saturday
Louis T. Herbold.....501 W. Seventh Ave., Marion, Ia.
HUNTINGTON No. 50.....Huntington, West Virginia
Moose Hall, 4th Ave. and 9th St.—First Saturday
Dominic J. Blag.....348 3rd Ave.
ALBANY No. 51.....Albany, New York
Maccabee Temple—First Saturday
Henry A. Minekor.....149 Clinton Ave.
ROCHESTER No. 52.....Rochester, New York
Fraternal Hall, Swan & E. Main St.—First Tuesday
Verne Barnett.....1942 E. Main St.
SAN FRANCISCO No. 53.....San Francisco, California
Native Sons' Hall—First Saturday
Luther E. Conaway.....1362 E. 25th St., Oakland, Calif.
READING No. 54.....Reading, Pennsylvania
612 Court St.—Second Saturday
Edwin C. Ritchie.....26 E. Lancaster Ave., Shillington, Pa.
AKRON No. 55.....Akron, Ohio
Cor. N. Arlington & E. Market Sts.—First Saturday
Thomas W. Osborne.....1484 Redwood Ave.
SALT LAKE CITY No. 56.....Salt Lake City, Utah
First Tuesday
Edwin R. Thurston.....Box 68, Murray, Utah
ROCKFORD No. 57.....Rockford, Illinois
1016-18 Fourth Ave.—Second Saturday
B. Franklin Jackson.....106 Lincoln Park Blvd.
SPRINGFIELD No. 58.....Springfield, Illinois
Painters Hall, 2144 S. 6th St.—First Saturday
John G. Otto.....716 South 13th St.
DAVENPORT No. 59.....Davenport, Iowa
I. O. O. F. Hall, 510 Brady St.—First Saturday
Adolph N. Struck, Y.M.C.A. and P.O. Box 344, Moline, Ill.
WORCESTER No. 60.....Worcester, Massachusetts
306 Main St.—First Saturday
Delbert J. Trask.....347 Packachog St., Auburn, Mass.
ST. PAUL-MINNEAPOLIS No. 61.....St. Paul, Minnesota
1824 Marshall Ave., St. Paul—First Saturday
John J. McNeill.....912 Marshall Ave., St. Paul
FORT WORTH No. 62.....Fort Worth, Texas
Third and Calhoun Sts.—First Saturday
Joseph W. Hale.....2700 Roosevelt Ave.
DALLAS No. 63.....Dallas, Texas
Y. M. C. A. Building—First Tuesday
Wallace K. Gibson.....Route 6, Box 356
DENVER No. 64.....Denver, Colorado
Howe Hall, 1548 California St.—First Saturday
Harry Herbold.....3353 Williams St.
WATERBURY No. 65.....Waterbury, Connecticut
305 Bank St.—First Saturday
Joseph J. Grady.....88 South St.
SPRINGFIELD No. 67.....Springfield, Massachusetts
347 Worthington St.—First Saturday
Philip Beausoleil.....163 Wilbraham Ave.
WACO No. 68.....Waco, Texas
First Sunday
Andrew M. Bowman.....Route 1, Penelope, Texas
BANGOR No. 71.....Bangor, Maine
Royal Arcanum Hall, 173 Exchange St.—First Saturday
James R. Hale.....Court St., Castine, Me.
KENOSHA No. 72.....Kenosha, Wisconsin
Knights of Columbus Hall—Second Saturday
Thomas Meredith.....928 Cleveland Ave., Racine, Wis.

