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"My favorite photograph," writes Charlotte Kellogg, "taken in the garden."

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OUR FIRST LADY

MRS. HERBERT HOOVER

Dr. and Mrs. Vernon Kellogg (Charlotte Kellogg to all Gamma Phis), have been associated most intimately with President-elect and Mrs. Hoover, and the four always have been the closest friends. Accordingly, the editor deemed no one so qualified to give us an intimate understanding of Mrs. Hoover as Charlotte Kellogg, and wrote immediately to that effect. This reply was received:

MY DEAR LINDSEY BARBEE:

I seem never to have been able to be of any help to you. Your letter of October 9 asking for an article about Mrs. Hoover for February has been unanswered because I have been away campaigning, and even now I am unable to answer it as I should like to do, because I have returned to a pile of work that I cannot possibly clear away before February—articles already promised, talks, etc.

So that I cannot agree to write even a little article for *THE CRESCENT*. I am wondering if you could perhaps find anything in the enclosed brief sketch which you might yourself put into shape for your magazine. It came out some time ago in the *Outlook*. It was written before the nomination, very hurriedly and inadequately, but you may find something in it that would be of interest to your readers.

And so, this article which first appeared in the *Outlook* is printed in full; and for our frontispiece, Mrs. Kellogg sends

her own personal photograph of Mrs. Hoover—the one which she calls “favorite.”

MRS. HERBERT HOOVER

BY CHARLOTTE KELLOGG

SOME one asked me recently: “Does Mrs. Hoover want her husband to be President? Is she working with him? for him?” And it seemed a strange question to one who has seen how completely, despite the independence and variety of their days, she shares her husband’s life. I do not know what she may feel personally about the possibility of going into the White House, but I doubt if she allows herself to think about it. If fate seems to be carrying her husband in that direction, then that is her direction.

There is nothing extraordinary about this. It simply means that the Hoovers are happily mated. Their marriage, in February, 1899, one year after her own graduation from Stanford University and four years after his, is one of the best arguments for co-education that I know.

They had found themselves there in the same geology classes, Lou Henry having come up from Monterey, the old Spanish capital of California, to which her banker father had brought his young family from Iowa, and Herbert Hoover having come from another Iowa town by way of the Quaker relatives in Oregon with whom he lived after having been left an orphan when only eight.

They found themselves in the same classroom, and there *was* something unusual in this, for at that time Lou Henry was about the only girl in the University determined to discover through such scientific study more about the inside of the earth whose surface in that romantically beautiful Monterey territory she so adored. There was more too than classroom association; for often week-ends and holidays were given to explorations under the chaperonage of the geologist, John Caspar Branner, and other professors of science, into the Santa Cruz Mountains or by virgin trails along the Pacific shore beyond the mountains.

Herbert Hoover was graduated in 1895. He had earned most of his way through college, and would begin using the knowledge he had acquired there at once, and in California. So he started with a pick in his hand, and for many months worked literally in the mines to learn a man’s work. After that for a year or two his friends saw him as a rapidly advancing engineer in our West.

Then came Australia for another two years, while Lou Henry was finishing her University course. Herbert Hoover expected that in June of 1899 he would return to the old Spanish capital for their wedding. Instead, he cabled in the winter that he had accepted an alluring position under the Chinese government, and asked if she

would be married in February and go to China, instead of in June to go to Australia.

And so it was—they were married on February 10, 1899. And they sailed for China the next day.

I have not known any one more devoted to father and mother and sister than Lou Henry, but she sailed with the young engineer.

She left her father and mother and her sister Jean, and Monterey, for China, not suspecting, of course, that she was heading for the Boxer Rebellion. Little it would have mattered had she known. Some one spoke with impatience once of Mrs. Hoover's optimism: "Everything is always going to work out beautifully with her. She doesn't seem to see the other possibilities in a situation." Quite true, she may not seem to. Nothing must halt or hinder her husband or herself, once a course has been chosen. Her fearlessness is an outstanding trait.

The Hoovers had been less than two years in China before the Boxer Rebellion broke, and they took their part in the foreigners' civilian defense of the besieged city of Tientsin. In the light of late happenings in that country, it is easier for us to imagine what living through that one of 1900 was like.

That was the beginning of the kind of world adventure known to American mining engineers and their wives. This particular engineer had so early demonstrated special capacities that their work involved from the first large undertakings, often much more than the construction or reconstruction of mining properties—care, for instance, of the human groups connected with those widely varying enterprises, even, at times, the creation of an entirely new village, or living center, for one of them, affording better shelter, better sanitation, better food.

Before Lou Henry's first son was four years old he had been around the world three times. She had been, like her husband, at home on various parts of the earth, while remaining intensely local in her loyalties. I remember her once saying that she had gone many times around the world with her eyes open for the best place to bring up boys, but could never find any spot better for that purpose than the place from which she started, the campus of Stanford University.

These early experiences, during which she was constantly seeing human struggle and misery, may partly explain why Mrs. Hoover's chief interest, outside that in her family, is in work for social and economic betterment, and with the emphasis placed on better homes and better schools, a better chance to enjoy out-of-doors.

Quite recently, on her own Stanford campus, realizing the difficulty younger faculty families had to find houses that were small and of moderate rental and yet offered quiet and comfort and a certain degree of beauty, she selected a convenient stretch of land on

which she set up a group of such small houses with embellishing courts and gardens. One sees no "For Rent" signs on that area.

Indeed, my most vivid memories of Mrs. Hoover (outside her own house) are those of her as she welcomed some group of American women somewhere in a house they had at last achieved. At one time it was in the American Women's Club in London, at another in the Stanford University Women's Club House—it is part of her belief that women should be able to meet together in pleasant surroundings for the purposes of friendship and work—and again in the three houses in overcrowded war-time Washington which she rehabilitated and placed at the service of the young women assisting in the Food Administration, and in the Women's University Club of that same city. I might go on with the list.

Incidentally, I believe that if Mrs. Hoover were asked what "career" she would now choose were she free to embark on one, she would answer, "The architect's." She enjoys tremendously planning and building, and always she attempts an independent, an individual solution of a problem. Practically every room in her California house, for instance, opens on a sun-bathed terrace. One has the feeling, as one does in the Indian pueblos, of being able to walk straight out from them upon planes of air.

Her house leads me to her garden, whose beginnings at Stanford University I well remember. She had brought back Butler, the old colored gardener of Washington Food Administration days. After attention to the immediate house surroundings, seeing a good-sized hitherto unproductive stretch of land, she had said: "Why can't we all enjoy seeing something more than black soil there? And what better than vegetables?" She has always had particular pleasure in vegetables, as witness the beautiful dinner-table center-pieces that have been so much admired. So she took the lease of that strip and gave Butler *carte blanche*, warning him, however, that California adobe was not Southern sand or clay.

Despite the warning, in no time watermelons, sweet potatoes, rows upon rows of sweet corn, and other vegetables dear to the South began thrusting from the lower acre. Then even the gardener of unlimited faith was amazed, for his bordering sunflowers kept on growing taller and taller and their California yellow suns bigger and bigger, until he doubted his simple old eyes.

During the entire summer and fall Butler, who always put on a gay tie for his round of visits, appeared at our doorsteps with dewy baskets of melons and lettuce. On our Western campus, where servants were rarely to have and as rarely to hold, Butler and his garden were a happy experience.

This garden at Stanford, the undisturbed forest garden which is unique in Washington, their houses, possessions, and opportunities, the Hoovers share with their friends and neighbors to an extent which made one of them say the other day, "They make it necessary

for us to defend them against our sense of possession!" This sharing, this hospitality, has no kinship with conventional social expression. It is allied to that direct and simple sharing and intercourse known to the pioneer. It includes under one roof people who have won world distinction and just plain people.

And here we are again touching what I believe has been the motivating influence in Mrs. Hoover's life. She is rooted in the West, and in that part of the West where still lives the attitude of those who engaged in the magnificent adventure of "opening up" California—the gold above and the gold below. The spirit of comradeship abroad in a new country, a wide country—that spirit strong and sure of itself often limps in a long-settled, narrower one.

Recently friends have seen her engaged in after-dinner hours on the tapestry work of revived popularity. But while it was natural to most of us to work on the customary stamped patterns of French or other design, it was quite as natural for Mrs. Hoover to trace one of her own. She had seen a beautiful composition—cherry blossoms along the Potomac, fleecy clouds and a blue sky overhead, and as focal point the soaring shaft of the Washington monument. She would transpose this in needle-point. Nor does the fact that she may not produce a *chef d'œuvre* weaken my point. Ready-made solutions are tame to the person who knows the thrill in the challenge to wit or endurance in the making of ways.

Her roots are in the pioneering West. They flower in a passionate love of out-of-doors, of camping under pines or redwoods or in some cove by the blue Pacific (she sleeps under a roof only when obliged to), in a serenity born only of such companionship with skies and seas, in independence and daring, in neighborliness and in great kindness, in the desire to co-operate in the building up of a community, and especially through encouragement of its schools. The fact that one often meets the teachers of her children in her house is suggestive. Once in an educational meeting I heard her say:

"The greatest problem of our country today, the determining of the quality of our citizenship twenty years hence, is the problem of our teaching force. The most important thing we have to do is to insist on an adequate standard of preparation in the teachers now training, and to lure to their ranks the right type of men and women by making adequate provision for them. We should consider this profession in the light of great national service."

Her absorbing interest at this time is the Girl Scout movement. She is a retired President and now Vice-President of the National organization and chairman of the executive board. Seldom has the old cry "Back to nature" made clear the way. Mrs. Hoover is trying by eminently practical means to give every girl in our country a true connection with outdoors, sure that such connection will make her a stronger and an infinitely happier woman, just as the other

Scout ideals of home-making, community responsibility, and cheerful service make for stronger, happier womanhood and better citizenship.

It is impossible to see where she finds the time that she gives to the Scout work, for the household and other duties of the wife of a cabinet secretary could easily alone pre-empt the day. Yet she presides over one meeting after another, delivers addresses—and she speaks extremely well—trains new groups, bestows medals, visits camps (and that, perhaps, she enjoys most), writes and plans, until to the onlooker she seems to be giving her full attention and energy to this work alone.

How near she keeps to her girls, how she talks their language, enters into their play and plans! I never know how many are tucked away in her house, but I am always certain there are some.

Complementing her interest in Scouting is that in national recreation. She sits on the executive board of our National Conference on Outdoor Recreation and the Women's Division of the National Amateur Athletic Federation. However, in a brief paper one can but refer to a few of her major interests. Yet I hope that in even an undeveloped portrait the strong, individual lines of the woman stand clear.

No matter how her interests may deepen or her activities widen, may she carry into the coming decades, as she has into the fifties, the blithesomeness, the warm-heartedness and open-mindedness, the fine fearlessness of the girl on her horse blazing her own trail on the golden coast or the green mountainsides of California!

Mrs. Jarvis Richards is a well known writer—and many of you have read and enjoyed *A Tenderfoot Bride* of which she is the author. Mrs. Richards is not a Gamma Phi—we wish that she were—but she is the partner of Edna Howard, Gamma, and, together they planned, erected, and are now managing the Lodge of Pines in the heart of the Colorado mountains. For one who desires a vacation in the West no spot could be more unique and more satisfactory than this Lodge of Pines, offering as it does every comfort, every picturesque quality, and commanding a vista of scenic beauty.

Just a word about Edna Howard. Those who went to college at Wisconsin when she was a student will remember her extreme cleverness and her maximum efficiency in every line. She has taken apart her various cars and has put them together again; she has fashioned the most exquisite of jewelry; she has exhausted the subject of banking and has organized banking women into a national society; and now, her chief interest is the charming hostelry at which all Gamma Phis will be welcome.

To Mrs. Richards we are very grateful for the delightful little article that has come our way.

REPORT OF 1928 CAMP FOR UNDER-PRIVILEGED CHILDREN

THE Gamma Phi Beta Camp for Underprivileged Children was held from July 17 to August 14, inclusive. Mr. Eggert again donated his buildings consisting of dining hall, kitchen and sleeping quarters. This co-operation on the part of Mr. and Mrs. Eggert and Miss Laura Eggert has made the camp possible. We wish to thank them.

The camp was divided into two groups of fourteen little girls between the ages of eight and twelve years. These children are selected and examined by the city charities and come from the very poorest of homes. For this reason we feel that a smaller group has more individual attention and therefore benefits more.

The councillors for the first camp were Laura Cottingham, head councillor, Alpha Delta; Loreen Mohler, Alpha Delta; and Genevieve Young, Theta. For the second camp, Miss Cottingham and Miss Mohler continued, Corrine Heim, Alpha Delta; and Jessie Huffsmith Schreferman, Theta.

These girls entered into the spirit and work of the camp with a will. All the councillors deserve the utmost praise for the manner in which the camp was run. A regular program was followed. The children were taken on hikes, taught various games and folk dances, Miss Cottingham specializing in this kind of work in the Kansas City schools. They were given instructions in clay modeling, raffia and sketching. The children were divided in squads to help with dishwashing and to keep the camp in order. They were taught table manners, cleanliness, and politeness to one another.

Each little girl was given a khaki play suit and a pair of Keds. This made the camp look uniform. In addition they were furnished with handkerchiefs, toothpaste, stamps, and stationery for writing home.

We were indeed fortunate in getting Mrs. Watrous for cook and chaperon this year. She is at Byers Junior High, Denver, in the winter and all spoke about the wonderful meals at camp. Mr. Evans, the camp man we had last year, built the fires, supplied us with wood, and did many things about camp.

The Colorado and Southern R. R. allowed quarter fare for the children and half fare for councillors. Through the courtesy of the Windsor Dairy, ice cream was provided once a week. In addition they donated five gallons of milk a day and supplied butter at cost.

Some permanent equipment was added to the camp this year. The camp council made curtains. Four chairs, twelve sheets, a meat grinder, rolling pin, and other small items were purchased;

also camp stationery and enclosure cards. We added another trunk to the one we had. This year we paid our head councillor \$25. A movie was taken of the children and this gives a fair idea of the camp.

The camp manager wishes to thank all who helped with the work this year. Your co-operation was greatly appreciated. If it is at all possible for any of you to act as councillors next year you will find great pleasure and satisfaction in spending two weeks in camp.

The inspiration and pleasure derived from working with these children is invaluable.

MILDRED L. ROBINSON
Camp Manager

CAMP PROGRAM

Rising	7:00	A.M.
Exercises	7:20	A.M.
Breakfast	7:30	A.M.
Clean up Camp by	9:00	A.M.
Write letters home, etc.	9:00-10:00	A.M.
Train	10:30	at Pine
Stay out until lunch—Supervised Play	12:30	P.M.
Lunch	12:30	P.M.
Clean up	1:30	P.M.
Rest	1:30-3:30	P.M.
Handiwork	3:30-4:15	P.M.
Outdoors, Play	4:15-5:30	P.M.
Set tables before each meal		
Dinner at	6:00	P.M.
Clean up		
Evening walk, bonfire, story hour, baths, 3 times	7:00	P.M.
Bed	8:00	P.M.

CAMPERS

(Statistics furnished by City Charity)

Applegate, Peggy: The father is an expert mechanic but cannot take responsibility, and consequently lets down on his end of the job. Mrs. Applegate, before her marriage, was a school teacher. They are trying to buy their home, and have made a down payment on it. Mr. Applegate then gave up his job with one company to take another. This latter did not materialize and they had a difficult time to manage ever since.

Maes, Josephine: Oldest of four children. Father suffered an accident to his leg about two and a half years ago and has been practically unable to earn anything since that time. He is now working as apprentice at the Loop Shoe Store, for which he will receive no wages until he has served the apprenticeship. As he is unable to stand on his injured leg for long at a time he misses a good deal of work. Mrs. Maes has gall bladder trouble and an

old fibroid pulmonary tuberculosis. CCC furnishes everything for the family. They are *entirely* dependent on this office. Mrs. Maes has a queer mental quirk; every child in the family has some minor ailment. The home is usually untidy and it is a fine thing that Josephine can leave for so short a period as camp allows.

Gunnison, Marie: Mrs. Gunnison is a widow. Marie is the oldest of four children. Mrs. Gunnison was reared and educated in Ireland. She had good musical training. In America, because of her education and inherent refinement, she has always moved in the better circles of society. She says she is old fashioned in her ideas of training children. Marie's teacher says she is the most attractive child she has ever taught, and last year she ranked second in scholarship in the room.

Rich, Ellen and Helen: Mrs. Rich is a widow with four children under eleven years. She is unable to work and be away from home and is entirely dependent on CCC. The children have very little recreation. A trip to the mountains is an event. On one occasion their mother took them to a lumber camp which was operated by a relative. Their brother Melvin is at the Y.W.C.A. camp this week.

Bueb, Catherine and Frances: Their father died only this last February. He was a habitual drinker. Neither of the girls is very bright. They do care properly for their personal belongings and are quite trainable in spite of the fact that their mentalities are not quite up to normal.

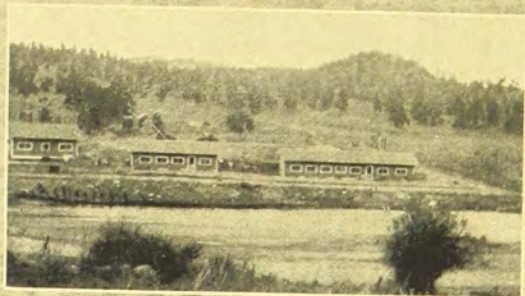
Eaton, Stella: Father seems rather insane. He thinks Mrs. Eaton is poisoning his food. He will not drink his coffee unless she and the children taste it first. He is a chicken picker by trade. Mrs. Eaton is very nervous. The house is always in an uproar and Mrs. Eaton seems to have no control over the children. Stella has nice manners.

Davidson, Pauline: Difficult family to handle. Mother is a widow. Oldest daughter Marjorie has been living with a woman near Tulsa, Oklahoma. She was arrested in March for shoplifting. She seems to be doing all right now. Pauline is overweight; she will enjoy camp as her home surroundings are not good.

Curcio, Mary: Mary is one of twelve children, only one of whom is working. Mr. Curcio is old and rheumatic. He used to work on the section and supported his family all right at that time. He gave this up about five years ago, and has been hauling ashes, but Mrs. Curcio says that he never brings home any money. He drinks quite heavily and Mrs. Curcio says he beats her and threatens her life.

Timora, Mary: Father works at Blayne-Murphy Packing Company. Suffers with rheumatism and cannot work regularly. Mrs. Timora is unable to work on account of her health. Mary is the second oldest of four girls. The father used to drink a good

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OUR RAILROAD SIGN

MILDRED ROBINSON
Camp Manager

CRYSTAL LAKE
Our "private" boat

PINE FROM FLAGSTAFF MOUNTAIN

CAMP BUILDINGS
Power house, Bunk house, and Mess Hall

bit, but has been better about it lately. The Timoras have lost several babies, the last in April, 1928. Home conditions are not very good due to illness in the family.

Riddle, Maxine: The next to the oldest child in a family consisting of the father, mother, and five children. Maxine is the only girl. The oldest boy works as caddy at the Denver Country Club. Mr. Riddle drives a cab for the Yellow Cab Company, but his employment is somewhat unsteady. They are buying the home in which they are living. It is very scantily furnished but the home conditions are good. Maxine is an attractive child, fair in school work, but is inclined to be quite nervous. She helps her mother with the house work and with the other children, which is placing almost too much responsibility on her. Her favorite subject in school is drawing and she promised to draw something she saw at camp for her district visitor. (Visitor would be pleased to have her reminded of this.)

Bess, Ruth: The home is usually in a state of great confusion. Ruth's mother is dead and she keeps house for her father and brother. The brother is very nervous and is a psychopathic case. Ruth was in the Denver Orphanage for a while.

Schooley, Florine: Mother employed in a commercial dance hall, and the father works at a pool hall. They live in a small frame house, poorly kept and scantily furnished. Newspapers are generally over the windows for curtains. There is no covering on the floor. House is generally dirty and does not smell very good. The mother is interested and does the best she can for her five children under the circumstances.

Ruby, Melba: Mrs. Ruby is a widow with three children. She lives in a three room shack in Barnum. Mrs. Ruby is not well, has only just averted a complete breakdown which soon would have been tuberculosis. She is not able to work at all. She is a fine woman and we believe Melba's conduct will reflect good training.

Huff, Katherine: Mrs. Huff is a widow with five children. One boy is old enough to work and is employed regularly although his wages are not high. He had only an elementary school education. Mrs. Huff does some work by the day to help with the family's support, but she is not strong and cannot be away from home much of the time. The family has always been very poor. Katherine has had more or less trouble getting glasses to fit. She has had no recreation of this type before. She needs a camp as much as any child could except that she is not underweight.

Hagen, Beatrice and Bernice: Mrs. Hagen is a widow with three children. Has had a desperate struggle and her standards have steadily grown higher. She once lived in one of the worst sections of Denver in a house that was little more than a hovel. Now she

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FIRST GROUP
SECOND GROUP
OFF FOR A LARK
PLATTE RIVER

has a comfortable little home. She has earned much of the money to maintain it at the washtub. She works away from home altogether too much. She should have better employment than day work. The girls have had a bad physical history; have both been to the preventorium maintained by the Junior League. They are still not strong.

Crespin, Julia: One of six children. They are buying a home which is in a very run down condition and in a miserable neighborhood. Both the mother and father are high type Mexican people. The father works when he is able. Suffers a great deal from rheumatism. They are all interested in the home and a strong family relationship exists.

Jones, Ivone: One of three children. Father deserted in June 1927. Had been away from family since March, 1927. House very disorderly. Mother works as chambermaid at the Argonaut Hotel. She is illiterate but pleasant in manner. Home conditions poor and the change will do Ivone a great deal of good.

Ferguson, Audrey and Maryline: Eight children in the family. The father works as an iron molder but it is a case of insufficient income for so large a family. Mrs. Ferguson was in the House of Good Shepherd from the time she was thirteen until she was twenty-four. They are buying a home. Mr. Ferguson was at one time a very hard drinker but has cut down to some extent. Has always had a good work record. Home conditions poor.

Brigham, June: June is one of four children. Father is a cripple and the mother works at the Golden Eagle. The children stay home and with the father's aid keep house. Up until the time of his accident he provided well for his family. Mother is rather shiftless and a poor housekeeper. Does not stay home at night as she should. June's sister Phyllis attended the Ascension Camp this year and we received the report that she was one of the most satisfactory children they had ever had in camp.

Timora, Helen: One of four children, all girls. The house is shabby and a great deal of the time is spent in the basement to cut down any expense which might be incurred when it is necessary to heat the upstairs. Father drinks heavily; works at Blayney-Murphy. Will not miss work to go to doctor when he suffers from rheumatism. Mrs. Timora does washing when she can get it. Helen is a nice child, jolly and easy to get along with. Seems very different from any other member of the family.

Rossine, Elena: One of seven children. They are buying their home and work desperately to make payments on the house. CCC has been making up the last few payments on the house, as Mr. Rossini's wages were cut. This leaves no money for other things, by the time they have bought groceries. Have steadily climbed

higher. House is usually in good order and Mrs. Rossini is a good mother.

Chajnowski, Rosie: Father committed suicide last Christmas. One boy has infantile paralysis and is about to have a nervous breakdown. All the children are under the treatment of the Children's Hospital. Mrs. Chajnowski works at Armour's Smokehouse. They live in a neat frame house at the back of a lot. Home conditions are good except for existing illnesses.

McBroom, May and Mabel: May and Mabel are the eldest of a family of nine children. They have had to assume much responsibility at home and help care for the younger children. The home itself is poor and not very neat. However, there seems to be a strong family feeling and solidarity. The parents are very ambitious for their children and are anxious for them to have a good education so that they can be self-supporting.

OUR PROVINCE DIRECTORS

KATHRYN ALLEN WOODWARD of Province Three; Beatrice Locke of Province Six; Margaret Nachtrieb of Province Seven. They all are with us again, much to our joy and profit; while Emma F. Lowd succeeds Mildred Bigelow Price in Province One, Bertha Schneider follows Dorothy Welchli in Province Two; Florence Stott Sullivan in Province Four, continues the good work which Marie Moreland began, and Fayne Smithberger Merrith follows Madaline Miller in Province Five.

Our new directors are hereby introduced to you.

PROVINCE ONE

Emma F. Lowd, a charter member of Delta chapter, a former national president of Gamma Phi Beta, a strong and loyal worker in New York alumnae chapter, a foremost figure in the Educational world, the resourceful representative of the sorority in the building of the Panhellenic House in New York City, has assumed the duties of a director. Rarely can a sorority official provide a finer and a more colorful background.

Elizabeth Putnam Clarke sends the following tribute:

I've known Emma since I was ten years old and she came to visit at our house with my big sister. She always made a pet of me and I felt especially delighted at her appointment as province director because I think she is at her best as "big sister to little sister."

Her position in Gamma Phi has always been that of an alumna; for Delta was founded in April of her senior year, 1887, and she graduated in June—again a reason why she is especially well trained to be an adviser. Of course you already know that she was an early president of Gamma Phi—the first to be sent to a convention at the sorority's expense—a big step forward.

Emma has a faculty for getting things done. Our first songbook after the little brown book was largely published through her efforts as business manager. She has been away from Boston for so many years that her activities in Gamma Phi have centered in New York Chapter where her influence has been very strong.

Speaking of getting things done, although it does not refer to Gamma Phi, she was one of the teachers who went to Albany, year after year, fighting to get through the equal pay bill for women teachers in New York. And she was one of the founders of a strong Boston University Club in New York.

One of Delta's favorite stories about Emma typifies the breadth and depth of her interest in Gamma Phi. At a Delta banquet where the alumnae were speaking in turn she followed a classmate who said: "My life has been such with the care of three children and my home that I haven't had as much time for Gamma Phi as I should have liked." Emma then stood up and said: "M— says she has three children and not time enough for Gamma Phi. I have three thousand children but I always have time for Gamma Phi."

These few words tell the story as well as a large volume.

While from Miss Lowd's pupils in the Morris High School comes an appreciation appearing in the *Senior Book* which was dedicated to her:

EMMA FULLER LOWD

In dedicating their issue of the *Senior Book* to Miss Emma F. Lowd, the class of June, 1927, feel that they have selected a name that is indeed an honor to its pages. Born in historic Salem, Miss Lowd represents to the whole school that brave and hardy Puritan stock that has been so large and constant an influence during the growth of our wonderful nation, and whose strong fiber has been woven into the fabric of all our ideals and institutions. In old Salem she received her elementary and high school education, going from there to Boston University, where she obtained the degrees of bachelor of arts and master of arts. Her education was continued by study of teaching methods in the Institute connected with the Salem Normal School, followed by graduate work at Columbia University. Summer courses at Cambridge University, England, and Hamilton College were succeeded by a summer session at Oxford, devoted to the history and technique of the drama, this last in 1925.

Miss Lowd's formal teaching experience began with two years as assistant to the principal in Falmouth, Massachusetts, High School. Three years at Stoneham, Massachusetts, were followed by nine and one-half years at Salem, where she taught English, history and French, and was assistant to the head of the English department. The year 1902 found Miss Lowd at the Wadleigh High School main building, from which she went to their Twelfth Street Annex, which became the Girls' Technical High School, later known as the Washington Irving High School. There she held the position of head of the department of English and became a first assistant in English in 1909. During this period the department increased from eight to forty teachers. While at Washington Irving, Miss Lowd was principal of the East Side Evening High School for Women, and later organized the evening high school now conducted at Washington Irving. In 1914 she was transferred by order of the superintendent to the Morris High School.

In the cause of education in general, Miss Lowd has done noteworthy work. She was vice-president of the High School Teachers' Association of this city; and later, chairman of the Teachers' Interests Committee of that organization. For three or four years she was vice-president of the English Teachers' Association. She served for some time as a member of the Board



EMMA F. LOWD, Delta
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MARGARET NACHTRIEB, Kappa
Director of Province Seven

OUR PROVINCE DIRECTORS

of Directors of the Council of Administrative Women. She was a delegate from the National Education Association to the World Conference of Education Associations in Edinburgh in 1925. In the New York Panhellenic Association of College Women, she held, in turn, the offices of treasurer, secretary, and president.

At Morris, Miss Lowd's services have been many and varied, and always of distinctive value. From the planning of girls' graduation dresses, to the awarding of medals; from the teaching of a Three Class, to the training of a new teacher, she has been ready for tasks and duties of every kind found within the province of a teacher and an administrator. Common sense and firmness, method and order, have always marked her work. Justice, tempered with kindness of heart, has constituted her attitude; perseverance has been her watch-word. In the field of education she has cleared away stumps, plowed and harrowed, and sown good grain. As the inevitable result, she has reaped many a golden harvest for Morris, and for the educational world.

PROVINCE TWO

BERTHA SCHNEIDER, Omicron

When Alpha Eta Chapter made its entrance into the Gamma Phi Beta circle, Bertha Schneider was one of its most ardent sponsors and most enthusiastic helpers; and she has been just as interested in its subsequent development. Later on, she organized Columbus Alumnae Chapter, and was its first president; and now she assumes the office of director of Province II.

And a few words about Bertha Schneider and her achievements: Omicron is her chapter and she was one of those who laid the very foundation of the group; and, after taking her B.A. degree at the University of Illinois, she had two years' postgraduate work in library science, and received a degree in this work at the University of Illinois Library School. In past years, she has been reviser in this Library School, a member of the library staff in this school, a member of the staff of the Ohio State Library, also of the Ohio State University Library; and for ten years has been catalogue librarian of the Ohio State University Library—which latter office means head of the catalogue department. Within the last four years she has served as an officer of the Catalogue Section of the American Library Association, as president of the Ohio Valley Regional Group of Cataloguers, and as secretary and vice-president of the Ohio Library Association.



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BERTHA SCHNEIDER
Omicron
Director of Province II

PROVINCE FOUR

Bernice Hunter Hoffman and Florence Stott Sullivan for three years were roommates at Wisconsin; they officiated at each other's weddings and are as close as two friends can be. Accordingly, the following glimpse of Florence Sullivan's personality is given us by "one who knows."

FLORENCE STOTT SULLIVAN

In a certain year of grace, somewhere between 1885 and 1900, there was born in Winona, Minnesota, a tiny baby girl, Florence Daisy Stott.

After graduating from the Winona High School, she entered the University of Wisconsin. Fate was surely smiling on Gamma Chapter when Daisy, as all the university knew her, decided on our crescent to adorn her "Gibson pleat."

Her four years in college were marked by leadership not only in sorority affairs but in various university activities—"Daisy Stott" and "efficiency" were synonymous. She was chosen to represent Gamma at our national convention in Boston and also helped install our Kappa Chapter in Minneapolis.

In 1908 she was married to Dr. Arthur Sullivan, and again fate was kind to Gamma, for Madison became their home. Her loyalty and interest did not cease after household cares were added—on the contrary, her home is a mecca for all returning "old girls." And it is Daisy's wise counsel and clear judgment that often helps out in Gamma's problems.

She was instrumental in securing the charter for the Madison Alumnae Chapter and since then has been "on the job." Whether her job is to manage her home and two strenuous kiddies, or to accompany her husband to the Arctic Circle, clad in pants and boots; or perhaps to trail the Nippigon for a few weeks, it is done according to Hoyle.

At present her job is to run Province IV, and you may be assured it will be run right—so be on your toes—for this is her "roomie" writing this and she knows whereof she speaks.

BERNICE HUNTER HOFFMANN

PROVINCE FIVE

FAYNE SMITHBERGER MERRITT

Rho Chapter presents us with the new director of Province Five—although affiliation with Pi in 1923 gives that chapter a claim to her. The presidency of the college chapter in 1924-1925, and the presidency of the Alumnae Association in Lincoln are proof enough of her ability and efficiency as an executive; while active work in the Panhellenic Association of Lincoln has given her a knowledge of the Greek-letter world. Those who have met her at the Province Conference in Lincoln and at Gamma Phi Beta gatherings will remember her charm of manner and her deep and abiding interest in Gamma Phi Beta.

OUR FOUNDERS

FOUNDERS' DAY of 1929 is now a celebration of the past—but the memory lingers; and from coast to coast, the spirit of 1874 linked to the inspiration of 1928 paid homage to the four who have made possible the sorority which means so much to us. The following letters from Frances Havens Moss and Helen Dodge Ferguson will be read with interest by college girls and by alumnae members; and the Editor places them as a separate article, so that their words may be a direct message to the thousands who wear the crescent pin.

MY DEAR MISS BARBEE:

I want to thank you for your kind words of greeting for another Founders' Day. I always look forward for word from you and such courteous attentions mean much to us as the years pile up and so many of the dear old friends have gone on before. I am more thankful for my dear Gamma Phi associates that I can express and I feel that my life has been wonderfully enriched by those I have known; and I only wish it had been possible for me to meet and know more well.

I went over to Omicron house for dinner Sunday the eleventh and saw my fine bunch of girls. They gave me a big box of beautiful white roses and I made them a little speech. Perhaps you would like to know what I said to them.

I told them I wanted them to have a better mental picture of me than that of a little old lady who came over to the house occasionally and had so much trouble remembering their names and so I was going to tell them a little about days long ago when girls were not allowed to attend universities and how I had seen some of those doors opened for them.

I was born on the Michigan campus May 27, 1854. My father had been called there to the chair of Latin some two years earlier and he found some forty acres of prairie land near the village of Ann Arbor with two large brick buildings, the lower rooms of which were used for recitations and the upper for dormitory purposes. There were also four substantial residences for the president and faculty. DeTappan, a Presbyterian minister, was then at the head and wanting the Methodists to be represented he had secured the appointment of my father.

Malaria was then very prevalent and falling a victim to this, my father soon afterwards found it advisable to return to New England when he became Editor of the *Lion's Herald* in Boston, city of his birth.

I shall always cherish tender memories of the next seven years.

First, as I learned to read, I had all the children's books at my command. Next I could be with relatives and I shall never forget the holidays spent with my grandparents. My dear old grandmother with her white ruffled cap, bright blue eyes behind rectangular gold-bowed glasses, and the little black trumpet she carried for she was very deaf. And she would say "that child has two good christian names and you do not call her by either. Frances Elizabeth do this or that."

The Civil War come on and our hearts were saddened by the death of a talented young uncle who was sent home from the front on shipboard with a coffin on one side and a crazy man on the other and he too weak to take off his boots. But we were so thankful to be able to minister to him during those last days of suffering.

In 1863 my father was recalled to the University of Michigan as president. He found many changes. There had been added a medical building, a chemical laboratory, and a law building and there were six hundred students, all men.

They played many a prank; our old family horse disappeared from the campus one night when he was tied out and was found next morning upstairs in one of the recitation halls. Our well, the old oaken bucket variety, was filled with stove wood, each student throwing in a billet as he went through the barn lab; and one day as I came past the law building a class came rushing out and spying me a mischievous fellow shouted, "Make way for Prexy's daughter." They lined up and made me walk through their midst.

All the years of his presidency my father worked for the admission of women to the university and they tell, one day when the regents had gathered at our house for commencement dinner, my father was holding my little sister on his knee and harping on the theme of women entering the university when he said "I confidently expect to see the day when this little girl will be permitted to attend classes with her brothers" and my sister piped up "Oh, papa, then shall I have to wear pants?"

We left Ann Arbor in 1869 and it was not until the following year that women were admitted and my father's wishes were fulfilled.

Women were admitted to Northwestern University this same year after father had been president one year and I entered with the first class. I shall always recall with admiration and respect the names of those early professors, Bonbright, Marcy, Kellogg, and Curnock. But inasmuch and most inspiring of all, Frances E. Williard, the first dean of women. She often came to talk over matters with my father and I never heard a woman talk faster or more entertainingly. She had just returned from a trip abroad with a friend and they had penetrated many corners not as yet

much frequented by women. Later, she was a true and tried friend. She visited me and my little family when she was on one of her lecturing tours, in Bloomington; and when in Salem, Oregon, gon, she plucked some flowers from my father's grave and sent them with a sympathetic letter to my mother and myself.

We left Northwestern December, 1872, and after a year and a half in Brooklyn found ourselves in September, 1874, again in a university. This time the University of Syracuse, founded only four short years before, and in this university women entered at the same time and with the same privileges as the men.

I think I will enclose a letter that just came from Mrs. Ferguson and now if you have to make us your theme again you will have a few fresh items. You may file this away in your archives and lay the writing of it to a rainy day and my being in a reminiscent mood.

As ever, yours most sincerely,

FRANCES E. HAVEN MOSS

1116 Brinckerhoff Avenue,
Utica, N.Y., November 14, 1928

MY DEAR FANNIE:

It is indeed a long time since I last wrote you and I am deeply and sincerely repentant over my shortcomings; but when I tell you that I have been passing through an experience similar to yours I am sure that you will pardon. For the past two years I have had so much trouble in the line of grippe or "flu" and their kindred. My heart quickly responded as I read your letter which I appreciated so much—more than I can tell you, as I felt that it was so sweet on your part to write me when you must have thought me very negligent.

After a spell of "miseria," on February 15 my doctor found me in miserable shape and at once put forth heroic efforts. I had a hard siege and was uncertain about my ability to go to Ocean Grove, but decided to make the trip. The Doctor said, "You have the old-fashioned grippe—the 'flu' besides some other difficulties." June 27 I started on my trip and got on very well. But I found myself weak and—alas—I found everybody coughing and sneezing. I tried to avail myself of various precautions and got along very nicely until September 5, when the "cold" as it was called and which was recognized as "very debilitating" caught me. I went to a doctor, so hoarse that I could only with much difficulty make myself understood. I remained until September 26 (my birthday), trying to take care of myself as best I could, and started for home; arriving, I went to my own doctor and he is bringing me along nicely. Says I am in "excellent condition" but I am only slowly gaining strength, although I have a good appetite and feel a decided inclination to *favor* myself. I thought that I should surely write you while at Ocean Grove but I just felt too much out of sorts to do anything that could be postponed. It takes so long to get caught up after several months' absence from home. In spite of these adverse conditions, I had a nice summer and the program was helpful, both mentally and spiritually, and I was glad that I went. We got the "tail end" of the Porto Rico storm, and we found that sufficiently severe as the ocean was lashed to tremendous fury. Many of the lights were off for two days and two nights, and loose wires were a menace, and one man was killed. Do you remember how often Professor Brown used to quote in his prayers, "Dangers stand thick on every hand, etc.?"

I had a few lines from Mame Whitford recently. She said that Alpha was to hold Founders' Day celebration at Baldwinsville with one of the girls, last Saturday. Mame's brother who married Anna Terry has come with his family to live with Mame and Oscar. Anna is not very well. You know that Mame's mother passed away in January, 1927? Probably you know of the passing of Mr. Cuykendall in May. He was so anxious to have another class reunion this year, and had written, asking if I would come. We held one three years ago which was to be "the last." I suppose that you attended the Champaign-Urbana Province meeting last spring. I did not mention my illness but simply said that it would be impossible for me to be present. I'm tired of excusing myself from participation in various functions because of "grippe" and "flu" and kindred difficulties.

I have just finished acknowledging the Gamma Phi birthday courtesies. How fast the birthdays come around! I suppose that you hear from Mira. How I wish that they would come home when their time expires. I am hoping to write Mira very soon if I continue to improve in health. It was such a pleasure to meet her at Lake Placid. The girls must have had a great time at Mackinac Island, but I had "grippe" and was unable to go. Yes, indeed, it is harder for us mature dames to keep up with the Gamma Phi procession these days—and all similar activities. I have not yet added the accomplishment of smoking to my previous list. Oh, I am so *glad* that Omicron took a decided stand against it, and that of its own accord. I feel that smokers are *heavily discounting* their womanhood and I have no patience with the fad. Then, too, I am so often asked to help out with card parties for various causes, and I get so tired of the craze and feel such a *disgust*.

You certainly have your hands full with your in-laws and your grandchildren. They must indeed be a great source of interest and diversion for you, and I know that you will take great pleasure with them. Your vacations must be occasions of great delight. I hope that you will take best care of yourself and will get real well. Please accept this apology for a letter, and let me hear from you when you feel able to write.

With love,

HELEN D. FERGUSON

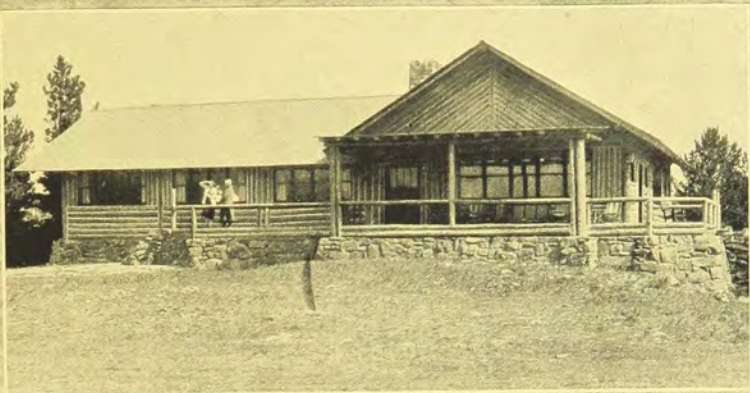
TWO GIRLS AND A LODGE

(TO SAY NOTHING OF A DOG)

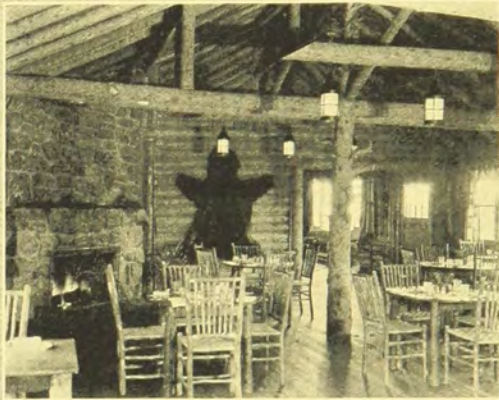
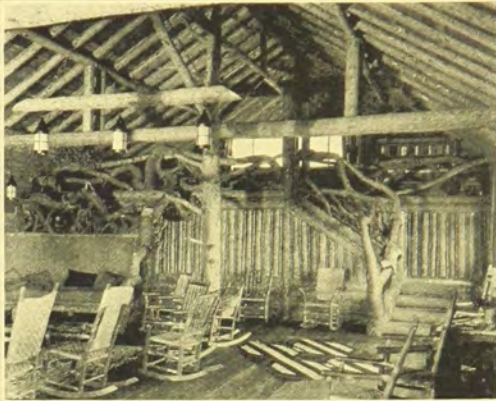
By MRS. JARVIS RICHARDS

IT BEGAN with a motor trip. We had toured the state, staying at rustic inns whose pole beds took all the skin off our legs when we essayed to get out or in, had seen bathrobe clad guests gingerly crossing art lawns on their way to an outside bath house, had carried wood to keep from freezing in cabins which were mere shells, or had stayed at hostelrys so metropolitan that we felt we should see multitudes on city streets instead of granite cliffs and pine-clad hills; so we came back somewhat tired with our experience, and decided to build a mountain lodge in keeping with our ideas.

Then we had to search for a location which must include view, accessibility, water, and at least twenty other requirements. Again we set forth on a definite quest which kept us on tour for weeks, until Fate turned us down the wrong road and brought us to the



THE LODGE OF PINES
THOR, THE DOG
VIEW FROM LODGE



END OF LIVING-ROOM (SHOWING BALCONY)
Lodge of Pines

CORNER OF DINING-ROOM
Lodge of Pines

LIVING-ROOM FIREPLACE
Lodge of Pines

most ideal location in Colorado—a long, pine-clad ridge sloping down to an exquisite spring-fed lake beyond which the entire continental divide stretched from north to south in a rampart of snowy peaks. To the east the opalescent plains showed through a cleft in the hills and brought the valley in all its beauty of tiny fawns and sparkling lakes into clear view.

After several weeks of negotiations with the owner, who was part Indian, his contempt for women being a most prominent part, on the first of a memorable October we found ourselves possessors of 160 acres of land, a picturesque old ranch house, two cabins, an unsurpassed site for a lodge, a vision, and a police dog puppy.

On October 13, we had three feet of snow which failed to chill our ardor but sent us up and down the long hill from the ranch to the lodge site clad in knickers, flannel shirts and mackinaws—into the front of which the puppy was thrust to keep him from blowing away.

We settled ourselves in a tiny one-room cabin by the ranch house, hung our town clothes on one hook and our mountain clothes, when not in use, upon another; carried water from a nearby spring in a tin pail which, with a tin basin, comprised our toilet equipment; arranged for our meals with the former owner; and began operations.

We who were architects, designers, contractors, and operators combined in one, rolled up our sleeves, settled ourselves at an oil-cloth covered table, and began drawing plans by the light of an old incubator lamp which had to be elevated to just the right height by a none too secure pile of books. We couldn't do this work in the daytime; for the daylight hours had to be spent in surveying for water and sewage levels and the staking out of lodge and cabins. At this juncture, the wind began to blow gales which swept down from the range and left us breathless and wondering whether we would continue operations on our mountain top or in eastern Colorado or Kansas.

Meanwhile the puppy grew into an elongated ball with enormous feet and a tremendous appetite which had to be satisfied at least once every three hours. We had our tragedy when he chewed on his mistress' slipper and was duly spanked with it—which left him crushed but experienced. After being given an old shoe, a strap and a glove—his own playthings—he never touched ours.

When the plans were drawn and our timber permit was approved, we shadowed the forest ranger, and went with him to mark the trees from which our logs were to be cut—beautiful straight shafts of lodge pole and yellow pine which grew in an unspoiled forest seven miles distant. The day our first logs were delivered, we were there to receive them; and no thrill will ever surpass that of seeing them unloaded into the first great pile, and the realization that our dream had become a reality.

The Indian portion of our retainer still restrained him from carrying our wood, or doing anything for us, so we had quite a few chores

to do when the work of the day was finished; but we were comfortable and happy in our undertaking, and if our shoes froze to the floor during the night and we had to break the ice in the pail before washing in the morning, it was all in the game.

The one thing we had neglected to do was to take Ward into our confidence; and all the inhabitants knew was that two strange women suddenly appeared in their midst, drove into town one winter afternoon, and were followed out by all the male population with rolls of bedding loaded on wagons headed north. It was almost too much, and wild reports began to circulate as to our intentions and financial responsibility. But as more snow fell, the log walls rose and stood in spite of all the old timers' lugubrious predictions, the native workers were skilful, the plans perfect and the "girls," as they called us, ever on the job.

The winds blew, the snow fell, our huge piles of logs were buried beneath the drifts which grew deeper and deeper, but still the building went on, and the skeletons of the cabins-to-be appeared along the ridge; while the Lodge, secure under roof, stood waiting the finishing touches to come later. Twenty-five feet of snow was the record for that winter—more than the oldest inhabitant could remember.

Spring came at last; the little flowers pulled on their fur pants and stuck their heads out from under the drifts, the roads were running rivers, and all the heavy pipes, boilers, tanks, and plumbing supplies had to be trucked thirty miles from Boulder. But the same spirit which had animated our men and led them to walk back and forth to Ward when it was impossible to drive the four miles, brought the trucks through mud holes and slipping roads. The bath tubs were placed, the electric lights installed—the private lavatories with each room were the talk of the community. The puppy was a dog now, and we were launched on a career which brought success from the outset.

Recently, an adjoined ranch has been acquired, giving us an abundance of hay for the horses and cows which are such a valued addition to our equipment; for the trails which wind through aspen groves carpeted with columbines, forests of pine, flower-dotted meadows deep in hay, into somber canyons and along rushing streams, have proved so fascinating to our guests, that old and young have mounted their steeds and have begun life anew.

There have been beautiful days, strenuous days, days of endeavor and accomplishment, but always glorious days of interesting contacts with those who came as guests—but have left as friends.

CONVENTION

PROVINCE THREE extends a hearty invitation to all members of Gamma Phi Beta to attend our Thirty-sixth National Convention to be held at the Hotel Ambassador in Kansas City, June 24-29, 1929.

Since Kansas City is located in the *heart of America*, we are anticipating a large assembly; many plans are being made for your pleasure and entertainment; we give you this timely notice so that you may plan your summer vacation with *Convention* as a nucleus.

COME! RENEW YOUR MEMORIES OF HAPPY COLLEGE DAYS!

ENJOY CONVENTION WITH US!

KATHRYN A. WOODWARD, *Director of Province Three*

THE PLACE

Kansas City, Missouri. Hotel Ambassador.

THE TIME

June 24-29, inclusive, 1929.

THE OFFICIAL HOSTESS

Province III, i.e., Omicron, Sigma, Phi, Alpha Delta, Alpha Theta, Kansas City, St. Louis, Champaign-Urbana, Lawrence, St. Joseph, Wichita, Nashville.

Director—Mrs. N. K. Woodward, 6315 Pennsylvania Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri.

Secretary—Miss Nina Gresham, 208 West Washington Street, Champaign, Illinois.

CONVENTION COMMITTEES

Chairman—LaVerne Bronaugh Stover (Mrs. H. L.), Sigma and Kansas City, 232 Bushcreek Boulevard, Kansas City, Missouri; Elizabeth Ahrens, Alpha Delta; Elizabeth Limbird, Sigma; Joan Davis, Phi and St. Louis; Beulah Leech, Zeta and Nashville.

Registration—Marjorie Garlinghouse Gard (Mrs. S. A.), Sigma and Kansas City.

Hospitality—Fanny Goodman Simonds (Mrs. P. A.), Beta and Kansas City; Jennis Barry, Omicron and Champaign; Christine Chapin, Phi.

Publicity—Caroline Harkrader Paxton (Mrs. W. N.), Sigma and Kansas City; Minerva McEwen, Alpha Delta and St. Joseph.

Banquet—Wichita Alumnae, Mildred Rule Olson (Mrs. R. E.), Sigma and Wichita.

Memorial—St. Joseph and Nashville Alumnae; Beulah Bennett, Upsilon and St. Joseph; Edith Moss Rhodes, Kappa and St. Joseph; Beulah Leech, Zeta and Nashville.

Model Initiation—Omicron.

Music—Elsie Frisbie Norman (Mrs. J. C.), Sigma and Kansas City; Elise Arbuthnot, Sigma and St. Louis.