BIRMINGHAM No. 73.....Birmingham, Alabama
Fairview Masonic Temple—First Tuesday
George H. Harper.....4141 Court S., Central Pk. Highland
SIOUX FALLS No. 74.....Sioux Falls, South Dakota
Chamber of Commerce—First Monday
Charles H. Loucks.....School for the Deaf
WICHITA No. 75.....Wichita, Kansas
Y. M. C. A.—First Saturday
Burchard R. Keach.....427 Ida Ave.
SPOKANE No. 76.....Spokane, Washington
E. 2028 Marietta Ave.—First Saturday
Walter G. Lauer.....543 E. 11th Ave.
DES MOINES No. 77.....Des Moines, Iowa
Moose Hall, 620 Locust St.—First Saturday
Russell A. Herbold.....c/o H. Zeek, Mitchellville, Iowa
LOWELL No. 78.....Lowell, Massachusetts
84 Middlesex St.—Second Saturday
Thomas L. Jocas.....242 Chelmsford St.
BERKELEY No. 79.....Berkeley, California
561 Eleventh St., Oakland—First Saturday
William A. Coiter.....867-55th St., Oakland, Calif.
DELAVAN No. 80.....Delavan, Wisconsin
I. O. O. F. Hall—First Saturday
Orville V. Robinson.....113 Elm St.
HOUSTON No. 81.....Houston, Texas
Roo's Lodge Halls, 910½ Preston Ave.—First Tuesday
Richard C. Morris.....400 Quitman St.
SCRANTON No. 82.....Scranton, Pennsylvania
232 Wyoming Ave.—First Friday
Orley J. Schooley, Jr.....Box 21, Peckville, Pa.
RICHMOND No. 83.....Richmond, Virginia
Labor Temple, Hall 2—Second Saturday
L. W. Alderman.....3110 D. Hanover Ave.
JOHNSTOWN No. 85.....Johnstown, Pennsylvania
Moose Temple—Second Saturday
Joshua Wilkinson, Jr.....Route 5
MANHATTAN No. 87.....New York, New York
143 W. 125th St.—First Wednesday
John N. Funk.....1913 Fowler Ave.
JACKSONVILLE No. 88.....Jacksonville, Illinois
Gallaudet Club Hall—First Thursday
Ernest Tilton.....414 Kosciusko St.
LEWISTON No. 89.....Lewiston, Maine
Knights of Pythias—First Saturday
Patrick J. Thibodeau.....Route 2, Box 6, Gray, Maine
PEORIA No. 90.....Peoria, Illinois
Proctor Recreation Center—First Saturday
Charles J. Cunningham.....1713 N. Madison St.
JERSEY CITY No. 91.....Jersey City, New Jersey
Odd Fellows' Hall Bergen Square—Second Saturday
John Garland.....302 3rd St., Hoboken, N. J.
BRONX No. 92.....New York, New York
Casino, 156th and St. Ann's Ave.—First Friday
Louis C. Saracino.....753 Melrose Ave., Bronx, N. Y.
COLUMBIA No. 93.....Columbia, South Carolina
Y. M. C. A.—First Saturday
William L. Smith.....2505 Park St.
CHARLOTTE No. 94.....Charlotte, North Carolina
K. of P. Hall, 403 Piedmont Bldg.—Second Saturday
Willie E. Benfield.....81 W. Academy St., Concord, N. C.
DURHAM No. 95.....Durham, North Carolina
I. O. O. F. Hall—First Saturday
J. M. Vestal.....P. O. Box 397, Burlington, N. C.
DUBUQUE No. 96.....Dubuque, Iowa
1355 Bluff St.—First Wednesday
William G. Wright.....1902 Washington St.
GRAND RAPIDS No. 97.....Grand Rapids, Michigan
Y. M. C. A.—First Friday
Henry Rloran.....120 Fairbank St., N. E.
TORONTO No. 98.....Toronto, Canada
I. O. O. F. Temple—First Thursday
Charles L. McLaughlin.....640 Brock Ave.
DULUTH No. 99.....Duluth, Minnesota
Suite 14, Winthrop Bldg.—First Sunday
William L. Nelson.....2013 W. 4th St.
CANTON No. 100.....Canton, Ohio
211 North Court St.—First Saturday
William N. Toomey.....2007 Kirk Court
FARIBAULT No. 101.....Faribault, Minnesota
Eagles Hall—First Saturday
Wesley A. Laurisen.....Care School for the Deaf
SOUTH BEND No. 102.....South Bend, Indiana
Moose Hall—Second Saturday
Ronald H. Rhoads.....413 N. Byrkit Ave., Mishawaka, Ind.
COUNCIL BLUFFS No. 103.....Council Bluffs, Iowa
Railroad YMCA—Second Saturday
Tom L. Anderson.....223 Turley Ave.
FORT WAYNE No. 104.....Fort Wayne, Indiana
Y. M. C. A.—First Friday
Fred Rines.....1112 Ewing St.
SCHENECTADY No. 105.....Schenectady, New York
672 Union St.—Second Saturday
John F. Koepfer.....501 Becker St.
CHICAGO No. 106.....Chicago, Illinois
Hotel Atlantic—Second Friday
Frederick B. Wirt.....7121 Merrill Ave.
MIAMI No. 107.....Miami, Florida
Y. M. C. A.—Second Sunday
Raymond H. Rou.....P. O. Box 550
BINGHAMTON No. 108.....Binghamton, N. Y.
120 Court St.—Second Saturday
James M. Lewis.....13 Sanford St.
WILKINSBURG No. 109.....Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania
1018 Penn Ave.—First Sunday
Frank A. Leitner.....329 East End Ave.
SAN DIEGO No. 110.....San Diego, California
Legion Hall, East San Diego—First Saturday
Leonard B. Cartwright.....4227 Iowa St.
EAU CLAIRE No. 111.....Eau Claire, Wis.
Y. M. C. A.—First Sunday
Lyle L. Bulmer.....1418 Sherwin Ave.



NATIONAL FRATERNAL SOCIETY OF THE DEAF



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

When and How Organized

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

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

Objects

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

Benefit Certificates—Amounts; Age Limits

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

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

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

Social Membership

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

Death, Sick and Accident Benefits

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

To a member disabled by sickness or accident for two full weeks or longer the society will pay a benefit ranging from \$5.00 to \$25.00 per week, depending on the amount of weekly benefit chosen by the member and for which he has paid the required tax. No benefit, however, is paid for disability of less than 14 days' duration; nor can any member draw more than 10 weeks' disability benefit within any twelve consecutive months; and no member can draw sick and accident benefit for any part of the first three months after joining.

Payments Required of Members

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

Social Features

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

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

Safeguards

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

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

Why You Should Join

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

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

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

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

Cost of Joining

The entrance fee is \$5.00 and is always to be paid with the application. In case of rejection the \$5.00 will be refunded. The applicant has also to pay the doctor's fee for the required medical examination—usually \$2.00.

How to Join

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

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

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

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

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

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