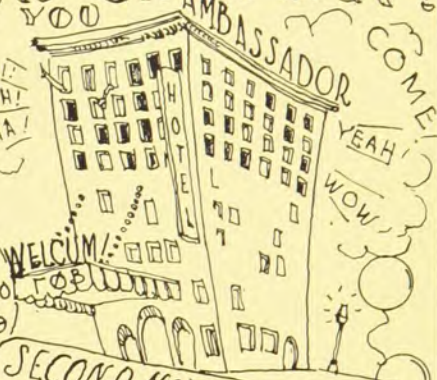
Transportation—Margaret Lodge Hovey (Mrs. C. Earl), Sigma and Kansas City; Alice Dibble, Epsilon and Chicago; Georganne Tracy, Phi and St. Louis; Mrs. J. E. Finley, Kappa and Minneapolis; Mrs. William Wyatt, Theta and Denver.

MESSENGER-CRESCENT

INVITES YOU
COME!
OMG!
RAH!
HA!
AMBASSADOR
COME!
YEAH!
WOW!

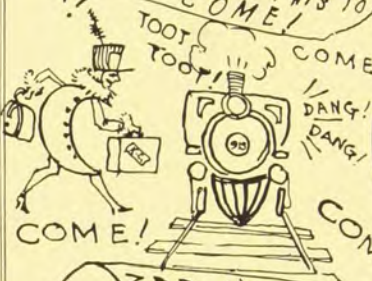
FIRST NOTICE!!

THE 36th NATIONAL CONVENTION OF T&B SORORITY WILL BE HELD IN KANSAS CITY, MO. JUNE 24-28, 1929. PROVINCE THREE INVITES ALL GAMMA PHIS TO COME!



SECOND NOTICE

REDUCED FARE AFFORDS A VACATION TRIP AT LITTLE COST. NO ONE NEED TRAVEL FAR. AS K.C. IS CENTRALLY LOCATED COME!



3RD NOTICE

YOU MAY EXPECT TO HAVE THE HAPPIEST WEEK OF THE YEAR, WITH THREE OR FOUR HUNDRED OF THE SISTERS AS COMPANIONS. THE UPPER FOUR FLOORS OF THE AMBASSADOR HOTEL HAVE BEEN RESERVED FOR THIS CONVENTN



HURRAH!

FINALLY

IT WILL BE JUST LIKE A SORORITY HOUSE. THE ROOF GARDEN IS THE CONVENING PLACE. RECEIVE THE MESSENGER CRESENT AND COME!

Crescent Moon—Editor-in-chief, Caroline Harkrader Paxton (Mrs. W. N.), Sigma and Kansas City.

Entertainment—Bridge, St. Louis and Phi; Trip to University of Kansas and Luncheon, Lawrence Alumnæ; Stunts, Sigma.

Hotel Arrangements—Marshal, Mildred Odell Blum (Mrs. H. F.), Sigma and Kansas City.

OFFICIAL PROGRAM

MONDAY, JUNE 24, 1929

A.M.

- 10:00. Registration of Resident Members
- 11:00. Registration of Province Hostesses
- 12:00. Luncheon

P.M.

- 1:00. Meeting of Province Three
- 2:00. Registration of Delegates and Guests
- 4:00. Meeting of Grand Council with Province Directors
- 6:30. Dinner
- 8:00. Crescent Ceremony—Champaign-Urbana
Sing—Leader, Mrs. J. C. Norman

TUESDAY, JUNE 25

A.M.

- 9:00. Presentation of Credentials
- 9:30. Business Meeting

P.M.

- 12:30. Luncheon. Alumnæ and Actives in separate rooms
- 2:00. Altruistic Work—Gamma Phi Beta Camp
- 3:30. Addresses by Gamma Phi Beta Deans
- 6:30. Dinner
- 8:00. Memorial Service at Church—St. Joseph and Nashville Alumnæ
- 9:00. Model Initiation—Omicron

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26

A.M.

- 9:00. Business Meeting

P.M.

- 12:30. Luncheon. Song Contest
- 2:00. Joint Meeting of Actives and Alumnæ
Alumnæ Leader, Mary T. McCurley
Active Leader, Alpha Theta
- 4:30. Boulevard Drive followed by
- 6:30. Dinner at Mission Hills Country Club
- 9:00. Gamma Phi Beta Frolic, Sigma

THURSDAY, JUNE 27

A.M.

- 9:00. Business Meeting
- 11:00. Model Freshman Meeting, Alpha Delta

P.M.

- 12:30. Luncheon
- 2:00. Program, Prominent Speaker
- 6:30. Dinner
- 8:30. Bridge Tournament, St. Louis and Phi

FRIDAY, JUNE 28

- A.M.
- 9:00. Business Meeting
- P.M.
- 12:30. Luncheon
 2:00. Business Meeting—Election of Officers
 7:00. Formal Banquet, Wichita Alumnæ
 10:30. Dance

SATURDAY, JUNE 29

- A.M.
- 9:00. Drive to Lawrence
 11:30. Luncheon, Lawrence Alumnæ
- P.M.
- 1:00. Trip to Sigma House and Drive around Campus
 2:00. Return to Ambassador

CONCERNING THE POCKETBOOK

Hotel Accommodations

- Five days at \$5.50 a day—\$27.50
 Includes room and all meals (for those living at the hotel)
 Flat rate of \$10 (for those not staying at the hotel). Includes five luncheons, three dinners, Country Club drive and dinner, and formal banquet—no breakfasts.
 Per meal (for those who do not take advantage of the flat rate)
 Breakfasts—\$.50
 Luncheons—\$1.00
 Regular dinners—\$1.25
 Country Club dinner and drive—\$4.00
 Formal banquet—\$3.00

Registration fee—\$7.50

- Everyone attending convention pays this. This fee covers *all* expenses aside from hotel accommodations, including:
 Tipping
 Crescent Moon
 Badges
 Gifts
 All day trip to Lawrence
 Incidentals

No other assessments will be made.

All entertainment is included with the payment of the hotel bill and the registration fee.

	TOTAL	
Those staying in hotel		Those not staying in hotel
\$35		\$17.50

RESERVATIONS

Everyone expecting to attend convention should make her reservation before June 1.

All those associated with active or alumnæ chapters or associations will receive registration cards through their organizations. All others should use this registration blank and mail it to the registration chairman, Mrs. Spencer A. Gard, 4941 Grand Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri.

I wish to make reservations for GAMMA PHI BETA CONVENTION, June 24-29, inclusive, 1929, at the Hotel Ambassador, Kansas City, Missouri.

Name Chapter

Address Class

(Indicate your preference in a room mate)

RAILROAD RATES

The following are the reduced railroad rates to Kansas City for the 1929 National Convention; these are one-fourth less than the ordinary round trip rates. Complete information regarding Transportation and Convention will appear in the May CRESCENT.

<i>Round trip fare to Kansas City from</i>		<i>Lower Berth</i>
Syracuse, N.Y.	\$ 61.08	\$10.88
Ann Arbor, Mich.	38.19	8.25
Madison, Wis.	26.43	4.50
Boston, Mass.	79.91	14.63
Evanston, Ill.	25.47	4.50
Baltimore, Md.	63.87	12.00
Berkeley, Calif.	94.95	19.88
Denver, Colo.	34.14	6.38
Minneapolis, Minn.	26.85	5.63
Seattle, Wash.	105.87	19.88
Palo Alto, Calif.	94.95	19.88
Eugene, Ore.	104.63	19.88
Moscow, Idaho	90.32	17.25
Urbana, Ill.	20.79	4.50
Lincoln, Neb.	11.22	3.75
Iowa City, Iowa	16.58	3.75
Lawrence, Kan.	2.15	.75
Ft. Collins, Colo.	37.83	6.38
Hollins, Va.	56.57	11.63
St. Louis, Mo.	15.06	3.75
Norman, Okla.	19.49	4.50
Corvallis, Ore.	104.63	19.88
Ames, Iowa	15.21	3.75
Toronto, Ont.	51.38	10.13
Grand Forks, N.D.	43.68	9.38
Reno, Nev.	92.85	18.75
Columbia, Mo.	9.20	3.00
Tucson, Ariz.	67.89	14.63
Austin, Tex.	37.49	8.63
Delaware, Ohio	38.10	8.25
Nashville, Tenn.	33.24	7.50
Los Angeles, Calif.	94.95	19.88
Winnipeg, Man.	50.57	10.13
Vancouver, B.C.	105.87	21.00
Winter Park, Fla.	70.17	15.75
Cleveland, Ohio	43.23	8.25
Columbus, Ohio	38.25	7.50
Washington, D.C.	63.87	12.00

Brooklyn, N.Y.	72.15	13.50
Milwaukee, Wis.	27.99	4.50
Des Moines, Iowa	12.45	3.75
Portland, Ore.	103.63	19.88
Spokane, Wash.	88.79	17.25
San Diego, Calif.	94.95	19.88
Detroit, Mich.	39.53	7.50

CONVENTIONALITIES

JUST what to bring to wear in Kansas City in June may puzzle some of those living in distant states. For the most part bring light cool clothes with a wrap for evening. A formal gown should be included for the banquet and your swimming suit if you care to swim. Of course, this being Missouri, one never knows just what to expect in the weather line. The roof garden will be pleasant at all times, whether hot or cool, so prepare for moderate summer weather.

The four upper floors of the hotel will be turned over to the Gamma Phi Beta delegates. You'll be living in a hotel but it will seem more like a sorority house.

All visitors, husbands, or children of Gamma Phis are entitled to the \$5.50 a day rate at the hotel.

Guests arriving before June 24 or remaining after convention will be entitled to full benefit of special convention rates.

Although the time of all Gamma Phis is planned, as you see from the program, outside recreation will be provided. These privileges are extended to husbands or children of Gamma Phis and, of course, expenses will be borne by those participating.

Swimming—at Mission Hills Country Club, Kansas City Club, or Kansas City Athletic Club.

Golf—at Mission Hills, Blue Hills, Indian Hills, Hillcrest, Meadow Lake, and Milbourne Country Clubs as well as the public golf courses.

Tennis—At Rockhill tennis court and any public court.

Horseback riding—at Blue Hills and Parkview riding academies.

As a word of warning! Brush up on your secret signs and symbols. It would be a shame if you came all the way to Kansas City and then couldn't get past the doorkeeper!

The *Crescent Moon* will appear in four issues. If you *can't* come to convention the daily paper will be the best substitute with which you can provide yourself. Single subscriptions are \$1.00. Every one paying the registration fee automatically subscribes to the paper.

Those having a stopover in Chicago will find the Allerton Hotel a congenial place to stay or to meet a friend. Several floors

have been taken over by Greek women and it has a reputation as a Panhellenic meeting place.

A nursery for any and all Gamma Phi children will be in operation in the Ambassador during convention. Don't hesitate to bring your children and leave them there while you attend sessions. And it is without any charge to you.

Please note that your convention expenses are *paid* when you have settled your hotel bill and paid the registration fee. No one will come to you for a dollar for this and a half dollar for that. Thirty-five dollars for those who live at the hotel, and seventeen and one-half dollars for those who do not, covers all entertainment on the program. To avoid confusion *the fees will be collected at the time of registration.*

Don't think this is *all* we could tell you about what is going on and what is going to happen. But we really must keep *some* things to ourselves. But the thing we are counting on enjoying most is just associating for five days with several hundred other Gamma Phi Betas. When you think how precious are the days you spend with a *few* sisters in college, you may be able to imagine a little of the pleasure we are planning for you in Kansas City, June 24-29, 1929.

REPORT OF NATIONAL MUSIC CHAIRMAN

DEAR SISTERS IN GAMMA PHI BETA:

It is most gratifying to have received so many prompt and detailed responses to the questionnaires which your National Music Chairman has sent you. Of the chapters that have not responded, I earnestly beg that you send in your questionnaires immediately and make the response one hundred per cent. These questionnaires have been a very great help to me in formulating my plans for Convention, for the new song book, and for our music in general. Surely this is a subject in which each chapter is vitally concerned, and one in which we must co-operate to secure the best results. Each alumnæ chapter and association has received my report; so for the sake of our music at convention and other times, please co-operate with the suggestions herein given and appoint a song chairman to keep in touch with me.

It has been decided to have a national song contest at our next Convention, the benefits of which we hope will be many. This contest is to be judged in general on the originality, effectiveness, and individuality with which the various songs are presented. Something very collegiate with lots of "it" would be very much in order.

The requirements are as follows:

(1) Composition—Any song not previously published in some Gamma Phi Beta songbook. (This gives an opportunity to anyone who has ever written a song not included in the songbook.)

(2) Contestants—Any Gamma Phi or group of Gamma Phis may enter. The number of persons presenting the composition makes no difference. However, no less than two could sing in harmony (soprano and alto). The participants will contest for the chapter from which they were initiated.

(3) Time limit—The composition (words, music, etc.) should be sent to your national chairman together with the name of the author, composer and contestants, and the chapter they represent, not later than June 1. (No accompaniment is necessary, but may be included if desired.)

(4) The reward will be definitely decided upon within the next month—perhaps something attractive for the sorority house.

(5) Points:

Music—Original melody, 15 per cent; Harmony in two or three parts, 15 per cent; (Original or otherwise).

Words—Most original idea, 15 per cent; Construction, 15 per cent.

Presentation—Stage presence, 10 per cent; Interpretation, including expression and enunciation, 10 per cent; Balance of parts, 10 per cent.

Promptness—In sending in copies of words and music together with author, composer, contestants, and chapter represented. Neatness also considered, 10 per cent.

If there are any questions you would like answered, don't hesitate to communicate with me at once. We trust each active chapter, if possible, will be represented by some of its active members, if not also by some of its alumnæ.

Now as to the Questionnaire:

The following active chapters were on time with their report: Rho, Alpha Theta, Sigma, Alpha Kappa, Alpha Alpha, Alpha Mu, Phi, Theta. The other thirteen sent their reports, but were late.

These chapters had sent no report in up to January first: Alpha, Beta, Gamma, Delta, Epsilon, Eta, Kappa, Mu, Nu, Upsilon, Chi, Psi, Alpha Beta, Alpha Gamma, Alpha Eta.

The first chapter to respond: Rho, Lorene Warden, Song Leader.

The best report: Sigma, Virginia Derge, Song Leader.

Other good reports: Alpha Iota, Margaret Schirm, Song Leader; Zeta, Helen Turnbull, Song Leader; Alpha Kappa, Betty Gilman, Song Leader; Alpha Zeta, Florence Weymouth, Song Leader; Theta, Helen Cullen, Song Leader.

These chapters sent in copies of local songs: Sigma, Alpha Kappa, Alpha Delta, Alpha Zeta.

Let us analyze the questionnaire.

I. *Song Practice:*

(a) Do you have any definite time set aside for song practice?

Answer: Yes, 14. No, 7.

(b) If so, is attendance compulsory?

Answer: Yes, 7 of the 14; No, 14.

(c) When and how long do you practice?

Answer: After meeting, 6; No set time or length, 5; Once a week for one-half hour, 5; Twice a week for one-half hour each time, 1; Every other meeting for one-half hour, 1; Only before serenades, 1; Ten or fifteen minutes at meal time, 1; Sunday night around the fireside, 1.

(d) How conducted?

Answer: With leader, 6; Informally, 3; No answer, 7; With leader playing banjo, 1; After dinner at table, 1; Grouped around piano, 1; Before rush week, 1; Practice four or five songs, and have them memorized by next rehearsal.

(e) Do you sing in unison or do you work out the different parts, effects, and interpretation?

Answer: Unison, 7; Parts, 10; Both, 4.

(f) How many voices do you have on each part?

In unison or indefinite, 10; Two to five on each tenor and alto, 10; Two-thirds soprano, one-third alto, 1.

(g) Do you practice with or without the piano?

Answer: With piano, 8; Without piano, 4; Both ways, 9.

Let us summarize this first section: A definite time, not less than thirty minutes every week, should be set aside for song practice, with attendance compulsory for both pledges and members. Rehearsals should be conducted by the song leader with the assistance of the piano to work out the individual voice parts. At least three voices should sing on each of the tenor and alto parts. (If you do not already have three voices on each of these parts, please see to it that you get others working at once.) At least one-half of the membership, if not a few more (all depending on your membership), should sing the soprano, or air.

II. *Song Leader:*

(a) Give name and year of your song leader.

Answer: Of the twenty-one that responded, each had a song leader.

(b) When is she elected or appointed?

Answer: Elected, 6; Appointed, 15; In the spring, 13; In the fall, 8.

(c) What are her duties?

Answer: To start the songs at all times, 7; To conduct rehearsals and arrange songs for all events, 7; To prepare for initiation and serenades and lead singing, 2; To follow instructions outlined in President's book, 2; To play banjo and help with part singing, 1; To accompany songs and teach new ones, 1; To see that all attend practice and to keep up singing at all possible times, 1.

(d) Does she have a rehearsal before rush week?

Answer: Yes, 15; No, 4; No rush week, 2.

(e) Does she instruct the freshmen in singing?

Answer: Yes, 16; No, 3; Freshman leader does, 2.

(f) Does she keep a notebook or any record of local songs?

Answer: Yes, 14; No, 6 (but will from now on); Freshman leader does, 1.

(1) The song leader should be elected or appointed in the spring so as to have time to work out her plans through the summer months for the rushing season; (2) She should conduct as many rehearsals as possible during this time (at least three) in order to work out the various songs for rush week; (3) She should keep a notebook of every song written by any members ever initiated in the chapter, indicating which ones are the most popular, together with its author and composer; (4) She should give the Freshmen special instruction once a week, either in part singing or in general instructions as to interpretations of various songs and customs, or in any other way she may deem advisable; (5) She should take charge of any rehearsals and see to it that such rehearsals are held regularly at least once a week and that all suggestions and requests by your chairman are put into effect. (This would of course include memorizing the required songs and if possible keeping an individual record as to the songs each member has mastered. A simple reward might be offered for the person first learning and performing for you the required numbers); (6) She should start all songs (unless she specifies some one else to do so); (7) She should decide how many and what voices should sing on each part; (8) She should plan ahead of time what songs are to be sung at various times—if any member has requests to make, please do so before that time and avoid confusion. However, if any songs are requested by the housemother or any guest, they should be complied with if possible; (9) She should co-operate with the initiation chairman in working out any necessary music for initiation or pledge services; (10) She should endeavor to work out special stunts (if possible or advisable) for rush parties, guest nights, etc., and should in every way possible work out effective ways in expression, action, etc., to bring out certain songs; (11) She should be responsible to the National Chairman for answering all reports and correspondence and should co-operate in every way possible in putting into effect any suggestions made by the National Chairman.

III. *Songs:*

(a) What are your favorite songs?

1. National (Those appearing in the Gamma Phi Beta song book)

Answer: "Fidelity," 16 favored it; "I'm Satisfied," 10; "Peanuts and Olives," 8; "The Gamma Phi Maiden," 7; "The Gamma Phi Pin," 7; "A Cheer for Gamma Phi Beta," 6; "Gamma Phi Beta," 5; "The Blessing," 4; "Our Pledge," 4; "The Crescent," 4; "We're Gamma Phis Forever," 3; "Our Crowd," 3; "Dear Old Pal," 3. About twelve other songs received one vote each.

2. Local (those written by any Gamma Phi, but not included in song book)

Answer: "Gamma Phi, I'll Ne'er Forget Thee," 7; "Lady of the Moon," 5; "A Sanded White Robed Neophyte," 3; "G A Double M A," 3; "Sweetheart

Song," 2; "Lonesome Sorority Blues," 2. About twenty other songs received one vote each.

(b) Do you sing any local songs of other Gamma Phi chapters?

Answer: Yes, 15; No, 6.

(c) Do you require your freshmen to memorize any songs?

Answer: Yes, 21.

(d) If so, which ones?

Answer: No definite answer, 8; "The Blessing," 9; "Fidelity," 7; "I'm Satisfied," 6; "G A Double M A," 3; "Peanuts and Olives," 3; "Gamma Phi, I'll Ne'er Forget Thee," 3; "The Gamma Phi Pin," 3; "A Little Bit More," 2; "Our Pledge," 2; "I'm H A P P Y," 2.

(e) Do you have any record of your local songs from year to year?

Answer: Yes, 8; No, 8; No answer, 5.

(f) Can you sing most of your songs in parts independent of the piano?

Answer: Yes, 13; No, 6; Some, 2.

(g) What songs do you use at Pledge Service?

Answer: "Our Pledge," 13; "Fidelity," 10; "Gamma Phi Pin," 2; "In Every Heart," 1. One chapter sings several songs for pledges after Service.

(h) At Initiation Service?

Answer: "Fidelity," 8; "Delta Initiation Song," 6; "The Crescent," 5; "A Cheer for Gamma Phi Beta," 6; "We're Gamma Phis Forever," 3; "Blest Be the Tie," 3; "Gamma Phi Beta," 3; "Gamma Phi Carissima," 3. Four chapters follow the suggestions given in Ritual. About six other songs received one vote each.

(i) At Special Times?

Answer: "Peanuts and Olives," 4; "Goat Song"; "We Think You're Absolutely Wonderful"; "Gamma Phi Man"; "Lady of the Moon"; "Gamma Phi Sweetheart"; "Fidelity."

(j) How many in your chapter know the words and music to the following songs appearing in the *Gamma Phi Song Book*?

Answer: *National*

1. "List the Watchword" (our first song) (page 96), 1.
2. "We're Gamma Phis Forever" (page 61), 11.
3. "Peanuts and Olives" (page 46), 17.
4. "Gamma Phi Carissima" (page 101), 6.
5. "The Joy of Gamma Phi" (page 118), 4.
6. "A Cheer for Gamma Phi Beta" (page 50), 11.
7. "Fair Flower of Gamma Phi" (page 57), 2.
8. "Delta Initiation Song" (page 60), 7.
9. "Fidelity" (page 41), 20.
10. "Once a Maiden" (page 100), 18.
11. "Our Pledge" (page 108), 12.
12. "The Blessing" (page 7), 17.
13. "Gamma Phi's Old Song" (page 40), 4.
14. "Our Meeting Night" (page 76), 2.
15. "The Crescent" (page 124), 6.
16. "Consecration" (page 4), 3.
17. "The Gamma Phi Pin" (page 8), 14.
18. "I'm Satisfied" (page 34), 20.
19. "Dear Old Pal" (page 35), 8.
20. "Gamma Phi Beta" (page 46), 11.
21. "Panhellenic Song" (page 48), 2.

Local

1. "Dear Little Freshman Just Come to Town," 11.
2. "Come Where the Girls Are Always Joyful," 2.
3. "When You Have a Little Crescent Pin," 5.
4. "Gamma Phi, I'll Ne'er Forget Thee," 12.

5. "Why Did You Come to College," 2.
6. "There Are Eyes of Blue," 6.
7. "I'm H A P P Y," 9.
8. "A Little Bit More," 15.
9. "G A Double M A," 12.
10. "Gamma Phi Man," 7.
11. "Lady of the Moon," 16.

Let us analyze the above answers:

Each member should strive to learn as many national and local songs as possible. In visiting other chapters, ask for their best local songs and bring them back to your chapter. The following songs *must* be learned by convention. (If possible, keep a record as to the songs each girl knows and let me know in your report how many members know each of the following songs:

National songs Nos. 1, 3, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 17, 18, 20, 21. (Listed above.)

The following local songs should be learned:

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| 1. "Gamma Phi, I'll Ne'er Forget Thee." | 6. "I'm H-A-P-P-Y." |
| 2. "When you Have a Little Crescent Pin." | 7. "A Little Bit More." |
| 3. "Lady of the Moon." | 8. "G A Double M A." |
| 4. "Gamma Phi Man." | 9. "A Sanded White Robed Neophyte." |
| 5. "Our Pledge We Make to Thee." | Also, "Follow the Gleam." |

In learning the above songs, be sure that you learn both the words and music correctly. Do not learn by ear, but consult your music to see that you make no mistakes. Never sing harshly, but enunciate distinctly and sing soft, mellow tones. There are a few songs that should be sung louder, but in general a better effect can be secured with many voices by singing softly.

From time to time you will receive instructions on the above songs, as well as the words and music to the local songs. This time I shall discuss only the first three in the songbook and send you the words to "Gamma Phi, I'll Ne'er Forget Thee."

1. "List the Watchword," by Helen M. Dodge.

Because this is our oldest song and for tradition's sake, and in reverence to our beloved founder, we should learn this number. (Only one verse.)

2. "Fidelity."

Another one of our old songs, and familiar to the majority of Gamma Phis, both young and old. The majority of voices (perhaps two-thirds) should sing the lower parts as far as "true friendship we find," at which point two-thirds of the voices should sing the upper part to the end. This is more effective if sung in only two parts. Learn both verses.

3. "The Blessing," by Charles Moss, husband of our beloved founder, Frances E. Haven. To be sung preceding dinner or formal banquets standing behind our seats with our hands behind us and with heads bowed. Be sure to sing the end of each line in half notes (not quarters). Change the word "the" to "thy" in the first line. (Oh let thy blessing.) In the second line "all those now" is supplemented for "each sister" when other than Gamma Phis are present. Make a slightly longer pause in the fourth line between "live and from".

4. "Gamma Phi, I'll Ne'er Forget Thee," by Florence Harkrader, Sigma. (Music, "Forget Me Not" from "The Bird of Paradise," by Tully.)

Gamma Phi, I'll Ne'er Forget Thee

Gamma Phi, I'll ne'er forget thee
No matter what may be my lot;
E'en though care and grief beset me,
Still I will forget thee not.

Years may come and years may go,
But everlasting is the tie.
In the future you may know
My thoughts will be of Gamma Phi.

This song has been harmonized from the old native Hawaiian song into three parts, tenor, soprano, and alto. It is extremely harmonic and effective. Mrs. Barbour, our president, has requested that we form a custom of singing this song at the end of our meals, standing behind our chairs.

Too much emphasis cannot be placed upon enunciation, attacks and cadences in unison, and harmonization. So no matter what song you sing, remember these three points.

I have no definite information on several songs included in the reports sent to me. If any information is available on the following, please send it to your chairman, being sure to include the words, music, (if possible) author and composer, the chapter in which they were initiated, and any suggestions as to interpretation:

"G A Double M A"

"Lonesome Sorority Blues"

"Sweetheart Song"

"Come Be a Gamma Phi"

"There's the Anchor of Delta Gamma"

"Have You Ever Gazed on a Crescent Pin"

"Gamma Phi Blues"

"A Little Bit More"

"Gamma Phi Girl"

"Never Take a Kappa Walking"

"When You Have a Little Crescent Pin"

"Crescent Moon"

- "Carnation of Gamma Phi"
- "Pledge to Gamma Phi"
- "Praise to Gamma Phi"
- "Hurrah for a Song"
- "Eyes of Blue"
- "I'm H-A-P-P-Y"
- "I'll Do Any Old Thing"
- "Pledge Song"
- "I'm a Little Pledge and Your a Little Pledge"
- "How Do You Do"
- "Goat Song"
- "Gamma Phi Sweetheart"
- "Dear Little Freshman Just Come to Town"
- "Why Did You Come to College"

IV. *Song Books:*

- (a) Number of song books in your chapter.
Answer: Every member, 2; From one to six, 17; None, 2.
- (b) Give suggestions for new song book.
Answer: No suggestions, 5; To include popular local songs, 5; To have more attractive cover, 2; To have entire contents arranged alphabetically in back of book; To have a song concerning the mode and brown; To have the supplement numbered like the other part; To have more original tunes—the old tunes do not appeal.

To sum up:

Please submit to me at once copies of any words and music with suggestions for interpretation, together with the name, year, and chapter of the author and composer, of any song you wish to be considered for our new songbook to be published sometime after convention. If you have any suggestions for such a publication, I should like very much to know them.

V. *Song Contests:*

- (a) Has your chapter ever taken part in an intersorority or any kind of musical contest?

Answer: Yes, 3 (Pi, Rho, and Sigma); No, 18.

- (b) If so, have you ranked, and how?

Answer: Each of the above has ranked either first or second.

- (c) What are your ideas for a song contest between the various chapters or members of Gamma Phi? What should be the reward? What the requirements? How conducted?

Answer: No suggestions, 13.

Suggestions, 8, as follows:

Two suggested that such a contest be conducted by the National Chairman and individual members send in original songs.

Another suggested that the reward of such a contest be a ring or a small cup.

Still another, that it was a good idea. The reward might be recognition in *THE CRESCENT* or a prize to the chapter. Requirements, original music, each chapter send in several songs.

One chapter did not like the idea of a contest.

Still another thought it brought out better skill and would be very helpful.

Another suggested the reward be a song book with the chapter's name on the outside.

And, another suggested that the line of grading be something collegiate.

Therefore,

If you deem it advisable, suggest to Panhellenic a song contest among the various sorority chapters on your campus. If you are already participating in such a contest and would like to have any helpful suggestions, please communicate with me and I shall be glad to advise you.

Since most everyone seems in favor of a contest for convention, your chairman has adopted the plan given at the beginning of this report.

VI. *Special Talent:*

(a) What members are specializing in voice?

Answer: Singers in fifteen chapters.

(b) Piano?

Answer: Pianists in sixteen chapters.

(c) Any other instrument?

Answer: Among the other instruments, the ukelele was the outstanding popular instrument. Next came the violin, then the guitar, mandolin, banjo, organ and saxophone.

(d) Are any members active musically on campus?

Answer: Eight chapters are active.

(e) Have any received special recognition?

Answer: Special recognition, including membership in Sigma Alpha Iota and Mu Phi Epsilon, musical sororities, MacDowell, as well as Glee Clubs and honorary art and music clubs, Y.W.C.A. music, choir work, scholarships, and leads in operettas.

(f) Do you have any ensemble groups either in voice, piano, or other instruments?

Answer: Ensemble-duets, trios, quartets, quintets (Sigma, Xi, Alpha Epsilon, Theta, Alpha Beta.)

(g) List names and if possible tell whether any of your musical talent will attend convention in Kansas City in 1929.

Answer: Most of them not certain but thought some musical talent would be present at Convention.

So,

Anyone with any special musical ability, that is planning to attend the Convention next summer, please let me have her name with her special talent. (Anyone singing either on the alto or tenor part also.)

VII. *Musical Stunts:*

(a) Do you have any special musical stunts that you use at any time?

Answer: Zeta, Xi, Pi, Sigma, Alpha Delta, Alpha Lambda, Alpha Zeta, Alpha Mu.

(b) Do you sing any "action songs"?

Answer: Yes—Xi, Omega, Tau, Rho, Alpha Kappa.

Therefore,

Try to work up some original stunt to be used either during rush

week or guest nights, or for convention. Action songs are always very impressive if not overdone.

VIII. *Suggestions:*

Have you any suggestions to improve our music in general and our singing in particular?

Answer: No suggestions, 16; All chapters come to convention singing the same songs, 3; Better Song Book, 2.

If you have any inspiration about the above subjects or about anything in general, please forward to me.

Take advantage of every opportunity to sing. There is nothing that binds us closer together in our true Gamma Phi spirit than our songs. And, if we are to sing as one at convention it will be necessary for us to interpret our songs alike.

Everyone enjoys *good* singing. It not only promotes good feeling and loyalty among ourselves, but also never fails to entertain our guests, whether they be our parents, relatives, or friends, as well as our Greek-letter friends.

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PANHELLENIC DEPARTMENT

THE opening of the Panhellenic Clubhouse in New York—long a dream—is an event in the Greek-letter world; and the editor presents various articles that have reached her from time to time, knowing that the subject is of great interest to all readers. At present there are three members of Gamma Phi Beta living in the house: Harriet Featherstone, Xi; Mary E. Ramstedt, Xi; Mary Lois Ruppenthal, Sigma.

THE NEW YORK CITY PANHELLENIC CLUB

BY EDITH DAY ROBINSON, *Resident Director*

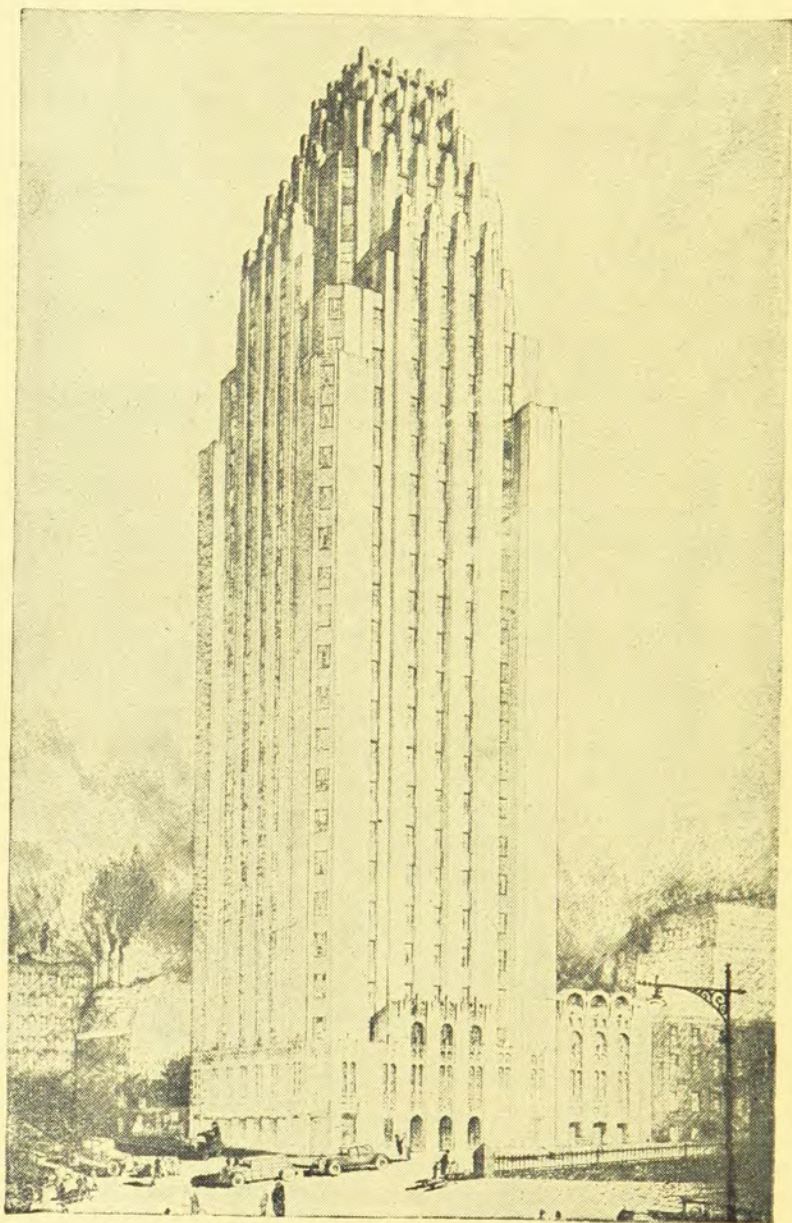
The thrust and drive that go with momentum, the electric element intangible in vitality, are very definitely apparent in the atmosphere of the New York City Panhellenic Club, which has its headquarters on the fourth floor of the new building at Forty-ninth Street and First Avenue, New York City.

To begin with, the very building, slender, graceful and tallest of all those thrown against the skyline at that point along the East River, is a fixed symbol of the vision, energy and persistence of women. Having seen the vision, it was not easy to sustain the effort necessary to concrete it. The vision having been transferred from dreams, to blue prints, to an inhabitable structure, it was altogether fitting and proper that the New York City Panhellenic Club—which has in its membership representatives from eighteen different fraternities throughout the country—should find a home in the building for which it has so vigorously worked to help finance.

Its start here, in the new environment, has been made with a dash and eagerness that indicate great vitality with which to sustain hopes that are unquestionably both ambitious and practical.

In the short period it has been my pleasant experience to act as Resident Director of the Club, I have gathered the impression of an organization animated by clear purpose and vision, and making good headway. These post-collegians want to make their headquarters a social nucleus for the entire building. While they have no slightest wish to dominate its social program, they do want to be a means of contributing to it. This is possible through entertainments obtained by the Club and diverted to the ballroom, with invitations issued to the house residents through the regular Sunday afternoon tea, in the clubroom, to which everyone is cordially invited; and by other means already apparent which time will develop.

In brief, there is every evidence that a united fraternity club in the new house is going to have a great future of pleasure and service to many women and the New York City Panhellenic has shouldered the task and is prepared to develop the interests of college fraternity



THE NEW PANHELLENIC HOUSE

women on as broad a program as the members desire. Their social program which has been launched, offers something of interest to nearly every one. This includes monthly exhibits of batiks, water colors, etc., weekly dinner bridges, club meetings, weekly teas, special events such as bridge tournaments, balls, etc.

Primarily, the clubrooms are for club members and any fraternity woman is eligible for this privilege.

There are writing desks, a table well stocked with current magazines, another table supplied with such information as appeals to travelers, strangers in the town, vicarious wanderers, and mere print-absorbents—people who read avidly for the love of type—this particular table offers time-tables, guides, and all sorts of miscellaneous matter intended to be helpful in some way or other.

Also, there is a piano, welcoming divans, bridge tables and chairs, writing desks, a fireplace! It's a long, spacious and many-windowed room, capable of containing all these conveniences and luxuries without cramping the individual's sense of freedom.

The combined offices of The Panhellenic House Association and the New York City Panhellenic divide the large clubroom from a short hall off which is the Resident Director's room, and an ample serving pantry. Here, stored compactly in a glass-protected china closet, are the dishes for the teas. Here, a girl can come on a rainy afternoon—any kind of a day can be sunny with the right company—and prepare her own tea, with her own supplies, as she would do in her own apartment. Or she may join others in the clubrooms who have had their tea sent from the dining-room, and who are busily chatting before the fireplace. Mrs. Ranger, a most charming hostess, is on duty to receive guests.

And this, as Galsworthy says, gives you "the lay."

But even more than furnishing the social warmth for a club and a building occupied, for the most part, by women working for their respective incomes, the leaders of the New York City Panhellenic see opportunities opening up for their organization which they most intensely hope to realize. Just as The English Speaking Union started with the motive of disseminating good will among all English-speaking peoples and has become a far-reaching organization which is of use to its members in multiple ways, so the leaders of the New York City Panhellenic see the chance that exists for it to work out its own motive as a friendly influence wherever it radiates, and to become also a big, strong working instrument operating for the benefit of its members as well as for their pleasure.

Plans for the Panhellenic scholarship are under way. A clearing-house for information, with exchange data relating to conditions in business, in the professions, has been suggested. Ways in which the work of women may be furthered is an obvious feature. These fragmentary thoughts, at the present time, represent merely rough sketch



Panhellenic house's dining-room has Pompeian decorations, the prevailing color note being deep rose, with black onyx tables as background.

dreaming. They are by no means official. But they illustrate the point that the club means to be useful to its members, as well as to furnish a place for them in which to relax and be merry.

And, after all, it was out of dreams that the new Panhellenic House emerged!

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THE OPENING

EDITOR'S REPORT

The Board of Directors of the Panhellenic House Association is happy to announce to the readers of the Gamma Phi Beta magazine that the house was formally opened on October 1. In the spring of 1928, when that day was appointed, proclaimed and set apart for the opening (a sort of advanced Thanksgiving festival), probably most felt a degree of doubt as to whether the celebration would actually come to pass then; for the building contract did not require possession to be given until September 25; owing however to exceptionally good weather conditions during the construction period, it was possible to advance the date two weeks; and so the house really came into the eager hands of the Association on September 13; at which time representatives of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, which had written the first mortgage and given the building expert



Panels and draperies of green, with grey plant figures, make the Oasis one of the most attractive and popular social rooms in the New York Panhellenic House.

supervision from start to finish, pronounced the workmanship and materials good, the best possible; and further stated, that it was most unusual for delivery to be made ahead of time (if then).

Perhaps many fraternity women are not aware what historic interest is attached to the site and locality of The Panhellenic! From Colonial times up to the latter half of the last century, the eastern littoral, along the arm of the sea, later called the East River was the place where the families, who contributed most to the social and commercial life of the young city of New York, chose to create their country estates: every one has heard of the Gracies, Astors, Beekmans, Schermerhorns, Rhinelanders, and Lawrences. This section, too, was an important military area from the days of the first settlement in early 1600.

Gradually the home trend moved westward and the midtown East side fell into a state of social "innocuous desuetude" and seemed permanently given up to useful ugliness. The decline and fall of the district was finally stopped by a sudden and dramatic revival of interest; in the rapid development of which the building of The Panhellenic has been an important factor. Even though the house was handed over early, it was a stupendous task to get a skyscraper dressed for a party in seventeen days. Miss Margaret Chatfield, the manager, and her staff, who all gave their best, and Miss Margaret Winant, chairman of the furnishings committee, although almost submerged in an avalanche of furniture, succeeded in accomplishing the miracle.

Many girls actually slept in the house on Saturday night, September 29, but the tables were not spread for the first dinner until Monday, October 1, the scheduled day and hour.

The reception in the evening was delightfully arranged by Mrs. Louis Wilputte of Kappa Alpha Theta and Mrs. Richard Holton of Phi Mu fraternity. Nearly all the members of the board were in the receiving line and more than eight hundred friends came in to wish the house success. They danced, enjoyed the refreshments and looked and looked. First they saw the ballroom itself, where the reception was held: quoting from the *New Yorker*—"It is such a symphony in grayish wood, silver, deep peachy red and dark pink marble! Nothing can ever spoil its serene, aloof yet irresistibly appealing dignity." It was brilliantly illuminated that night but usually one sees it softly lighted by lovely lamps.

Then on the same second floor are the four other social rooms, named from the Rodier tapestries, used as panels and draperies: first comes the "Tree of Life." This is a large square room done in brownish, greyist tones, but warm and cheerful; here many walnut inlaid tables are always just inviting the bridge players to stay awhile. Another room is christened the "Blade" from the sword motif of the green and grey mural textiles. Next is the library or



"A symphony in grayish wood, silver, deep peachy red and dark pink marble" is the way the New Yorker described the ballroom of the Panhellenic house—a corner of which, with gallery, posed for this picture.

reading room. There hasn't been time yet to acquire the books, which is sad for

Who hath a book, hath but to read,
And he may be a king indeed.
His kingdom is his ingle nook
All this is his, who hath a book."

So let us hope that the shelves will soon be filled! The last room of the series is called the "Oasis." But one gets bankrupt on adjectives!

The climax of the whole is the Solarium on the twenty-sixth floor; it is perhaps the most modernistic bit of the house. The great windows of vita glass just flood the room with the invisible violet rays, so beneficial to the human body: outside runs a wide promenade, edged by a parapet, high enough to protect but not so high as to obstruct the view. The outlook from the skyline, as it were, is a story in itself.

Descending from this high spot past the three hundred and ninety-two bed rooms, with their simple early American furnishings, every one should pause on the third floor and look at a room which flaunts no color effects: but the six white tubs and the six white ironing boards and the drier have an appeal all their own. Here it is quite possible to launder a complete modern wardrobe in the hour before dinner. The present prospects of the house are good: it had a larger proportion of rooms rented at the start than is considered usual for hotels. The benefits and advantages to be derived from residence in the Panhellenic are many.

First: There is the situation of the building itself; a glorious house on a glorious site; its lightness and brightness, its harmony and beauty bring forth in the girls a very real feeling of buoyancy and satisfaction.

Second: There is a homelike happy atmosphere within, which helps to soften the first loneliness of the big city. The City Panhellenic, a club to which all fraternity girls are eligible, with attractive rooms on the fourth floor, is pledged to making the Panhellenic just what it was planned, a home. The house staff also is doing much in the way of Sunday evening concerts and entertainments.

Third: The house offers full hotel service: telephones in every room; private bath with many rooms and never more than two rooms for one bath.

Fourth: The prices are made as reasonable as possible, allowing for the necessary interest, dividend and carrying charges.

Fifth: The location is central: it is possible to get to work or school in midtown or downtown in half an hour which is quick for New York.

Sixth: There are possibilities for recreation, a roof garden that will bloom in the spring, a gymnasium (under way), dances, and concerts. The theater district is accessible too.



The climax of the Panhellenic house—the Solarium, on the twenty-sixth floor—with an out-door promenade from which all New York and its environs may be overlooked.

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Seventh: There is every chance for intercourse and friendship with those of like interests, professional or fraternal.

Eighth: There is plenty of room (the entire second floor) for entertaining guests. The Board desires here to express for its various fraternities its deep appreciation and thankfulness for the unmeasurable help and inspiration which Mrs. A. Barton Hepburn has given so generously.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PANHELLENIC

It was a wonderful achievement to put up such a building as the Panhellenic in one year. The architect, John Mead Howells, has stated that three years were spent in selecting material and every bit was secured before a stone was laid. Perhaps this careful method was inherited from his father, William Dean Howells, who doubtless made a perfect skeleton before he wrote a novel. The entrance is on Mitchell Place, with gilded floral reliefs on bright blue above the door, and the vestibule is of pale blue marble-like material with dashes of gold. It is a truly colorful house all the way through. Except in the ballroom, the floors are everywhere of magnesite, generally of creamy golden color, laid in large squares, most restful to the eye. The main hall with its three elevators, post office boxes and lights, like great inverted cones, leads into the dining room with Pompeian decoration. Here the walls are decorated with large panels of deep rose, outlined with lines of black. The panels are interrupted by black columns surmounted with Greek vases, with tripods in the corners, all a departure from actual colors but resembling them.

The lights are like great vases, white with vivid green trimmings. The tables have black onyx tops. The chairs are painted grey with nice little leather covered seats and even the sugar bowls are of rose glass. The western side of the house on the street floor leads to the four shops—a fine drug store, valet service, gowns, and a book shop called the “Alpha and Omega.” On the second floor is the ballroom. It is hard to describe accurately its qualities. Royal seems to be the word—at any rate something transcending daily use. Its proportions are exactly right and at night, when lighted, the effect is truly beautiful, whether one looks from the gallery above or the lounge beneath. The combination of cream, gold, silver, rose, vivid blue and green cannot be conveyed in black and white. It is most strongly accented by the furniture. Upholstered divans, one rose and one green, stand back to back all the way down from the center of the long hall and between each pair is a little table, silver topped with black legs lined with blue and green. The great decorative lights at the cornice are like half bowls of silver, wreathed and picked out with green, as are the reliefs of which they form the center. At intervals are floor lamps on standards, with square frosted

shades. Then you add the deep pink (or red) marble mantle and the half dozen mirrors, which are shaped like windows and draped with curtains of silver velvet bound with black, you may see a little of what it is all like. A raised stage at one end for musicians or public speakers.

On the same floor are the reception rooms, first the "Tree of Life." This is in grey: the tree introduced in textile panels mounted on the wall and above the doors are broad grey and white stripes arranged vertically. The divans here are tawny with several of flame color. Next comes the "Blade"; this takes its name from the panels of silver and dull green—the design being like rows and rows of vertical blades packed close together. Here are divans of silver and chairs of moss green; charming pale green transparent window draperies and lights that remind one of a square blouse and square narrower skirt of variegated yellow.

The reading room is next, in tones of golden shaded brown: the textile on the wall reminding one of hour glasses.

Last of the social rooms and perhaps the most attractive, is the "Oasis." Here the panels have green backgrounds, against which larger, graceful grey plants stand out. The long draperies at the windows are the same.

All the bedroom walls are finished in rough plaster and painted according to the exposure. The doors are of pale birch, and the dresser, daybed, table, and two windsor chairs are of maple. The mattress is hair, very comfortable; attractive blankets with broad pink and white stripes and a suitable couch cover make up room furnishings. The windows have chintz draperies; the floor is of magnesite.

The halls on the bedroom floors are particularly pleasant in not resembling the hotel corridor. They are short and broken up by corner suites. Some, especially the mail hall, are stippled cream and gold, and on every floor there is a small fountain of cold chilled water.

On the third floor is the laundry with tubs, ironing boards, each with an electric outlet. Now go back to the roof: would that it were possible to describe what is before one there! Most of New York it seems. On the river side north, Hellsgate and the Queensboro Bridge with Welfare Island dividing the river below them. The hills of Long Island are hazy but Manhattan Bridge stands out at the south; and little rocks, like seals, break the surface of the river between.

On the west is a wonderful view of skyscrapers, and their lights, especially when there is a full moon, are quite beyond description. The walk which surrounds the building on the roof is about five feet wide, with little recesses near the windows where one can be sheltered from the wind. The parapet is excellent—at the sides well above one's head; lower at the corners. A tall thin giant might fall

over, but not the average adult. Inside is the Solarium. The decorations are most modern, shaded rose scalloped and waved, with little unexpected dashes like silver wings in the curves. This room must be twenty feet high; the draperies being of golden brown in an hour glass pattern.

A MILESTONE

National Panhellenic Congress is an adventure in friendliness. It was a definite contribution made by college women to the college world, and through it to the great world outside. It antedated the League of Nations and foretold the coming of the peace pacts, Kellogg or otherwise, which shall repudiate all "war."

Such an adventure should show us, now and then, a milestone along the road. There should be something to cheer us on if we do not see the fulfillment of all our hopes within the few years since the founding of the movement. I found such a milestone the other evening.

I was walking up First Avenue in New York City and I came to the Panhellenic Clubhouse at Forty-ninth Street, a beautiful building, towering for nearly thirty stories up to the sky, with the East River and Long Island as a background. A milestone indeed, I thought, I wish I could give you something of the feeling of encouragement that I got from looking at that towering mass. So I argued, why not go in and see if it is as interesting as it looks.

The spacious entrance hall was gay with members and guests who had just finished dinner in the adjoining rooms. I followed them upstairs to the lovely lounge floor with its reception and card rooms; its library and great assembly hall where a concert was to be given at eight-thirty. Up and still up I went; through floor after floor of attractive bedrooms until the elevator boy announced "twenty-six." Here I found the "Solarium" and then I walked out on to the broad promenade which extends around the four sides of the building.

The city lay far below us, its millions of lights twinkling up at us in orderly rows from the city streets and in clusters and masses from Long Island and the far off Jersey shore. Over all swung the great air beacons like friends keeping guard over the "lesser lights." I heard some one out there in the darkness saying: "Oh! It's fairyland—on toast!"

A good many years it has taken us to climb to nearly thirty stories of such achievement but our constant progress, "line upon line and precept upon precept," is sure and epitomizes the progress of the college woman. Like the Panhellenic itself, the National Panhellenic Clubhouse is an adventure in friendliness.

THE N.P.C. COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND INFORMATION
GRACE SAWYER, *Alpha Phi*

FROM THE EDITORIAL MAIL BAG

THE alumnae chapters, from time to time, issue charming and unique announcements of the various meetings. Los Angeles, on a most festive, holly-bedecked, Christmas sheet, told of its holiday party—and we print it for all to read. Also, Denver's annual plea for membership, written by Edna Traylor Eisenhand, took an unusual form. These two communications may give suggestions to other alumnae groups.

DEAR MISS BARBEE:

Less than two weeks till our annual Christmas party and we do want you to come! Luncheon will be at 11:30 on Thursday, December 27, followed by some "honest-to-goodness" entertainment by our active chapter girls.

In fact, we are planning on such a gay and happy time that many of us are inviting guests. You must send in your reservations in advance as the accommodations are limited. Also, we must ask you to mail your seventy-five cents to Gail Wright along with your reservations as soon as possible. Her address is 507 North Sierra Bonita and her telephone number Whitney 5459.

Upon receipt of your checks Gail will send you admission cards (you can't get in without them) with full directions, telling you how to get to Alden Drive and Hammel Road and why it is *very* important that you be there promptly at 11:30.

Luncheon is seventy-five cents a plate as usual, the unusual thing being that this is our last and best meeting of the year, and that's why everybody is eager for everybody else and her friends to attend Gamma Phi Beta's Christmas Party.

Merry Christmas! And in the words of Tiny Tim, "God bless us, every one!"

JEAN PHYLLIS MCDANIEL, *Secretary*

SEASON'S GREETINGS

DEAR GAMMA PHI SISTER:

Don't throw me in the wastebasket!

Yes, my name is "Bill"—and my family just raised me from \$3.50 to \$5.00. But I'm worth it.

My parents are honest—but poor. And I am a growing responsibility. They have to help my grandparents who have a national fame to uphold. They have to help my younger sisters who have a tan and brown bungalow to buy dishes and whatnot for. They have to pay to have me insured.

So I am an expense. I admit it! But I am worth it. So don't chuck me in the wastebasket!

Get out your pen instead and write me a check for \$5.00 before January 1, 1929, and I promise not to bother you again before January 1, 1930. Now, how's that?

My name is Bill but I was christened Gamma Phi Beta and my home is in Denver. Your check will make it possible for me to hold my head high and look the whole Panhellenic world in the face for then I won't owe any man.

What's more you will have your name included in a directory of paid Gamma Phi members (only) which will be published in a short time.

So don't forget! My name's Bill and it costs \$5 to get acquainted with me but I am cheap at twice the price.

My mother's name is Katherine Culbertson Franks so just send the money to her. She handles all my financial affairs. The address is 1324 Bellaire Street, Denver. "BILL"

P.S. I forgot to say I'm for a bigger and better Denver Alumnae Chapter of Gamma Phi Beta—Are you?

From Jessie Herman, Beta and Detroit, now in Paris, comes this interesting paragraph about her work. Sometime we hope to hear of it in more detailed form:

My work is tremendously interesting with Paris as my center, as it is the true center of the world's fashions. I observe fashionable women. I see the collections of the great couturiers in which they show now not only dresses and coats but hats, bags, and jewelry sometimes, even shoes and gloves. I buy models of all these articles to send back to the J. L. Hudson Company as articles de luxe and then I have an appropriation to spend here or in other markets on less expensive articles which follow the same fashion trend. For example I spent three weeks in August in Germany buying jewelry and bags and also a few outstanding novelties for toilet goods, gifts and millinery. On November 6 I shall return to Germany for a month to search for new merchandise and new resources which our buyers can use later if my samples prove satisfactory.

Of course now I know Paris better than I know New York City and I have lived here as long as I have lived in New York. My next exploration will be Berlin and after that other European capitals and other European markets, I suppose. At least my life is extremely interesting and I am having a wonderful opportunity to become a cosmopolitan. At the same time I work hard but interesting work makes life worth living so I am content.

And from the October issue of the *Arizona Alumnus* comes this paragraph concerning an Alpha Epsilon member:

Arizona was honored this past summer by the selection of Helen Nelson, '28, to act as hostess at the national conference of Y.W.C.A. in Asilomar, California.

From the *Literary Digest* comes a poem written by Margaret Fishback, Zeta, which the editor takes pleasure in reprinting:

NO DUELS, DRAMA, OR BLOODSHED TO SPEAK OF

BY MARGARET FISHBACK

If I were beautiful I would
Not bother much with being good,
For beauty seems sufficiently
Attractive in itself to me,
And righteousness a rather silly
Calcimining of the lily.

But if I were as good as gold
And wholly free from all the old
Familiar weaknesses, I guess
I'd curl my lip at comeliness,
And find my satisfaction in
A state of being free from sin.

But since I'm neither this nor that
Nor good nor bad nor thin nor fat
Nor beautiful nor plain as some,
But just a happy medium,
I have a very pleasant time
And never get involved in crime.

From Los Angeles *Evening Herald*:

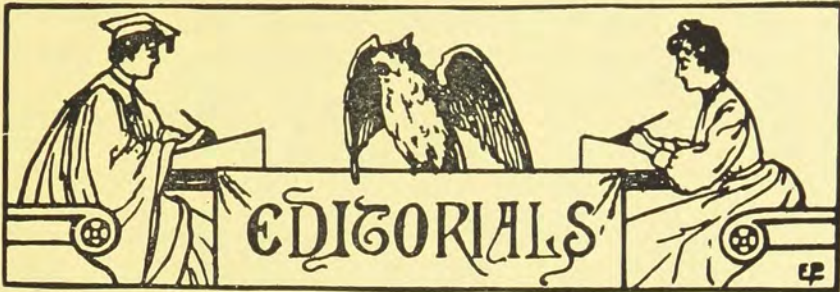
Few who leave our glorious shores for sojourns abroad have as interesting times as Miss Kate Frost, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Frost of South Kingsley Drive, and Miss Marjorie Kelley of Pasadena, who went to Europe last July to remain a year. The two girls are having a most delightful holiday season in Algeria, where they went several weeks ago by way of a cruise through the Mediterranean from Marseilles in France.

Miss Frost and Miss Kelley went to Europe under the chaperonage of Mrs. Carl W. Smith of the faculty of the University of California at Los Angeles, who represented the local university at the International Art Exhibit in Prague, Czecho-Slovakia.

Upon the arrival of the trio in Europe, Miss Frost purchased a car, and the two girls have been motoring through England and adjacent countries to France, where they have established a studio in Paris.

Miss Frost is continuing her studies on the piano under the tutelage of the celebrated Wager Spayne, while Miss Kelley is studying art in the theater. They expect to be returning home some time this summer.

While attending the University of California here they both became members of the Gamma Phi sorority and were entertained with a series of bon voyage parties before they departed for the East.



*"Every day is a fresh beginning,
Every morn is the world made new."*

Happy New Year! A time-old salutation and yet always provocative of serious thought if we ponder for a moment over its significance. Let us emphasize the second word—Happy *New* Year! New in the sense that old interests are revived, old friends held closer, old books read oftener, old duties revised. For the old interest suddenly may present another angle whereby enthusiasm is rekindled; the old friend may reveal an unexpected trait or a keener understanding that strengthens the tie of comradeship; the old book may project a message hitherto ignored and unappreciated; the old duty may be touched with a magic wand that transforms it into a privilege and a blessing.

Happy *New* Year in Gamma Phi Beta! New in the opportunities that we must see and must grasp; new in the growth that is symbolized by the crescent moon, new in the endeavor that must characterize each member, each chapter; new in the vision of high ideals, true aims; new in the understanding of the bond of sisterhood; new in the loyalty to the organization of college days and of maturer years.

Happy *New* Year! New in our delight of blue skies, golden sunshine, friendly waters, eternal hills; new in our experiences, our friendships, our achievements; new in our understanding and appreciation of the everyday happenings and everyday routine.

Happy *New* Year.

A sorority exists for more than the mere perpetuation of itself.

After six years of successful existence, the Camp for Underprivileged Children which has been mainly financed and managed by Denver Alumnae Chapter becomes a national enterprise and is formally accepted by Gamma Phi Beta as its particular social service. There are several reasons why the sorority as groups and as

individuals should support this enterprise and should contribute not only financial aid but effort, enthusiasm and loyalty.

First. It is a service for children—and there is no more beautiful form of altruism.

Second. It is a service that brings returns. Since health, happiness, careful training, broadened horizon are such gifts that those who receive them must profit, and by this very profit reward the donors.

Third. It is a personal service. For each member of the organization has a part in the maintenance of the camp, either by contribution or by joining the staff of councillors. It is not intangible, nor incapable of rousing individual interest and enthusiasm.

Fourth. It is a national service, worthy of our organization—a service that may be enlarged and intensified as years go on. For such a camp in each district would result in a mighty, far reaching, and co-operative endeavor.

Accordingly, let us give our national support to this national altruism; and Denver Alumnae Chapter takes this opportunity of expressing its appreciation and gratitude to those chapters which from time to time, have aided the camp by financial gifts, by encouragement, and by individual service.

"You are very welcome to our house."

Every sorority house from time to time receives within its portals one whom we may choose to call the unimportant guest. Unimportant in the fact that she has no particular contact with the gay group into whose circle she is thrust; unimportant in that her personality does not project itself forcibly enough to command attention; unimportant, perhaps, in lack of attractive qualities and personal appearance. How do we entertain her? What impression of our organization does she carry away? Is the chatter restricted to chapter interests, sorority events, or does conversation become so general that a stranger is included? Is there any attempt to find a common interest, to emphasize the friendliness of the chapter, to share the fun and to prove the hospitality?

Gracious hostesses are good listeners as well as tactful conversationalists; they introduce no subject too personal for a guest to follow; their welcome is always cordial; their attention is never divided.

And—after all—what finer tribute to chapter spirit could there be than the enthusiastic approval and commendation of the unimportant guest!

*"For she is wise if I can judge of her,
And fair she is, if that mine eyes be true,
And true she is, as she hath proved herself."*

Charlotte Kellogg's charming pen portrait of Mrs. Hoover is a delightful introduction to our First Lady—so delightful that each one of us longs for the pleasure of a personal interview with the subject of the portrait. We elect our president—but we are not privileged to select his wife!—and it is always a great satisfaction to know that *his* choice has been just what it should have been! And, in this particular case, Mrs. Hoover makes a direct and an especial appeal to college women.

Love of girls, love of out-of-doors, love of simplicity—three great qualities for the wife of the chief executive!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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The May issue of the magazine will be "Before Convention Number" and will contain pictures of the Convention Committee and all items of interest in regard to convention.

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Gamma Phi Playing Cards. Send to Mrs. J. M. Heath, 2244 S. Columbine Street, Denver, Colorado.

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JULY 1—Due to arrive in Naples

American Express Interpreter will meet clients and assist them through Customs and Pass Control to hotel conveyances.

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2-3—IN NAPLES:

Two days' trip by Private automobile accompanied by private guide and by steamer; Naples-Sorrento-Capri and Naples.

First day: Depart from the hotel at an early hour and proceed to Pompeii, visiting the Excavations and continue by motor over the Amalfi Road (Lunch at Amalfi) via Cava and Amalfi to Sorrento.

Second day: In Sorrento. Transfer in the morning to the pier, embark on steamer, cross the Bay of Capri, where, in the afternoon, if the weather permits, visit the world-famous Blue Grotto by boat, return in the evening in time for dinner.

4—In the morning, you will be provided with private guide, visiting the National Museum.

After luncheon three hours' run by rail over the Shore Line Route, to Rome.

5-7—IN ROME:

You will be provided with two days sight-seeing of the city by motor coach and guide lecturer, visiting:

July 5: Morning: Piazza del Popolo, Church of Santa Maria del Popolo, Prati (modern quarters) Vatican Sculpture Galleries, Candlestick Galleries, Arazzi Gallery, the Stanzas of Raphael, Chapel of Beato Angelico, St. Peter's Church. (Special guide.)

Afternoon: Church of St. Peter in Viniculi, Statue of Moses by Michelangelo, Appian Way, View of Baths of Caracalla, Circus Maximus, Tomb of Scipios, Arch of Drusus, Porta San Sebastiano, the Aurelian Walls, Church of Domine Quo Vadis, Catacombs, Circus Maxentius, Tombs of Cecilia Metalla; view of the aqueducts, the Alban and Sabine Mountains, new Appian Way.

July 6: Morning: Palatine Hill, Ruins of Caesar's Palaces, House of Romulus, New Excavations, Farnese Gardens, Augustus Forum, Trajan's Forum, Monument to King Victor Emmanuel, Capitoline Hill, Statue of Marcus Aurelius, Palace of Venice, Corso Umberto.

Afternoon: Villa Umberto (formerly Villa Borghese), Borghese, Galleries and Museums, Pincian Hill, Villa Torlonia, Castro Pretorio, Diocletian Baths, Santa Maria, Maggiore Church, Piazza Vittorio, Scala Santa (Holy Stairway) Basilica of St. John Lateran, Baptistery, Colosseum, Golden House of Nero.

July 7: Full day's Excursion by motor coach, accompanied by guide lecturer to Tivoli, visiting: Hadrian's Villa, Tivoli (lunch) passing the Waterfalls, visit Villa d'Este.

JULY 8—Depart by morning express via the Appenine Hill Towns to Florence.

IN FLORENCE:

9-10—*July 9:* On this day you will be provided with a full day's sight-seeing of city by regular carriage, accompanied by guide lecturer, visiting the Chapel, Church of St. Lorenzo and the famous Medici Chapels, St. John Baptistery, Cathedral, Giotto's Campanile, Dante's House, Piazza della Signoria, Fountain of Neptune, Loggia dei Lanzi, Uffizi Gallery, Old Bridge, Pitti Palaces Galleries, Church of Santa Croce; Ville dei Colli, Piazzale Michelangelo, Church of San Miniato (outside).

July 10: On the morning of this day a private automobile will be provided for a half day's excursion to Fiesole, a picturesque Etruscan town, commanding a comprehensive view of Florence.

Afternoon, free at client's disposal.

11—By morning express via Bologna and Ferrara to Venice.

IN VENICE:

JULY 12—On the morning of this day party will be provided with a half day's sightseeing of the city on foot, accompanied by guide lecturer, visiting St. Mark's Square, Cathedral, Pala d'Oro, Battisterio, Ducal Palace, Campanile and Rialto Markets.

In the afternoon, a gondola will be provided for a three hours' ride on the Grand Canal, visiting the private palaces, Frari's Church, Lace and Glass factory.

13—Transfer by motor launch from hotel to San Giuliano, connect with motor coach and proceed via Treviso, Vittorio, Lake of Fadalta, Piave, to Cortina d' Ampezzo on over the Flazarego and Pordoi Passes along the Karer Sea to Bolzano.

IN BOLZANO:

14—Continue by rail via Trento, Verona, and along the Lake of Garda and Brescia to Milan.

IN MILAN:

On the afternoon of this day, a half day's sightseeing will be provided with motor coach and guide lecturer, visiting the Duomo Cathedral, Gallery Vittorio Emmanuel, Scala Theatre, Grara Picture Gallery and St. Ambroggio, Santa Maria della Grazie and Da Vinci's picture "The Last Supper."

15—Depart for the Upper Italian Lake District, by train and boat, across Lakes of Commo and Lugano to Lugano.

IN LUGANO:

JULY 16—Continue by boat and train across the Lakes of Lugano and Maggiore to Stresa.

IN STRESA:

Shortly after arrival, row boats will be supplied for an excursion to the Borromean Islands, visiting Isola Bella and Isola Madre.

17—Proceed by forenoon train through the Simplon Tunnel and down the Upper Rhone Valley to Geneva.

IN GENEVA:

18—On the morning of this day, you will be provided with sightseeing of the city by motor coach accompanied by guide lecturer, visiting Reformation Hall, where sessions of the League of Nations are held, Russian Court's Chapel, Observatory, Art Museum, and Art Gallery, Opera, Music School, Victoria Hall, Quay des Bergues and the League of Nations Hotel.

In the afternoon transfer to the pier and cross the Lake of Geneva via Lausanne, to Montreux.

IN MONTREUX:

19—Forenoon excursion will be provided by motor boat, accompanied by guide lecturer, to the Castle of Chillon, made famous by Lord Byron's poem, "The Prisoner of Chillon."

In the afternoon, depart via the electrified, scenic, Montreux-Bernese-Oberland Route, to Interlaken.

IN INTERLAKEN:

JULY 20—Party will be provided with a full day's excursion over the electrified railway to the Kleine Scheidegg (7,000 feet high) via Lauterbrunnen and returning via Grindelwald.

21—*Full Day Grand Alpine Tour*

Depart by de Luxe Motor coach via Lake Brienz, Meiringen, Gorge of the Aar, Grimsel Pass, Handegg Falls, Grimsel Hospice, Furka Pass, Rhone Glacier, Hospenthal, Andermatt, Gorge of Schollenen, Devils Bridge, Wassen, Amsteg, Fluelen, Axenstrasse, Brunnen and back to Rigi, to Lucerne.

IN LUCERNE:

22—Full day's excursion provided by steamer and cog railway to summit of Mt. Riga.

In the evening visit the Lion Monument on foot, accompanied by lecturer.

23—Depart by morning express to Romanshorn, by steamer across the Lake of Constance, "Home of the Zeppelins," to Lindau and on by rail to Munich.

IN MUNICH:

24-25—*July 24: Forenoon:* Half day's sightseeing will be provided by motor coach, accompanied by guide lecturer, of the city, visiting the Court of Justice, National and Residence, Theatre, General Post Office, Royal Mint, Maxi-

milaneum, Royal Residence, (Hall of Generals), Bavarian Army Museum, War Memorials, Obelisk, Old and New Pinakothek, Technical High School, Richard Wagner's House, Hall of Fame and other places of interest.

Half day free.

July 25: One full day's excursion by De Luxe Motor Coach to Oberammergau, famous Passion Plays District, via Weilheim, Rottenbauch, Oberammergau, Ettal (famous monastery) Garmisch, Starnberg, Munich.

JULY 26—Depart by forenoon train via Salzburg (short stopover) to Vienna.

IN VIENNA:

27-28—On *July 27* you will be provided with one full day's sightseeing by motor coach accompanied by guide-lecturer, visiting:

Morning: The Arsenal, Schoenbrunn, Castle, Capucine Vault and also a drive to the Prater (Luna-Amusement Park).

Afternoon: To Cobenzl Hill, passing through the Kaerntnerstrasse, City, Lichtenstein Palace, Court Theatre, visiting Lichtenstein Palace and other places of interest.

July 28: Free.

P. S. This day may be used for optional excursion by rail to Budapest, short sightseeing of city and return.

29—Depart by forenoon train into Czecho-Slovakia, to Prague.

IN PRAGUE:

30—Short sightseeing of city by motor coach, accompanied by guide-lecturer in the forenoon, visiting the Castle, Town Hall and other places of interest.

Depart by afternoon train via Podmokly to Dresden.

IN DRESDEN:

31—You will be provided with a half day's sightseeing of city by motor coach, accompanied by guide-lecturer, visiting the Royal Castle, Picture Gallery, Green Vaults, Meissen Collection and Exhibition, Museums, Zwinger, Zoo, Opera, Churches, China Factory, etc.

In the afternoon proceed for a short afternoon's run by express train to Berlin.

IN BERLIN:

AUGUST 1-3—On the morning of August 1 party will be provided with sightseeing of city by regular motor coach, visiting Potsdamer Square, State theatre, Hedwig's Church, Opera House, Reichstag, Droll Opera House, Kaiser Friedrich Museum, University Zoological Garden, Charlottenburg Castle, French and German Churches, Brandenburg Castle, Palace of Kaiser Wilhelm I, and other places of interest.

Half day free.

August 2: Full day's excursion by regular motor coach, accompanied by guide-lecturer, and after lunch, clients will continue journey along the shores of the Rhine, by motor coach, via Andernach and Bonn (University) to Cologne terminating trip with a short motor tour of the city, visiting the Cathedral with guide.

August 3: Free.

4—Depart by express train across Middle Germany via Frankfurt to Wiesbaden.

IN WIESBADEN:

5—Transfer by hotel conveyance to pier for a half day's trip by Rhine steamer from Biebrich down the river via Bingen to Coblenz. Upon arrival in Coblenz, and after lunch, clients will continue journey along the shores of the Rhine, by motor coach, via Andernach and Bonn (University) to Cologne terminating trip with a short motor tour of the city, visiting the Cathedral with guide.

IN COLOGNE:

6—Depart on a day's journey by express train across Belgium, to Paris

IN PARIS:

AUGUST 7-11—*August 7:* Party will be provided with a full day's sightseeing of the city by motor coach, accompanied by guide-lecturer, visiting the Statue of

Joan of Arc, Church of Saint-Germain-l'Auxerrois, Central Markets, Fountain Saint Michael, Luxembourg Gardens, the Pantheon, Place de la Bastille, Gates of Saint Denis, Tuileries, Tomb of Napoleon, Eiffel Tower, Statue of General Washington and Latin Quarter.

August 8: On this day, party will be provided with a full day's excursion by regular motor coach, accompanied by guide-lecturer, to Versailles and La Malmaison, visiting the Place de la Concorde, Champs-Elysees, Castle of Malmaison, Palace, and Gardens, Grand Trianon, Saint-Cloud and the Avenue de Neuilly.

August 9: On this day, party will be provided with an excursion by motor coach, accompanied by guide-lecturer to Fontainebleu, visiting the Palace and its private apartments and gardens.

August 10: Guide-lecturer will be at disposal of clients for half day's visit to the Louvre.

August 11: Free.

12—Depart by morning train to Calais, across the Channel by steamer (2½ hours) to Dover and on by rail to London.

Upon arrival in London, an American Express Representative will meet party at station and transfer them, by taxi, to the hotel.

IN LONDON:

13-16—During the stay in London, there will be provided the following:

August 13: A full day's sightseeing of city by motor coach, accompanied by guide-lecturer, visiting Queen Victoria Street, London Bridge, Tower Hill, Eastcheap, Cheapside, St. Paul's Cathedral, Lincoln's Inn, Fields, Leicester Square, Haymarket, Trafalgar Square, Admiralty Arch, The Mall, St. James' Park, and Palace, Constitution Hill, Hyde Park, Marble Arch, Chelsea Em-Parliament, Haymarket and British Museum (special guide.)

TWO DAYS' EXCURSION INTO THE SHAKESPEARE DISTRICT BY MOTOR COACH.

August 14: Depart by motor coach via Maidenhead, Henley, Lunch at Oxford, (visit Colleges with special American Express Guide) Banbury, and on to Stratford-on-Avon.

IN STRATFORD-ON-AVON:

August 15: Sightseeing in town via Warwick, and Leamington, to Kenilworth, Lunch at Coventry, thence via Daventry, Stony Stratford to Windsor, visit and return to London.

Remainder of time free.

17—Depart by special boat train to Southampton from where return per S. S. *Carmania* (minimum rate accommodations at \$152.50) to New York.

24—(Approx) Due to arrive in New York

OPTION No. Ia

17-21—Free at own expense in London. (Hotel arranged for at reasonable rates.)

22—Depart by special boat train to Southampton and sail per S. S. *Statendam* of the Holland-American Line for New York. (Minimum accommodation at \$150.00.)

OPTION No. Ib

Extension to Scotland-Ireland or any other part of the British Isles to cover the above period of time, arranged for party members. Detailed information upon request.

OPTION No. 2

Norway Extension from August 17 to August 30, a two weeks tour of unsurpassed beauty through the famous Fjords Region, mostly by steamer and motor car, arranged for a party of ten—price \$275.00. Return from Southampton August 31 per S. S. *Ryndam* (cabin, minimum rate \$145.00) and S.T.C.A.

OPTION No. 3

Additional stay in London or any other place at own expense and return September 4, per S. S. *Volendam* (cabin, minimum rate \$146.00) and S.T.C.A.

SERVICES INCLUDED

Steamship Accommodations—Minimum rate, but good comfortable berths in class as desired. Government Taxes are included in price of tour. More expensive passage may be arranged for, the additional amount to be added to the tour price.

Travel in Europe—Third class in the British Isles, second class on the Continent and first class channel and local steamers.

Hotel Accommodations at good comfortable, but unpretentious hotels. All meals, whether at hotels or while traveling, are included. In British Isles the regular meat breakfast will be served, while the breakfast on the Continent consists of coffee, tea or milk with rolls and butter. Meals table d'hote. Rooms are assigned on two-in-a-room basis without bath. Single rooms and rooms with bath can generally be arranged for if desired. There will be an extra charge based on hotel rates, this to be paid to tour manager.

Gratuities and Taxes are included except fees for special services.

Sightseeing Programs as indicated in itinerary with competent guides and including admission fees. Motor coaches are used throughout unless otherwise indicated.

Baggage—The more one travels, the less one carries. We recommend a standard portmanteau of vulcanized fibre, 10 x 15 x 24 inches, supplied by us at \$12.00 plus shipping charges. This or a suitcase will be cared for by the Company and placed at your disposal at practically every stop. Steamer trunks may be taken on the east-bound ship and forward to the port of re-embarkation at client's expense.

Withdrawals or Cancellations—If illness or other imperative reason compel a member's withdrawal after the trip begins, the Company will refund all the actual saving it is able to effect; but there will be no refund on any absence of less than two days. The tour manager's written acknowledgement should be obtained at the time and presented with claim to the New York Office. Should the unfortunate necessity arise of requiring any individual to withdraw because detrimental to the party's welfare, a complete refund will be made covering the unfinished part of the tour, and this refund will be obtained as promptly as possible through the nearest office of the Company.

THE PRICES DO NOT INCLUDE

Gratuities on ocean steamers. deck chairs and steamer rugs; cost of passports and visas; laundry; wines and mineral waters; expense of carriages, motors or other facilities not ordered by tour manager.

TRAVEL FUNDS

American Express Cheques are recommended as Travel Funds. A simple system of signing and countersigning protects the holder in case of loss or theft and they are accepted in lieu of local currency throughout Europe.

RESPONSIBILITY

The management of the American Express Company accept no responsibility in connection with the service of any steamer, train, automobile, airplane, carriage or other conveyance which is used during the tour. It assumes no responsibility for delay, accident or loss to personal property, or for any additional expense due to wars or other uncontrollable cause for delay. It also assumes no responsibility for baggage, which is carried at the owner's risk in all cases, but will in the unlikely case of damage, delay or loss, do everything possible to assist the passengers.



GEORGEANNE TRACY, Phi

IN MEMORIAM

GEORGEANNE TRACY

Dean of Starrett School for Girls

In the autumn of 1928, the students entering Starrett School were presented to a new dean, young, beautiful, educated in books and college ways, ready to meet them on their own ground, yet preserving always a sweet dignity. She was not only interested in their welfare but devoted to the best good of each girl. In sickness, she was a prompt attendant; in social planning, she made the Saturday evening parties genial and homey affairs. She made some changes in the manner of imposing penalties which tended to soften them.

During the last evening at the school, she spoke ably and sweetly at a home meeting, urging the preserving of certain Starrett traditions of good form. Every one liked what she said and the way she said it.

The next morning, January 9, though suffering from a headache, she went about her duties as usual and chatted pleasantly with her friends. About ten o'clock she appeared to feel ill. She left her post with some papers in her hand, crossed the room, dropped the papers, fell against a screen and sank to the floor. Mr. and Mrs. Smith, principals of Starrett, were at her side immediately and so were a group of girls and teachers. She spoke once, "I am so tired." She gradually lost consciousness and never regained it. The doctor who was summoned immediately sent for an ambulance and had her taken to the Illinois Central Hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Smith lovingly ministered to her needs and stayed with her long after she ceased to breathe.

Returning from the hospital, Mr. Smith gathered the girls together and very gently told them that their dean who had been with them a few hours before had answered the summons to a higher realm. The news was met with one half suppressed groan of surprise and grief and then silence. She had gone, Mr. Smith said, as every active soul would like to go, in the midst of her beloved activities.

That the faculty members and girls might pay her a last loving tribute, at six-thirty, in the chapel of the funeral home a brief service was held. The service was conducted by Dr. Edward S. Ames, pastor of the University Church of Disciples and a personal acquaintance. The feeling of all was fittingly expressed in a prayer sung by Mrs. Zora E. Kinder.

Thus we bade farewell to our friend and dean.

DILLA TIBBLES, *Epsilon*

GEORGEANNE TRACY

Georgianne Tracy, our sister in Gamma Phi Beta, is dead; and Phi Chapter looks in vain for someone to replace her as a child who has lost her mother looks for another to take her place. For indeed Georgianne was mother and fairy godmother, as well as sister and adviser at large for our chapter. And now we must try to get along without her—without the girl, who felt that all the active members of Phi Chapter and all the pledges were her little sisters, who knew all of our alumnae personally; without the girl who has always had a very special part in our initiation service; without Georgianne, who was a very encyclopedia of Gamma Phi Beta history and government. It is impossible for anyone who did not know Georgianne to realize how much she meant to us; but perhaps if more persons knew of the things she has done for the sorority her worth and our great loss would be more appreciated.

Georgianne began her career at Washington University with an ardent wish to become a member of Gamma Phi Beta. Needless to say she was soon pledged to us, though several other sororities wanted her very badly. She began her study of the facts about Gamma Phi Beta at once, and even as a pledge knew a great many more of the customs and traditions of Gamma Phi Beta than most of the active girls. She was initiated and for the next couple of years devoted her entire energy to working for the sorority. She was a very good student and helped the chapter scholastically. She had many extra-curriculum activities, among them Tanca, our honorary literary society, and Freshman Commission. She was one of the founders of Hare and Tortoise which is now the best hiking club for girls in the university. In her senior year, Georgianne was president of the chapter, and she was probably the best president we have ever had.

After she graduated, Georgianne took a position at a private school near the university, and continued living at our dormitory. When I was pledged she had already been out of college for two years, but unlike many alumnae her interest in Gamma Phi Beta was as strong as ever. Many times she helped the chapters out of financial difficulties with gifts of money. When we had contests in selling *Hatchets* (our yearbook) and other things of the sort, Georgianne was always a good saleswoman. When our pledges or actives had difficulty with their studies Georgianne tutored them if she could, and would never take anything in way of recompense. Her whole heart and soul were devoted to Gamma Phi Beta; she gave everything that she had to the sorority and in return she received everything that the sorority had to give. If the good of sororities and fraternities has ever been doubted, and if an excuse must be found for their existence, it seems to me that there is ex-

cuse enough for the existence of Gamma Phi Beta in the happiness that it gave to this one girl.

In the passing of Georgeanne, the world has lost a noble woman and we a loving sister, whose memory will live with us forever.

ELIZABETH BURELEAU

EDITOR'S NOTE: It has been the good fortune of the writer to meet Georgeanne Tracy at several conventions, and to know her well. Her interest, enthusiasm and constructive work in Gamma Phi Beta have been extraordinary; her influence upon those with whom she came in contact has been marked; and, in her passing, the sorority has lost a valued member and a true friend.

A TRIBUTE FROM ST. LOUIS ALUMNÆ

It is very difficult to attempt to convey to Gamma Phi Betas throughout the country how we of the St. Louis Alumnae Chapter feel about the loss of so unique a personality as Georgeanne.

Most of us can remember our first meeting with her eight years ago at a rush party and how impressed we were even then by the dignity and intense vitality of her personality. We remember how eagerly she assumed her rôle as a pledge to Gamma Phi and, as she learned more of the sorority, how this eagerness changed to an ardent love for the organization that characterized her whole life and our part in it. To us she always represented the very essence of our sisterhood and all it could possibly mean to the most idealistic of us. If there is any one term that best described her attitude toward the Crescent pin she loved above all else it is the word *loyalty*. All who met her once, knew her slightly, or knew her well, recognized this unwavering quality in her and were almost awed by its intensity.

While she was in college both of her parents died, breaking up her home in Burlington, Iowa; and as she accepted a position as a teacher of history in one of the private schools in St. Louis after graduation, she made her home at McMillan Hall Dormitory for the succeeding three years as well as those spent there as an undergraduate. This unusual length of contact with students of the university and particularly with her yearly increasing number of sisters in Gamma Phi Beta came to mean more to her than it would have to those of us with family and home ties in our lives. As each rushing season approached, Georgeanne entered into its many activities with greater zeal than did the most ardent underclassman. We read often of those who by their own magnetic enthusiasm for a cause persuade others through sheer admiration of the individual to identify themselves with the cause. Georgeanne was such a person. To meet her was to recognize that here was a spirit lighted by something within that was almost beyond our understanding, that held us in wonder and in admiration.



JENNY MCGOWAN MAHAFFY
Alpha Alpha

This surely is the time to pay tribute to her and express to Gamma Phi Betas if we can what she represented in our sisterhood; but when we attempt to characterize that intense loyalty of hers we feel very humble and inadequate by comparison. However, we can thank God for the privilege of knowing, if for only a short time, a being capable of such unselfish love and devotion for an ideal held high in one of the noblest of hearts.

DOROTHY PETERS, *Phi*
RUTH BLACK, *Phi*

JENNY MCGOWAN MAHAFFY

Alpha Alpha and Toronto Alumnae Chapters have lost one of their strongest and most loyal alumnae—Jenny McGowan Mahaffy—who passed away on June 27 on the Gold Coast of Africa. For years she had been intimately connected not only with the life of her own chapter but with the work of the national organization and Alpha Kappa of Winnipeg, the Canadian chapter for which she did so much before and after it came into the mystic circle of her beloved Gamma Phi Beta.

Learning, loyalty, and love are three great and noble qualities—and those who knew and loved Jenny Mahaffy realize how they ruled in her life. The quest for learning which resulted in a fine scholastic record at the University of Toronto—loyalty to friends, to the sorority, to the finer things of life—love for the beautiful, the true, the good; love for her friends, for those whose lives she touched and a sacrificial love for her family. Jenny climbed the heights and left all superstition far below; and with loyal heart and willing hands she faithfully discharged all her sorority and university trusts.

Her friends of many years have varied precious memories of her. The charming girl with the vivid personality—her vital influence in the sorority which she so loved and cherished—the center of a happy home which she fearlessly journeyed across the great dividing seas, to grace.

Both Alpha Alpha and Alpha Kappa will long remember her charm of manner, her poise, her graciousness, her unselfishness, her thoughtfulness of others, her pride in Dr. Mahaffy's work, the alleviating of the yellow fever pestilence in the far Gold Coast of Africa. They will cherish her whose beauty of soul remains to them as a priceless heritage. By the little courtesies she offered so sweetly, she will live in the hearts of those who knew and loved her. Should every one to whom Jenny did loving service bring a blossom to her grave, she would sleep today 'neath a wilderness of flowers.

MARY A. DALLEY, *Alpha Alpha*

LURITA STONE FERNALD, Eta

All of Gamma Phi Beta, and Eta Chapter especially, sustained a great loss in the death of Mrs. Benjamin Gravely Fernald of New York, formerly Lurita Stone of Berkeley.

As Miss Stone, Mrs. Fernald reached local and national recognition as an artist on the legitimate stage. She first appeared as a freshman at the University of California in a campus production of *Captain Jinks of the Horse Marines*, where she took the part as Queen Eleanor in *Sherwood* and in the same year she played Angie in the Mask and Dagger production of *The Fortune Hunter*. In the English Club's production of Ibsen's *The Vikings of Helgeland* Mrs. Fernald played the difficult rôle of Hiordis. At the time this was considered one of the best pieces of amateur work ever given on the campus. The part was so remarkably interpreted by Mrs. Fernald that Mr. Livingstone Platt, Margaret Anglin's manager of the Toy Theater in Boston and other places, made Mrs. Fernald the double offer of either joining a company of a theater which he and Miss Anglin were opening in Boston or of joining Miss Anglin's own company on her return to California. This latter she accepted, appearing in San Francisco and Berkeley in second leads, and making a San Francisco-Canadian tour with Miss Anglin in *The Divine Friend*. She appeared in the Greek Theater with Miss Anglin in the *Electra* of Sophocles as well as in *Medea* and the *Iphigenia in Aulis* of Euripides.

In college she took leading rôles in the English Club productions of *Paulo and Francesca*, and *Nero*, by Stephen Phillips. The latter performance was witnessed by Margaret Anglin who was in the audience at the Greek Theater and immediately became interested in the young artist. Possibly she is best remembered as Olivia in Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night*, when she played opposite Gladstone Wilson's Orsino.

Mr. Garnet Holmes, dramatic coach of the university, said of her work: "I have had many hundreds of students work under me, many of whom have made their mark on the professional stage. I place Miss Stone as one of the most capable of them all."

In the Players Club of San Francisco she played a lead in *Herod* by Stephen Phillips and took the part of Portia opposite Mr. Hotelling in *The Merchant of Venice*. Before going on the stage in New York she studied at the Edith Noyes School of Expression in Boston.

In New York, Mrs. Fernald appeared with Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Drew in *Keep Her Smiling*, and with Guy Bates Post in *The Masquerader*.

In New York, Miss Stone met Mr. Benjamin Gravely Fernald, a graduate of Purdue University and an electrical engineer whose mother was one of the well known Gravely family of Vir-

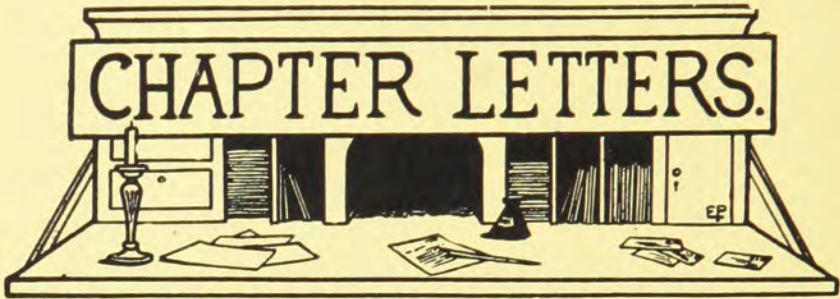
ginia; and in 1918 Miss Stone and Mr. Fernald were married. This marked the close of her stage career but not of life's drama, for she became the mother of a son who died several years ago; and since that date she has been subject to severe heart attacks.

On Thanksgiving Day she was taken ill and the following Thursday quietly joined her son. Mr. Fernald spent the Christmas holidays with his wife's mother, Mrs. Eva M. Stone of Berkeley, who is also an alumna of the University of California.

Mrs. Fernald was a graduate of Mills and entered the University of California from that college. She graduated from California in 1913 and was a member of Gamma Phi Beta, the English Club, Mask and Dagger Society, and the Prythanean Society. In New York she was a member of the Twelfth Night Club and at one time served on the house committee.

As a loyal Gamma Phi Beta, Lurita Stone did much in her chapter to promote the interests of the organization and THE CRESCENT of Gamma Phi Beta expresses the sorrow of the sorority in the loss of a beloved sister.

ELLEN F. ORD, *Eta*



DELINQUENT COLLEGE CHAPTERS

Alpha—Dorothy Jones.
 Beta—Adelaide Symons.
 Gamma—Helen Colman.
 Eta—Margaret Thomas.
 Mu—Mary Lee Richmond.
 Chi—Melba Hanks.
 Psi—Vera Shidler.
 Alpha Epsilon—Maureen Nelson.
 Alpha Iota—Winifred Bennett.
 Alpha Kappa—Marion McMillan.

DELTA—BOSTON UNIVERSITY

PLEDGING

The pigeon, who lives in the tower of the Old South Church was all curiosity one fair morning when he heard gleeful sounds coming from the red brick building across the street. He kept hearing, "Oh, I'm so glad," and "Don't forget pledging on Monday." He cocked his head and flew nearer. Where had he heard those voices before?

It is, of course, quite proper and necessary to begin at the beginning. That takes us back to the time when the gray pigeon saw this same crowd as he ambled up Boylston Street. It was in the late afternoon of December 5 when these girls piled into cars and sped away through the maze of traffic. If he had taken the trouble to fly eight miles to Newtonville what a strange gathering he would have seen, for of course it was none other than a rushing party! An armored Roman guarded the door, and many Roman maids and men, dressed in the latest fashions of 46 B.C., greeted the rushees. Weary, but happy, after the last "We are sorry you are going" had been sung, we all agreed that it had been a success. "Anyway," remarked one active, "we had a good time." Oh, yes, the alums were there to help in this "rushing business." Mrs. Callard opened her home to us and certainly was the "perfect hostess."

The two following days were hectic, due to last-minute rushing. Silent period was as a calm following a storm; in this case rushing was a storm of three months' duration. What joy it was a week later to pledge five of Boston University's finest! Those who proudly display the crescent are Frances Annis, '32, Lynn; Ruth Baker, '32, Dedham; Margaret Davis, '30, Jersey City, New Jersey; Ethel De Mille, '32, Newton Center; and Stella Stanchfield, '32, Milo, Maine. Their interests and honors are varied. Some are dramatic, some are French Clubbers, others are musical, and several are athletic. Stella played in *The Faraway Princess*, the Dramatic Club's fresh-

man production. Two days before Ethel was pledged she was awarded the golden Eaglet by the Newton Girl Scouts.

"But," reflects the gray pigeon, "from my cornice I see the actives doing many other things besides rushing." Yes, just last evening we were entertained by the alumnæ at their annual Christmas spread, and received the happy surprise of a gift of money for the house fund. The Boston Chapter always stands back of Delta ready to give assistance or to encourage new ideas.

Another pledge has become active. The diary says that Miriam Graham, '31, was initiated on November 21. "Mim" has been on the dorm committees for initiation and the Christmas party. She is also a member of the Dramatic Club. Kay Weldon is on the stage, too, for wasn't she the heroine of the French Club play? Gladys Morland, in addition to her duties as rushing captain and officer-judge of the afore-mentioned Dramatic Club, finds time to be the "Keeper of the Music" (librarian) of the Glee Club, and captain of one of the junior volleyball teams. In the meantime Eloise Barber amuses herself banging drums in the new Boston University Symphony Orchestra, splashing in the pool as junior swimming captain, and pushing the various balls about the gym for the class of '30.

C'est assez, n'est-ce pas? And our friend, the gray pigeon, tries to imitate the owl by wagging his head quizzically, as he murmurs, "Those Gamma Phis certainly have good times, and I guess they realize that mid-years are only two weeks away."

ELOISE A. BARBER

EPSILON—NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

FIRST PRIZE FOR HOMECOMING DECORATION

As I write *THE CRESCENT* letter this time I find it hard to believe that the year 1928 is passed, and that by the time these few words come before the public eye the new year will be well started. Time goes very fast; we are freshmen, wide-eyed and ambitious; we are juniors, at the halfway post; and then quite suddenly we graduate and become alumnæ, while new Gamma Phi's are in our places on campus, in chapter meeting. Four years of college life are a brief, precious, memorable interval of our lives. We must make the most of them.

But I grow too philosophical when there is so much news waiting to be told.

There was homecoming, with its torchlight parade, 'way back last November 3. Visitors in Evanston, Illinois, particularly those from California, sometimes remark acidly that it is the only town besides Venice to have streets always submerged in water. This of course is an exaggeration, but it did rain the night of the parade, a cold, windy rain. But we were undaunted; we shouted, sang, flashed our flashlights and waved our cheering mittens aloft in an ecstasy of "whoopee" upon our float. Our house decorations, thanks to Frances Poe, artistic sophomore, were likewise notable. We won first place again for the prettiest house, another immense silver cup to brighten our library.

Speaking of homecomings we wish to thank Omicron Chapter for their hospitality when so many of us descended upon them for the Illinois-Northwestern game.

Something important is to take place on January 29—an all Gamma Phi vaudeville. Chicago alumnæ have decided that there has been enough of bridge parties and bazaars, and that this will be a pleasing innovation. They are working hard themselves, and have also taken Epsilon in hand. Well, there is a dancing chorus, there are singers and any number of specialty acts, as well as fashion show par excellence, with Epsilon mannequins wearing the most exclusive models to be found on Michigan Avenue.

We are anticipating the affair, and think it will be a successful venture.

Our formal dinner dance this year was better than ever. It was held December 8, at the Furniture Club in Chicago, on the seventeenth floor of the Furniture Mart, one of the largest buildings in the world. Someone remarked, "They should set a good table at the Furniture Club!" They did. And of course the music was full of pep and the favors were perfect with Mary Stubbs as social chairman. And the Gamma Phi atmosphere gave the last touch to a completely enjoyable evening.

Epsilon announces the pledging of Barbara Schmidt, '31, Appleton, Wisconsin.

The last week before "collitch" closed for the Christmas holidays was a busy one. To begin with there were rumors abroad that school might be closed early on account of the flu which seized many of us in its fell clutches and was spreading rapidly. School did not close early, but the possibility kept us in suspense. Christmas shopping also had to be attended to, papers were due in every course and quizzes threatened us. Thursday evening, December 20, we had our annual Christmas party, with a Santa Claus and gifts for everyone. This was the climax.

Epsilon has made several New Year resolutions which we trust will not have been discarded by spring.

- (1) We resolve to keep the chapter house immaculate all of the time.
- (2) We resolve to eat hash for lunch cheerfully, because it is sometimes a necessary evil.
- (3) We resolve to strive for the highest scholarship average on campus.
- (4) We resolve to save the money we spend for movies and snacks between meals and buy some soft luxurious carpet for the stairs and upper hall.
- (5) We resolve to make Epsilon of Gamma Phi Beta the unrivaled leader of all the organizations on Northwestern campus.

HELEN LENEHEN

MARRIAGES

On October 8, 1928, Lucille King, '27, to Mr. Thomas Fitch, Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

On October 17, Mary Louise Fenton to Mr. Gerald B. Horton.

On October 18, Alvera Allegretti to Mr. Lawrence Haas, Phi Kappa Psi.

On December 1, Helen Kennedy, '27, to Mr. Merritte Cerkins Woodward of Chicago. At home after January 1, at 18 East Elm Street, Chicago.

ZETA

THIRTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

It does ones heart good to be able to say, "this year's pledges are the best ever!" So I propose a toast to our charming freshmen; Nancy Holcombe, Mary Phillips Wolverton, Nelle Jones, Loana Hanker, Patience Pecker, Mary Jane Buchanan, Betty Johns, Louise Hill, Sally List, Mary Powell, Gloria Thames, Nancy Conklin, Eamonia Henley.

The house party after pledging was a great success. Everyone sat around the fire with huge "I told you so" smiles, because Zeta's new daughters fitted so well in the family circle.

Zeta's thirty-fifth anniversary was celebrated in November at the Latin School. Two of the chapter's founders were back and told us of the early days in Zeta's history, and it was a real chance for the active chapter and the alumnae to get acquainted. The banquet was a jolly affair, and the tea given next day by the chapter was informal and delightful.

Last Friday evening, December 14, the freshmen gave the chapter a Christmas party at which Patience and Mary Jane proved to be very capable managers. The writer was ill and unable to attend, but from

all accounts the party was a joyful affair. Each Gamma Phi left with the love of her sisters, and the true Christmas spirit in her heart.

Mary White Chandeler has lately been initiated.

MARY BOUIS

THETA—UNIVERSITY OF DENVER

HOMECOMING PRIZE

A life full of gayety has been the lot of Theta for the past two months. Practically every week-end there has been something which demanded the attention of the entire chapter. Since Founders' Day—which seems to be a perfectly logical place to begin—we have worked, entertained, and been entertained. On that memorable day in November we tried something new for instead of having the usual celebration at the sorority house, an entire dining room was reserved at the Colburn Hotel for a formal dinner. Following the feast and usual ceremony, the eighteen clever pledges entertained us with an original song and dance and every one had a wonderful time.

The next week-end was more than busy with the university's homecoming celebration. Gamma Phi planned four lovely floats for the parade and gained much publicity. The football game was rather disheartening but at the dance which followed it was announced that Gamma Phi had won the banner for sale of tickets among all the sororities on the campus.

Soon after this, as if to repay the chapter for its work and worry over tickets and floats, the pledges issued an invitation to a formal dance at the "Spider Web Cabaret"—à la Olin Hotel. All plans for the event were deeply shrouded in secrecy until the evening of November 30, when everything was revealed. And there to our surprise was a real cabaret with its rustic tables and gingham covers surrounding the dance floor, while huge spiders spun their webs all over the room. There were several special features of entertainment given by the pledges themselves and after all was said and done it was unanimously agreed that the dance was the best yet—yes, for once the actives had to admit that the freshmen were even more clever than they. May they continue to prove so!

Early in December the Mothers' Club gave a subscription bridge party for the benefit of the chapter and within a week or so we entertained the new Chancellor's wife, Mrs. Hunter, at an informal tea. The next big event was the Christmas dance when the girls and their escorts were entertained in Mary Elizabeth Fouse's ballroom. Of course everyone was full of life and fun because classes had just been dismissed for vacation; and since we had all been good children, Santa was persuaded to drop in at the party with a gift for each guest, plus a candy cane and pop-corn ball. The Christmas spirit reigned supreme and during the next week we found ourselves wending our way to the Lodge for the annual Christmas party, at which time the house receives a gift. This year the gift took the form of much needed small articles; also the girls exchanged presents among themselves and an altogether jolly time was the result. This particular spirit also brought forth many nice donations from the mothers, for which we are duly grateful.

Another exciting bit of news is that the new Margery Reed Mayo Memorial Building on the campus has just been opened. Thanks to our dear Mrs. Verner Z. Reed, we have a beautiful building containing classrooms, offices for heads of the departments, and a fully equipped Little Theater. Proud to relate, Gwendolyn Olinger has the lead in the Drama Club play which is to be given when the building is formally dedicated. While speaking of individual honors it may be added that this fall three Gamma Phis were taken into Alpha Zeta Pi, the honorary romance language fraternity.

Now as we settle down to the work of the new semester we wish you all a Happy New Year.

LUCIA WOOD YOUNG

KAPPA—UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

MANY CAMPUS OFFICES

We, of Kappa Chapter, feel that we have started the School Year right, and now we wish a successful New Year to Gamma Phi Beta. This last quarter we have been most interested in our new pledges—what they were doing in school and in activities. Sue Gardiner made Freshman Commission, a very important position in the class. Catherine Gaines has been writing for the *Ski-U-Mah*, a campus magazine, and we look to her as our coming "literary light." Three other pledges made Aquatic—Lorene Larson, Elinor Watson, and Catherine Graham; and we are hoping that they will be doing more in athletics.

From the active chapter quite a few were elected to offices: Margaret Spence, Sophomore Commission; Olive Walker, vice-president of sophomore class; Milta Kara Jacobson, president of all Junior class in Education and therefore third in line at the Junior Ball; Mary Louise Hohn, secretary of junior Education. Also this fall Patty Stephenson again won the golf tournament for Gamma Phi. As long as Patty is playing we have no fears of losing a golf tournament.

In the first part of December the pledges gave a movie party for the actives. The walls were decorated with posters, and blue lights were everywhere. Everyone was dressed to represent her favorite actor or actress—and we all vouch for the good time they gave us.

Now with a new year and a new quarter we go back to studies. Wishing a most successful year for the CRESCENT.

ALICE RUSSELL

LAMBDA—UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

CHRISTMAS CHARITY PARTY

Washington homecoming had a special significance for Lambda this year. The Big Sisters entertained their Little Sisters with a breakfast before Washington-California game, and after the game an informal tea was held at the chapter house for the alumnae who had returned for the annual reunion.

On the eve of the Thanksgiving holidays the active chapter entertained with an informal dance. The motif was a modernistic outdoor scene. Black trees, fantastically shaped, were silhouetted on walls of dull gilded paper roofed with burnished gold leaves through which filtered shafts of blue light.

A Christmas charity party, an innovation of last year, marked the last of Lambda's social undertakings. Some thirty little children, who otherwise could not enjoy the pleasures of the Christmas season, were entertained. The appearance of Santa Claus, a peanut hunt, indoor games, story-telling, presents, and lastly refreshments were the outstanding events of the afternoon. The freshman class was in charge of the party, and through their efforts the affair was very successful.

Lambda is pleased to announce that the name of Jean Summers, a sister, is added to her list of pledges.

LOUISE BRADY

NU—UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

TWENTIETH BIRTHDAY IN NOVEMBER

Nu Chapter is beginning her twentieth year with all the enthusiasm and co-operation one could wish for. The greater part of the initiated girls re-

turned to college this year, and many of those who did not are coming back winter term. Our pledges are not so numerous as usual, but fully make up for a lack in quantity by their quality. We are planning on pledging several at the end of this term, because there are always so many girls overlooked in the first mad rush.

The pledges are: Edna Mae Boyer and Clarice Stewart from Portland; Betty Shipley from Salem, Oregon; Marianne Speer and Louise Chessman from Albany, Oregon; Dorothy Derlith from Berkeley, California; Virginia Vaughn from Hood River, Oregon; Virginia Tomkins from Cascade Locks, Oregon; and Alexis Lyle from Klamath Falls, Oregon. These girls will do big things on the campus, for already Virginia Tomkins has been elected to Thespian, Virginia Vaughn to the Glee Club, and Betty Shipley to the Amphibian swimming society. She is also secretary of the Y.W.C.A.

At the beginning of the term we had to elect a new president due to the fact that Evelyn Dew decided not to return to college this year, having been offered the position of supervisor of music in the public grammar schools here in Eugene. We were all more than proud of Evelyn but sorry to lose her as a president; however, Mary Louise Dutton is taking her place very ably.

We have had a number of social affairs already, the most prominent, of course, being the pledge dance. The idea carried out was a haunted house, and was decidedly effective. The sophomores worked hard and gave us a dance which was a success in every way. One night each week we invite guests to dinner, sometimes a fraternity, sometimes faculty or personal guests. Quite recently we gave a formal dinner for our housemother, Mrs. Stewart, inviting several members of the faculty, as well as some of Mrs. Stewart's other friends.

We are planning a big banquet and entertainment in honor of our twentieth birthday on November 24. In this way homecoming and the birthday party can be combined, making it possible for many more of the alumna to be present.

Never in the history of our chapter have the girls been striving so hard to bring up the grade average. Every device known is being tried, with the result that we are all sincerely looking forward to a cheerful future in that respect as well as in all others.

MARGARET HARBAUGH

MARRIAGES

On October 22, 1928, at Portland, Oregon, Billie Shields, Nu, '27, to Mr. Paul J. Halloway, Iowa State College.

On June 8, 1928, at Portland, Oregon, Frances Warrens, Nu, to Mr. Richard Faville, Beta Theta Pi, Stanford University.

On November 17, at Portland, Oregon, Helen Manary, Nu, '28, to Mr. Fielder Jones, United States Naval Academy.

On October 19, 1928, at Salem, Oregon, Carolyn Lambirth, Nu, '30, to Mr. Garland Simpson, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Oregon State College, '29.

On August 15, 1928, Esther Setters, Nu, '27, to Mr. George Hinckle, Phi Delta Theta, University of Oregon, '27.

On September 10, 1928, Frances Wardner, Nu, '29, to Mr. George Mansfield, University of Oregon.

On May 28, 1928, at Portland, Oregon, Jane Price, '30, to Mr. James McKonkie, Phi Gamma Delta, University of Illinois.

XI—UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO

PRIZE FOR DECORATION

Last October when we wrote our letters for the December *Crescent*, we all thought we had a wonderful crowd of pledges. Now as I write this letter among Christmas presents and nut-shells, although my system

is a little overcome by too much candy and fruitcake, my mind is very clear on this point at least—that the Gamma Phis of Xi Chapter have been doing things. In fact so many things have happened that it makes this correspondent wish that *THE CRESCENT* were a weekly publication. Soon after pledging we introduced our freshmen at the usual pledge dance. It was very informal so of course we had a wonderful time. In October we also had a reception for our housemother, Mrs. Smith, of Spokane. Then came our Founders' Day banquet which was very lovely this year. It seemed to make us feel more deeply than ever the personality of our four founders and to make us realize the love under which our sorority has grown for so many years.

November 3 was homecoming day for the University of Idaho. We lost the game but Gamma Phi received an honor which was a recompense for the defeat. We won the cup for the most attractively decorated sorority house. We were very grateful for Mary Murphy's artistic ability and for the hard work of the other members of the committee.

If you don't think our freshmen are all right just listen: For Halloween they surprised us by having the table decorated with jack-o-lanterns and other favors; then, at the Co-ed Prom, they presented such an attractive stunt that they were asked to give it at other places in own. A few days before we left for Christmas, the fattest, roundest little Santa Claus suddenly appeared at dinner staggering under a load of presents for all of us. Imagine how surprised we were when we saw our "carrot-top" pledge, Marguerite McMahon, issue from behind the Santa mask. We were all proud of our pledge from Wallace, Bertha Moore, when she took part in a one-act play put on by the Play Production class. Two of the seniors, Louise Lanielle and Estelle Pickrell, were in the all-college play in December and will probably star in more dramas this year. Another freshman, Virginia Lee Macquire, and a junior, Marjorie Bloom, do charming dances together. They have entertained at several campus affairs. We hope that the activity chart will inspire more of the girls for campus activities.

We were sorry to lose one of our pledges, Mildred Abramson, who went home following an operation, but will be back next semester.

There are several other important things to tell you if you will listen to me just a little longer. Lucille Haddock was initiated in Sigma Alpha Iota, honorary musical sorority. Kathryn West has been elected vice-president of the Spurs, honorary sophomore organization. Helen Veasey and Elizabeth Dunn were elected president and treasurer, respectively, of Winged Helmet, honorary literary fraternity. Estelle Pickrell was chosen secretary of the English Club.

We didn't want the freshmen to put us to shame so we gave them a Christmas party just before they left. They liked the stunts and the eats and the verses which accompanied the expensive (?) presents we gave them. Though we hunted the five-and-ten store for gifts, they were very much to the point just the same and I'm sure the frosh appreciated them.

Vacation will soon be over and again the lights will blink in the Gamma Phi House; while this lonely member will welcome back home all the sisters. In the meantime—

Xi Chapter wishes you all the happiest of New Years.

HELEN VEASEY

ENGAGEMENT

Virginia Angell, '29, to Mr. Stephen Blore, University of Idaho.

MARRIAGES

Pearl Tschirgi, Xi, '27, to Mr. L. Roy Chance.

Wilna Best to Mr. John Hutchins, Beta Theta Pi.

DEATH

The sincerest sympathy is extended to the family of Edla Rice, ex-'28, who died in an aeroplane crash at Pocatello, Idaho, in November.

OMICRON— UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

SECOND CHRISTMAS PARTY

With final examinations a thing of the past, we are now starting on a new semester with hopes of greater achievements, scholastically, socially, and politically. In the closing weeks of the preceeding semester, Ruth Hielman became a member of Terrapin, honorary swimming organization. Virginia Hall donned the pin of Alethenai, a literary society, and Florence Roy was elected to Phi Upsilon Omicron.

On December 15 the chapter house was gay for the second time in its brief existence, with holly and mistletoe; and the formal dinner-dance held within its walls was a merry prelude to the holiday season which followed.

Omicron was happy to welcome formally to her circle on December 17, three Gamma Phi transfers; Frances Payne and Florence Herndon, both of Sigma, and Lucy Baker of Alpha Mu.

Omicron extends to its sister chapters the hope for a most successful and happy New Year.

FLORENCE MAE CURTIS

ENGAGEMENT

Vaille Dry, Law '29, to Mr. Robert Baldwin, Law, ex-'30, Alpha Sigma Phi.

DEATH

On December 24, Ruth Perisho, '32, of Streator, Illinois, passed away suddenly. All Omicron will miss "Perry," but we realize the illusion of her going, and know that in her new-found consciousness there will be no night.

"Shall claim of death cause us to grieve
And make our courage faint or fall
Nay! Let us faith and hope receive
The rose still grows beyond the wall."

PI—UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

CHRISTMAS TEA DANCE

What a busy whirl is college life! With Christmas over and semester examinations past history, we find ourselves well numbered into the days of February. Spring is ahead! The very thought perks our spirits and if it were humanly possible to bud and blossom I am sure that some of us would do so.

The winter has been full of a number of things. In October, Elizabeth Davidson Barbour visited us and for three days we were busy with teas, buffet dinners, and fraternity meetings. Mrs. Barbour left us all with a deeper love for Gamma Phi Beta and a greater realization of the meaning of our fraternity. Also, a tremendous enthusiasm for the national convention. We have chosen our official delegate and every Pi girl and alumna who can find the means of locomotion is making plans to go to Kansas City. The cleverest posters have been arriving periodically for our bulletin board; the convention program sounds interesting; and those who are familiar with Kansas City know that it is a beautiful city in the very heart of this prairie country.

Christmas was a bustling time—snatched moments of shopping, piles of addressed Christmas cards, and ecstatic thoughts of the coming vacation. On Thursday night before vacation we celebrated our annual Christmas tree which stood tall and sparkly near the fireplace while gifts with ac-

companying lines of poetry were received each sister. Our Christmas party is traditional and memorable and it ends with the soft singing, in the flickering firelight, of some of our most loved songs. On Saturday of the week before the Christmas departure we invited our best boy friends to our annual Christmas tea dance. We had a Santa Claus with gifts for every man, and poured our Dougs, Curleys, Hyles, Winstons, Pats, Cliffs, each a cup of tea.

Initiation for the pledges is not far ahead. There is much speculation as to the date and surreptitious averaging of grades when the freshmen are in "session." In spite of their speculation no pledge knows just when the great event will take place, although they know that it comes sometime after spring house cleaning.

We are pleased to announce the pledging of Vivian Hildreth of Torrington, Wyoming.

MARGARET FULMER

ENGAGEMENT

Ruth Dimick, '29, to Mr. John Wiley, Sigma Nu.

MARRIAGE

Dorothy Supple, '26, to Mr. George Burren, architect, and graduate of Michigan State College, in Flint, Michigan, May 30, 1928.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. William Henry (Joy Schaeffer), on September 12, 1928, a daughter, Nancy Clare.

To Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ellwood (Glendoris Calbreath), November 27, 1928, a daughter.

RHO—UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

GAY TIMES

College days will soon give way to holidays; and vacation certainly seems like a fruitful oasis to us all. Work piles up to unbelievable heights and exams jump at us like giants all of the time. Jingle bells, Christmas trees, holly, and parties are still just a dream but soon they will be a reality.

In spite of all this raving about the "awfulness" of things, our bark is worse than our bite for we really haven't minded the last few months at all and we do have such good times at the house. Mrs. Barbour was with us from November 1 to 3 and we enjoyed having her so much; while the advice she gave us was surely helpful. We entertained at a tea for her which all of the alumnae attended as well as many women from Iowa City.

News for this letter is on so many various subjects that the result will be a regular hodge-podge of sentences.

The university play, *The Cradle Song*, which is to be given on December 11, 12 and 13 has three Gamma Phis in the cast—Grethen Bickel, Marguerite McConkie, and Virginia Wingert. Alice Van Law has been working on the costumes and we're all so anxious to see the performance.

Our pledges are still splendid and we are even more delighted with them as time goes on. Clara Louise Wallace made Seals, which is the women's swimming organization, Jean Schadel was pledged last week to the honorary pharmacy sorority, Kappa Epsilon; Helen Strieb, who is an active, was recently pledged to Eta Sigma Phi, the honorary Latin and Greek fraternity. In addition to all this, many Gamma Phis were taken into literary societies. Those who joined Hesperia are Virginia Wingert, Betty Lou Waggoner, Virginia Walker, Louise Purcell, Edith Vanderzyl,

Dorothy Cooper, Frances Pat Waite, and Grethen Bickel; while Erodelpians are Marion Bein, Helen Arzberger, Mary Helen Tascher and Jane Seig. Grethen Carlsen pledged Octave Thanet.

And now, to come from the sublime to the ridiculous, I must tell you about the Hobo party which the pledges gave. What a party! . . . of the terrible "tramps" that invaded our house that night, hardly a lad had shaved for a week, and they all looked more like whiskered animals than fraternity men. Some of the sisters were nothing to inspire enthusiasm, I must confess. We are having a formal this Saturday night and it sounds most alluring. The chapter house is to be decked with Christmas trees, holly, wreathes, bells and—believe it or not—mistletoe!

The night before we leave for home we are to have our annual Christmas pajama party. The pledges, who are very good at stunts, are in charge of the entertainment, and we actives furnish the food. The correspondent is to be Santa Claus and is attiring herself in a red union suit and a Santa Claus mask. Most likely we'll stay up all night long, and we'll eat, drink, be merry, while we dance to our new orthophonic of which we are so proud.

Merry Christmas to you all.

KATHERINE ANNE ATWATER

SIGMA—UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

SECOND IN TENNIQUÖITS

Our social plans were a little destroyed by the flu; for the university closed a week and a half early because of the epidemic. We had planned a kid party, a Christmas tree where each one receives a toy from Santa Claus, and after the party is over, gives the toys to the Salvation Army for the poor children, and also a Christmas party to be held in Kansas City just at the close of the holidays. We shall not be able to have these parties.

Mother Baldwin gave the chapter a beautiful silver teapot for Christmas.

We are still gaining prominence in activities and the latest is the intramurals. Gamma Phi Beta took part heartily in the tenniquöits contest and though she came out second she entered with great enthusiasm into basketball and tied the first game. Lucile Henderson, our activities chairman, has been elected secretary-treasurer in the intramural tournament.

We also have some representatives in MacDowell Club which is for the encouragement of art in various forms. Amanda Wolf was elected because of her remarkable contralto voice, and she has also been singing over the Lawrence radio station every week. Helen Almond, who is a dramatic art student was also elected to MacDowell and had the honor of being asked to hold script for the play *Hamlet*. She was liked so well that she has been asked to do the same for another dramatic art play.

Elizabeth Limbird has been elected to Pi Lambda Theta, an honorary educational fraternity, and her sister, Ruth, has been chosen chairman of Freshman Commission in Y.W.C.A.

We had two representatives in the university fashion show—Kathryn Moore and Lorene Squire. Lorene, who is one of our pledges, also has been made official photographer for the 1929 *Jayhawker* and has received considerable publicity.

There is, also, our literary province in which Eunice Wallace is always featured. Just recently she has had two poems published in the Sunday magazine section of the *Daily Kansan*.

Always in the mind of Sigma is the coming convention. We are all planning to be there and to do all we can to make it a great success.

ROSEMARY KINNEY

MARRIAGE

Harriett De Wolf, Sigma, '27, to Mr. John Alden, Phi Kappa Psi and Phi Beta Phi.

TAU—COLORADO AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

PANHELLENIC GET-TOGETHER

Holiday season and home! How we looked forward to it! Two weeks before vacation were indeed dreadful, for while in lecture class one pictured what was happening at home, and while toiling over some troublesome experiment in lab one debated on the Christmas dinner and wondered if it could excel last year's.

The week before vacation was hectic—just rush, rush, rush, and then trying to persuade the Prof that you studied. The first affair of the week came when one of the sororities on the campus came over for a Christmas party and general get-together. Our good friends brought as their gift a console set, consisting of a delicate, cut glass, amber bowl and candle sticks, tall ivory tapers, and an ivory-colored linen set. All this in Gamma Phi colors, which was exceedingly thoughtful.

The next party on the list was given for the town mothers, alumnæ, patronesses and friends. Of course there was a tree with funny little gifts, each containing an original verse—and some people are so very original! A stunt was given by our willing, dutiful, clever pledges that caused much mirth. Some people are born actors but there are others. . . . Reading and solos then followed in profusion and a general singing in which everyone took part. Eats, of course, came next and finally a collection of the funny gifts. You see we give them to the poor children in the town.

A formal dinner for those who live in the house, served by pledges out of the house, came the next day. Low whispers, pretty girls, pretty gowns, lovely housemother, gleaming silver, and soft candle-light. A delightful evening together before the separation of two whole weeks. After the dinner we all dashed off to the Christmas Cantata in the village and then when the wee sma' hours began to creep in, we went carolling. Not only the fraternities were serenaded, but the sororities too. The girls were all surprised and pleased. These little things help to create a friendlier spirit among the different sororities.

And then home, and mother and dad, and sis and brother, and grandmother, and old friends. It gives one such a warm feeling. And then there's turkey with gifts and one feels so supremely satisfied.

The New Year also brings in resolutions. Here are a few for better grades, more activities, more fine pledges, *prompt* CRESCENT correspondents, and our best for Gamma Phi.

EMMA L. WILLIS

UPSILON—HOLLINS COLLEGE

MANY CAMPUS HONORS

In the opening whirl of the New Year it is good to pause and consider how far we have come since the September CRESCENT went to press. The hectic days of rushing season ended with the real fulfillment of bid day; and though we have already sung the praise of our pledges, it is no more than human to add a rare compliment from the dean of Hollins—which was that Gamma Phi Beta pledged finer girls than any other of the six sororities on campus.

In October Upsilon had a glorious week-end at "the Cabin," which is a sacred, Panhellenic spot, several miles higher in the hills surrounding Hollins. A brown lodge among pine trees, at whose doorstep tumbles a

silver brook, spanned by a swinging bridge, is an ideal spot to spend October weather. But when there are cider and doughnuts and stories around the fire, when there are hikes through autumn woods with twenty-five kindred spirits for comrades, what more could be desired to make a week-end perfect and complete?

But in the serious side as well Gamma Phi has played its part. Between acts of the fall play, *What Every Woman Knows*, Mary Agnes Snyder was presented with the green-and-gold key of Ye Merrie Masquers, the honorary dramatic association, membership in which depends upon real merit in acting, staging, coaching, and writing plays. At the annual junior-freshman party, Helen Weaver, Alys Lavinder, Frances Stoakley and Mary White took active part in the stunts. Alys Lavinder has also been appointed secretary of the Hollins Book Club. Early in December, Alice Robinson, Student Government president at Hollins, was elected representative of the college to the annual Student Government Convention, held this year at the University of Missouri. Imagine "Bobbie's" pleasure when she found that the S.G.A. president at Missouri is another Gamma Phi.

Just before the holidays began, the annual Christmas pageant was presented in the Little Theater. This year Frances Stoakley was co-author of the pageant, which (and even co-authors can blush!) the authorities pronounced the most effective in several years.

High on the list of our new year endeavors is the resolve to make Gamma Phi very proud of Upsilon Chapter.

FRANCES STOKLEY

PHI—WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

HIGH CAMPUS STANDING

Whether *THE CRESCENT* correspondent has a prophetic nature or whether she has an abundance of womanly intuition, Phi Chapter has thus far fulfilled every expectation for a successful year.

We are still excited over initiation which was held recently. To the already impressive ceremony was added the radiant and charming personality of our national president, Mrs. Barbour. Her visit to our chapter came as a help and inspiration combined with a joy and pleasure. The girls whom we have added to our chapter roll are: Alice Brokaw, Marjorie Chopin, Helene Grolach, Cornelia Krell, Antoinette Meyer, Cecile Mitchell, Virginia MacCarthy, and Gladys Stamm. We feel that these accomplished girls will enhance still further the value of our chapter's standing on this campus.

Both pledges and actives are working hard and there are many things to show for it. Fifteen of our energetic pledges have made *The Hatchet*, Washington University's yearbook; seven of the girls are working on *Student Life*, our bi-weekly campus publication; ten girls have been active in Little Theater. The semi-annual had as its assistant director Alice Brokaw, while June Nagel carried an important feminine part. Alice has recently been pledged to Alpha Psi Omega, an honorary dramatic fraternity, because of her outstanding work on the campus. Ten girls are Glee Club members and four have been taking parts in Chapel Choir concerts. Two of our pledges are Thyrsus members, a dramatic organization; Margaret Schraeder has made Ken-Mair, a debating society; Gladys Stamm and Ray Culler are members of Alpha Zeta Pi, honorary Romance language fraternity. Gladys Stamm and Doris Kulmier are new members of Kappa Beta Pi, an international law fraternity, Gamma Phi has done active work in having chairman of committees in Y.W.C.A. and League of Women Voters. Athletics hold the interest of a great many of our members. Wilma Moran was elected captain of the freshman soccer team; Marjorie Ball and Betty Schall were elected to Peppers, a Women's pep

organization which lends support to every game, Quadwrangle Club is working on its spring production a musical comedy, *Ship Ahoy*, in which Ruth Waulbauer plays one of the leading rôles. Elizabeth Flynn and Sylvia Klienschmidt are in the special chorus and several girls are in the big chorus. All these things help to show our every effort to make Phi a well balanced chapter.

The holidays mean the climax of social events and the pledges are entertaining the actives at a dance given at one of the St. Louis country clubs.

May the New Year be filled with success and happiness for girls of Gamma Phi Beta.

FLORENCE KINGSBURY

BIRTH

To Katherine Reeves Huer, a daughter, Nancy Lee.

OMEGA—IOWA STATE COLLEGE

FIVE MORE PLEDGES

After the first big week of pre-college rushing this fall, a six-weeks' silence was dropped on such activities, while Ames' eleven sororities all waited restlessly, anxious for the time when they could again compete for the desirable girls they in the meantime had found. November 6 marked both the breaking of the silence, and the beginning of an unusually exciting rushing season. But Omega has kept her colors high during the contest, and we now have added to our seventeen pledges of last fall, five more very promising girls. They are: Coella Correll, of Adair; Ethel Davidson, of Ames; Gladys Lovelein, of Humboldt; Kathryn Misbach, of Algona; and Sybil Tincknell, of Alta.

Our Gertrude Shell has added to her lengthy list of honors one more—that of state president of the students' Home Economics Club. And the marked capability of Sarah Jane Hess has gained for her a place on the Central Veisha committee. Veisha, you see, is a very important occurrence on the college calendar. Three days are laid aside in the springtime during which each department in the college puts forth its best efforts to exhibit the accomplishments it has attained. And the whole campus is bedecked in true holiday colors. No wonder we have been unusually nice to "Sally" for getting herself this position.

We have been happy over the initiation of Gladys Stickford, of Montecello. Next quarter she will be with us in the house to aid in keeping the sisters in good humor.

Gale Latimer, our president, is attending Merrill-Palmer school at Detroit during winter quarters.

And now we are looking forward to three events of especial note: our annual bazaar, our traditional Christmas party for our pledges, and our well-earned Yuletide vacation!

HELEN ANN THOMAS

ALPHA ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

FOURTEEN PLEDGES

Satisfaction is a very worthy state of mind in which to be, as long as it does not degenerate into smugness. We of Alpha Alpha Chapter feel that we have every reason to be satisfied and we are doing our best not to grow smug. But it is rather difficult to achieve the happy medium when, now that the rushing season is over and done, we contemplate the long list of pledges who constitute the reward for our efforts. Indeed, we have no desire to envy any chapter on the campus and we rather suspect that they envy us. At least, they ought to if they do not feel that way about it.

On the evening of October 24 we gathered at Edith Merrill's house for the ceremony of pledging. The rooms were full of strange whisperings and the sound of scurrying feet as we made preparations for the great event. At last all was in readiness. One by one our new sisters were led down the stairs to the room where we were gathered, until at length, in the friendly light of candles, each had taken her place in the circle of our sisterhood. To strengthen fluttering nerves and calm excited hearts, we brought the evening to a close with an hour of talk, laughter, and music, after which we departed to our homes with a feeling of confidence that another auspicious beginning had been made for Alpha Alpha.

By way of introduction to their fellow-sisters of other chapters, the names of our pledges are as follows:

Ena Boon, Margaret Dods, Betty Doran, Rose Frame, Helen Henry, Nora Henry, Jean MacKechnie, Marion Orr, Marjorie Phillips, Margaret Raw, Mary Simpson, Mary Sinclair, Marion Wallace, Ruth Wythe.

In addition to the fourteen of our own chapter, we pledged also Lillian Hodgins, a graduate of the University of British Columbia and a member of the local sorority recently nationalized to become Alpha Lambda Chapter of Gamma Phi Beta.

Shortly after pledging, in order to make our new sisters feel quite welcome and to show them that sorority life means something more than washing the dishes after supper party or learning the chapter roll, we held a tea at the apartment to which each sorority mother brought her daughter. It was very delightful to sit and talk over all our impressions of college, our favorite professor, and our most difficult subjects. Never had two hours seemed so short nor conflicting engagements more unwelcome.

Our next important undertaking was a rummage sale which we held in a vacant store in the northwest section of the city. Although the door was not to be opened to purchasers until one o'clock, an eager half dozen individuals were gathered two hours before the appointed time with faces pressed against the glass and eyes fastened upon the handsome merchandise. It was most disconcerting to glance up from the task at hand to find oneself the object of so searching, if friendly a gaze. We owe a great deal of the success of the venture to the assistance of Mrs. Copp, Mrs. Leitch, and Mrs. Phillips, who helped us in our planning and selling, out of their experience in the ways of rummage sales.

On Saturday, December 15, we held a tea for our graduates at the apartment. We always feel that we ought to see more of them; but when they and we are both so busy, it is difficult to accomplish this. However a tea at which we all may gather is certainly a step towards the desired end, and especially a tea in the gloomy weather of early winter when our little living room, lit by softly shaded lamps, forms such a pleasant contrast to the dusty streets outside.

The thought now uppermost in our minds is that of the coming reopening of term. With the new term will come, at the end of January, initiation with all the inspiration it brings to new and old members alike. We, as sorority, are to be called upon, along with all the other sororities of the campus, to make some contribution to the fund for the new Women's Building which our college so badly needs. We shall have to put our wits to work to discover the best plan for this. But with our stronger circle of sisters, we are assured of a successful new year of achievement.

CONSTANCE SHIELL

ALPHA BETA—UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA

ANOTHER GAMMA PHOIBLES

Already it is January, and until the first semester is over most of us are wondering—about exams. Although our finals are not far distant, we

have begun practicing for *The Gamma Phoibles of 1929* to be given at the annual production of the Flickertail Follies. Having won three out of four years, we've established a record that simply must not be broken even though it's said, "Three times and out!"

Then, of course, every noon we are rushing to Carney song practice. Members of each class insist their songs are by far the peppiest. If the Gamma Phis in any class keep perfect attendance it means another cup for our mantel, so here's hoping.

Three of our commercial busy bodies have been elected members of an honorary commerce fraternity, Phi Chi Theta. They are Betty McQue, Catharine McKinnon, and Dorothy Elken. Lila Argue has been asked to join Pi Lambda Theta, national educational fraternity, and Quo Vadis, honorary senior society. Jessie De Puy, who has been chosen president of Zeta Phi Eta and Panhellenic organizations, was also initiated into Quo Vadis.

Practice for intramural basketball begins soon, Lila Argue, Ione Haagenzen, Marguerite Messenger, and Connie Bangert all played well on class teams during the class tournament, so we expect much from them. Connie has proved to be very industrious for she won the cup for the largest number of sales of our yearbook too.

Because of ill health Mrs. McTiggert was unable to stay with us; so we have a new housemother, Mrs. Evans. She handles everything splendidly and the girls enjoy her very much.

Along dramatic lines, Marjorie Gray, our little black-haired junior, has been acting in the Playmaker production, *Arabian Nights*. Monica West, one of our pledges, has been placed on the Junior Prom committee.

IONE CLAIRE HAAGENSEN

BIRTH

To Mr. and Mrs. Paul Vaaler (Thelma Thoreson), a daughter.

ALPHA GAMMA—UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA

FIRST PLACE IN HOMECOMING PARADE

"So here's to Gamma Phi Beta!" Yes, that's what we've been singing all semester, and it's no wonder, for aren't we the happiest, heartiest house of girls that ever overflowed through windows, doors, and hallways? Truly, everything seems almost too good to be true, and we're just beginning to wonder if it can possibly last forever! In the first place we have a perfect treasure of a new housemother—Miss Schmidt, from North Dakota—and ten of the dearest pledges that ever disturbed the routine of a perfectly normal sorority house. First of all, there are three girls from Topopah; May Virch, Virginia Garside and Jane Harcourt; Marion Stone from Berkeley; Frances Armbruster, Anne Gregory, Margaret Walts, Virginia Kirkley, and Inez Walker, from Reno; and Grace Mahoney, from San Francisco. We expected much from them and we certainly haven't been disappointed—for, before we knew it, Virginia Kirkley and Frances Armbruster had been appointed on *Desert Wolf* staff, Marion Stone, Virginia Garside, and Anne Gregory had made the *Sagebrush* staff (weekly college paper); and when the end of the semester came, Marion Stone was elected vice-president of the Freshman class.

Homecoming week was one of the highlights of the semester, and in the big Homecoming Day Parade, in which every organization entered a float, Gamma Phi Beta carried off the honors. This is the third year in succession that Gamma Phi has been awarded first place for having the best float in the annual parade; and this time she brought home the big silver loving cup as a permanent adornment. Her success in the *Wolves' Frolic*, that night, was no less, when her "Purity" chorus in the musical comedy tripped blithely forth to do a song and dance. The alumnæ luncheon on

Saturday completed the festivities, and the house was filled to overflowing with all the returning alums.

Perhaps the only flaw in our happiness was the graduation of Frances Gorman whom we initiated in November.

With the end of the semester came elections, and we were all delighted when Loretta Miller made Phi Kappa Phi, national scholastic honor society. Barbara Horton became news editor of the *Sagebrush*, and also was elected to Campus Players, the dramatic society. At this election we discovered that Gamma Phi held both women's offices; for Helen Mahoney was vice-president, and Inez Loomis, secretary. Also, on the *Artemisia* Staff, college yearbook, Maryemma Taylor was made assistant business manager.

On December 7, the Mask and Dagger, dramatic honor society, installed a chapter at the University of Nevada. Two of the members from the University of California, came up to install the chapter, and used our house for the installation. There were six women and six men selected for the new society, and two of the six women were Gamma Phis—Helen Mahoney, and Peggy Smith. We were all ever so proud of Helen that night, when she played one of the feminine leads in the campus production, *He Who Gets Slapped*, by Andreyer. On the production staff for this play, five of our girls had important positions; Inez Loomis, Romayne Foley, Barbara Horton, Virginia Garside, and Peggy Smith.

It was just about this time that we heard of the birth of a son to Lillian Pierce Boynton, one of our alums.

Our Muffin Worry and Christmas party ended the semester, and the house was filled with the smell of fir branches, with great baskets of red berries and with mistletoe, and tall slender, red candles. Monogrammed China from our pledges, monogrammed forks from our alums, and the very finest of Madeira napkins from our Mother's Club, were only a part of all the lovely Christmas presents we received. Truly, it was the end of a perfect semester!

PEGGY SMITH

ALPHA DELTA—UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI

HOUSEWARMING

One of the most important things Alpha Delta has to relate is her housewarming; and this event was made doubly exciting by the visit of Mrs. Barbour. October 27 was the day, and how many beautiful presents we received from the different groups and friends on the campus—pictures, silver bread and cake trays, vases, flowers—a thrill that comes but once in a life time. How proud we were to show our new home and even prouder to introduce our national president to everyone.

The next week, on November 2, we entertained our pledges with a dance—one that was all mystic and Venetian.

On November 11 we held our Founders' Day banquet at Columbia's new hotel, the Tiger. How impressive it was! To think that Gamma Phi Beta was fifty-four years old and that all over the country other Gamma Phis were celebrating and honoring our sorority in some way. It brought closer than ever to our hearts the true significance and meaning of Gamma Phi Beta.

Winifred Douglass still continues to be our leading lady. December 5 she played in *The Swan*, and a more beautiful *Swan* would be difficult to find.

Elizabeth Ahrens continues to add laurels to her name, for now she has been elected to Kappa Tau Alpha, the highest honor of the journalism school.

And when you consider that only four senior women are elected each

year to L. S. V. you can understand how proud we are that Mary Ellen Hubbard has won this honor.

Two new pledges have been added to our fold. They are Claire Jones of Chanute, Kansas, and Jean Stuerke of Sweet Springs, Missouri. And on December 8 we initiated six girls—Annie Lee Daniel, House Heinlein, Mary Katherine Kinsey, Elizabeth McDaniel, Mary Gene Saxe, Sara Weeks.

We might have had more to tell you since we had plans for a dance December 14 but college was unexpectedly dismissed two weeks earlier on account of the "flu" epidemic.

1928 is almost over, but when the CRESCENT Correspondent stops to consider all the wonderful things that the past year has brought, her hopes and dreams for Gamma Phi Beta grow higher and higher.

ADELINE MCBURNEY

BIRTH

To Mr. and Mrs. Glenn O. Wallace (Pauline Dalton), on December 6, 1928, a daughter, Joan. Mr. and Mrs. Wallace are residing at 113 W. Sycamore Street, Wewoka, Oklahoma.

ALPHA ZETA—UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

"THE NEW MOON"

From Phoebe's Phantom Burglar to Weddings on the High Seas, from Campus Politics to Christmas Parties—Alpha Zeta has certainly run the gamut of adventurous activities this fall. Polly Ferstch is wearing a Sigma Nu pin; Courtney Ward is secretary-treasurer of the freshman P. E. majors and represented Gamma Phi Beta in the golf tournament; Bobbie Branch Coulter has a baby girl and so has Edwina Duer Williams; and Eva Belle. . . .

"The ceremony was performed by Captain W. C. Renault of the ship, who tendered them a reception after the ceremony. The bride was attired in her mother's wedding gown of ivory Chantilly lace and her veil was of illusion, fastened with a bandeau of orange blossoms. Mr. Klipsch and his bride will make their home in Tocopilla, Chile, South America, where he is junior electrical engineer of the Anglo-Chilean Consolidated Nitrate Corporation."

And that's how Eva Belle Huling-Quaid's marriage to Paul Wilbur Klipsch was solemnized on the high seas aboard the S.S. *Santa Barbara*, somewhere between Iquique and Tocopilla, Chile.

When Phi Beta Kappa announced the Junior Five for this year, Loraine Deckerd of Alpha Zeta led all the rest. She is the only girl who made Junior Five—and a physics major at that! Loraine is also an assistant in the physics department.

At the first meeting of the new Students' Assembly this fall, Nancy Brandenburg (the second Gamma Phi elected to that body this year!) was unanimously made head of the All-University committee on music organizations.

Although the week-end of the S.M.U.—Texas game was not officially homecoming, many of the Alpha Zeta girls of other days dropped in to see us. Among them were Mary Lyle Vincent, Edna Maye Caldwell, Mary Frank Smith, and Jean Pomeroy. Among the mothers who favored us were Mrs. Weymouth, Mrs. Sellers, Mrs. Hume, and Mrs. Smith. Mrs. Weymouth sent us a dozen lovely pink carnations and Mrs. Hume brought us a box of candy. Sunday afternoon Alpha Zeta entertained with another successful open house.

Then Helen Boysen gave her famous "family party," honoring all her chapter children and grand-children and greatest grand-children. The quaint treasures from Germany, the buffet supper, the fascinating games,

and best of all, the Gamma Phi songs we sang together, made it an evening long to be remembered.

Then, before we knew it, it was time to get our Thanksgiving plans in order for homecoming—and to publish the first issue of *The New Moon*, Alpha Zeta's chapter paper. (Whenever a Gamma Phi sees a crescent moon over her shoulder, she knows that before very long, a copy of "*The New Moon*" will pop itself into her mail-box; that is, if she is an Alpha Zeta Gamma Phi. We want to get copies to all the Gamma Phis in Texas, whether from Alpha Zeta or not, and are eager to add their names to our mailing list. Let us know your address. The first issue carried insistent invitations for all Gamma Phi Betas to visit us during Thanksgiving and to be present at the homecoming banquet. The editorial staff, to quote from *The New Moon*, is composed of Think-er-up, Mrs. Steck; Godmother, Florence Weymouth; General Flunkey, Virginia Montague; Guiding Star, Dorothy Ellen Shivers; Little Sunshine, Janet Ann Carter.

They came, they saw, they conquered, did these Gamma Phis of other days! Not all of them could stay for the entire week-end, but it was a joy to have them dash in for even fifteen minutes. The banquet was the biggest and best we have ever had, quite filling the Crystal Ballroom of the Driskill Hotel. The theme was the Alpha Zeta house, past, present, and future. Several doll-size houses provoked laughing memories of the old house on Wichita, the one at Rio Grande and twenty-fourth, and the present house on Nueces, as well as inspiring definite plans for the glorious Gamma Phi house of the future.

Thanksgiving night Alpha Zeta again entertained with an open house, this time honoring the visiting alumnæ and their families and friends. A complete list of the Gamma Phis who came back for the occasion is not available but among them were Doris Lea, Dr. Nan L. Gilkerson, Gladys Miller Morgan, Edwina Duer Williams, Rebecca McCrary, Aileen Burns, Dr. Maudie Marie Burns, Agnes Carpenter of Arizona, Mary Steussy Gray, Elsa Erler, Katherine Shipp, Elizabeth Cravens, Hortense Warner Ward, Lola Posey Williford, Martha Chamness, and Mary Buckner Shaw. It is whispered that both Aileen Burns and Dr. Nan L. Gilkerson are to be married during the holidays.

The November issue of the *Loughorn*, Texas University literary magazine, carried some of the Eva Beth Seller's delightful poetry, and the editor says that there will be more in other issues. Virginia Montague had a short sketch in the December number.

The benefit bridge at the Driskill was handicapped by bad weather and the influenza epidemic, but Alpha Zeta's profit is quite plump just the same.

At the Christmas party the pledges presented *The Birds' Christmas Carol*, and because they were such good little pledges, Santa Claus rewarded them accordingly at the tree which followed the party. Their gift to the house this year consisted of a magazine rack, a flower stand, an aquarium, and several convenient cigarette stands—so that the nonchalant boy friends will cease to drop ashes on the rugs with the casual remark that they are "keeping the moths away."

Alpha Zeta announces the pledging of Sylvia Anderson of Milwaukee.
VIRGINIA MONTAGUE

MARRIAGE

Eva Belle Huling-Quaid to Mr. Paul Wilbur Klipsch, December 8, 1928.
At home, Tocopilla, Chile, South America.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Coulter (Bobbie Branch, '27), a girl.
To Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Williams (Edwina Duer), a girl.

ALPHA ETA—OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

PANHELLENIC CONCLAVE

Alpha Eta was most fortunate in having Mrs. Barbour and Alice Dibble, as her guests for a local Panhellenic Conclave at Delaware, Ohio. Mrs. Barbour and Alice were with us the week-end of December 7-9 and we enjoyed every minute of their visit. The conclave opened with a banquet Friday night, at Edward's gym. Saturday was filled with conferences and talks by various sorority and fraternity presidents. Mrs. Barbour addressed the sorority pledges Saturday morning, with a talk on "What a Sorority Should Mean to Me." A tea was given in the alumni parlors for our guests at four on Saturday afternoon. That night there was a big "Greek Swing-Out" at the Armory. Sunday's church services at Gray Chapel closed the conclave.

We were very sorry when our guests departed but perhaps we can see them at convention in June.

Founders' Day was celebrated by a banquet at Polly Inn and our talented pledges performed for us. We wish that we could take them to convention where you all could enjoy their cleverness. The Columbus Alumnae Chapter sent several delegates including Mrs. Warren Sisson, Bertha Schneider, Mrs. Salmon, and Sadie Harbarger. Mrs. Merrill Jacques (Heloise Davis), of Dayton, was also an out-of-town guest.

Our Christmas dance was postponed until after the holidays because of lack of time. Our formal will take place January 12 at the Allen Hotel.

Mary Margaret Edwards has brought new honors to our group by being selected as Ohio Wesleyan University's delegate to an inter-state oratorical contest. She has also been chosen to take a part in *Mr. Pim Passes By*, which will be given early next year.

Our pledges have been very busy and "Ginny" Madden and "Ginny" Schauer made the freshmen debate squad. Alice Dougherty is a member of the Freshmen Players. Hecky De Voss has been lectured to the Swimmer's Club. Marie Felton is in the Singer's Club which gave a Christmas pageant on our campus, December 19. We may hold initiation for some of our pledges soon after the beginning of the new year. Mary Whitney, sister of Kay, our last year's president, is president of our preps.

Our bowling team, composed of Helen Downing, Dot La Cour, Charla Welsh, Dot Chesley, Mary Louise Selby, and Eleanor Barber, is very good and we've quite a few victories to our credit.

Norma Nelson, '27, and Florence Merrill, ex-'29, are both working in New York; Norma at Macy's and Florence at the A.T. and T., 195 Broadway.

Just before Thanksgiving our able social committee consisting of the Lowry twins, Dot Chesley, and Fran Boyd, conceived the idea of a party for our pledges. We had a supper-bridge at the Lowry twins' home in Delaware.

Mary Lou Selby, of Lakewood, is leaving us in January, as her education will be completed at that time. We certainly shall miss her and we hope she'll pay us visits very often.

The Cleveland alums are planning a Christmas luncheon on December 28. As we have quite a few Cleveland girls in our chapter, we know we shall be well represented.

Ruth Stephens returned to Delaware after spending two months with her brother in Tulsa, Oklahoma. She will return there after the holiday season.

ALPHA THETA—VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

DELAYED RUSHING

Everything in Vanderbilt is in a turmoil. Everybody is in a rush. Exams upset everyone's equilibrium and this year it is especially bad. We had delayed rushing for the first time on the campus—delayed until after the midterm exams. Its object was to help the scholarship, for it was thought that by so delaying the rushing that everyone would get a better start. This goal was never reached by most of us. We were merely kept in a state of suspense until rushing started—now, after it is over it is too late to make up all the work that we have neglected. Rushing began on November 15 and lasted a week; and Alpha Theta's teas seemed to be a success since we have a fine band of freshman. They have already taken their places on the campus as *individuals* and are no longer considered as merely new girls. Martha Eatherly has been invited to join Three Arts, a musical and artistic club, composed of junior and senior girls whose members are chosen in tryouts held by the club. There were fifteen candidates this year and only three were accepted; so we are unusually proud of Martha. Mary Elizabeth Dale has made Co-Editors, a freshman-sophomore literary club; and Elizabeth Lackey has been elected to the Y.W.C.A. cabinet of which Carremaye is president. Mary Louise Nooe and Lila Lipscomb are also on the Y cabinet.

Just before rushing began—on November 12—Alpha Theta had a very impressive Founders' Day service. Marguerite Glidden, our initiation chairman wrote it and it was quite the loveliest that we have ever had.

Alpha Theta has had a very exceptional honor. Martha Ragsdale received her M.A. last year, and her thesis, which was written on the "National Origins Plan of Immigration Restriction," has been published. Robert D. C. Ward wrote, "Miss Martha Ragsdale of Vanderbilt University has written an excellent discussion of 'The National Origins Plan of Immigration Restriction.'" This is the only thesis of Vanderbilt that has ever been published.

On November 25 we had a tea for the freshmen and a Promise Service at which the freshmen chose their mothers. On the following Sunday, December 2, pledge service was held.

On December 6 we introduced the freshmen to "society" by an open house. It seemed to be quite a success.

Alice Dibble is with us and we are enjoying her visit a great deal. And—Oh, yes,—We hope that we all shall pass!

CHARLOTTE CALDWELL

PLEDGES

- Martha Fatherly, 1706 Beechwood Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee.
- Julia Gibson, 1404 Gartland Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee.
- Mary James Crockett, 612 West End, Franklin, Tennessee.
- Mary Elizabeth Dale, 1005 Franklin Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee.
- Alma Louise Dews, 2 Douglas Apartments, Louise Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee.
- Elizabeth Lackey, 2002 Blakemore Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee.
- Rosa May Butler, 111 Stewart Street, Providence, Kentucky.
- Margaret Cram, 240 Garland Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee.
- Kitty Montgomery, 205 South Monroe Street, Sturges, Michigan.
- Novice Graves, Scottsville, Kentucky.
- Helen Fisher, 203 Gallatin Road, Nashville, Tennessee.

ALPHA LAMBDA—UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

CHAPTER ROOM

Alpha Lambda has only recently recovered from the annual plague of Christmas examinations, and it is a relief to be able to forget them for

a little while and to look back on all the pleasant things that happened to us during the last three months.

It has been a very busy term for us, for we have had to adjust ourselves to our new dignity of being Gamma Phis, of being able to hold formal chapter meetings, and above all, of initiating our pledges into all the privileges of the sorority. We held our first initiation ceremony on November 24, and we are relieved to report that in spite of our preliminary anxiety, it was most successful. It was preceded by a dance held in honor of the pledges.

Our chief activity this term has been the furnishing of a chapter room at the home of Margaret Grant. We spent a very busy week purloining all the furniture our families didn't want, making curtains and cushions, and painting chairs and tables, until we felt like professional decorators. We rented a piano, and with the addition of the various other donations, we have managed to make a chapter room where we enjoy holding our meetings and parties, and where we are proud to be able to take our guests.

We had our first inspection early in November, when Miss Locke and Mrs. Patterson spent the week-end with us. Mrs. Reid kindly loaned us her home for a tea, so we were able to introduce all our girls to our guests.

We have not been able to hold as many rushing parties as we planned, but we have managed to have several small teas which have been most successful; and our most important rushing event of the year, when we take several girls with us on the Victoria invasion, will take place next week-end. We are confident that in our next letter we shall be able to report the pledging of three or four new members of Gamma Phi Beta.

DOROTHY PATTERSON

ALPHA MU—ROLLINS COLLEGE

LITERARY LIGHTS

Now that we've elected Hoover, we can settle back in a comfortable rocker for a while and just rest. Alpha Mu is perfectly satisfied to "hooverize" with the exception of Camille Beach and Dorothy Emerson. Camille has laid Al Smith's picture away in lavender and now wanders aimlessly about the house, softly humming, "Among My Souvenirs." Dot Emerson would undoubtedly have composed a fiery epic dealing with the merits of dear old Al, had she not been rudely interrupted by the announcement that she had received honorable mention in the Witter Byner Undergraduate Contest for College Students for 1928.

Which reminds us that Alpha Mu appears to be continually in the literary spotlight here. Dot's achievement was the first of many victories for her chapter in the line of creative writing. Next she and Boots Weston were elected associate editors to the *Flamingo*, that well-known "magazine of the younger generation" which has received so many compliments from the director of the New York Public Library, from Dr. Orton Lowe, and from many others. So now Dot and Boots occupy the only positions on the *Flamingo* staff held by women. These two have also been invited several times to talk on creative writing at Rollins and to read their own poems. After appearing at both the Sorosis Club and the Poetry Society of Orlando within a week, they feel like professional performers. They say that only a contract on Broadway will satisfy them now. However their next engagement is scheduled at the Monteverde School sometime in January. And another thing—of the twelve new members elected to the Rollins Literary Society this year, half of them are Gamma Phis. Not a bad percentage, say we.

We were tremendously excited on Gargoyle Day—a very secret literary society is Gargoyle—when the Gargoyle speaker in chapel turned out to be

our own Grace Richmond. Immediately after her talk, all the Alpha Mus tore up to give her the "grip" and exchange Pi Kappa Epsilon. It was a very happy reunion and one that will probably be repeated in the near future as we hope to have Grace Richmond with us again when we entertain the foreign students.

And we certainly were proud of our Helen Moore when she gave her piano recital in December. All the music-lovers of Orlando and Winter Park turned out for the event and not a single one regretted it. In fact, all the Alpha Mus were kept occupied for a week afterward in transmitting to Miss Moore the numerous compliments overheard about town. These extended from expressions of enjoyment and appreciation to statements declaring her to be greater than Paderewski. That last is taken verbatim.

By the way, the house has taken on quite a superior air since it found itself the receiver of so many fine Christmas gifts. The fireplace was especially honored as Miss Moore presented it with a pair of andirons while an alumna sent a beautiful wood basket. An official of the college—his name must be kept a dark secret however—also brought Christmas cheer in the form of a much-desired Grecian lamp. Christmas really should come at the end of each term instead of at the end of each year, don't you think?

Alpha Mu has had tremendous respect for herself ever since she was entertained by the Panhellenic Association of Orlando. The tea gave her the opportunity to establish contact with numerous national sorority members, and likewise to affiliate herself—partially at least—with National Panhellenic. Several Alpha Mus attended the Panhellenic luncheon in Orlando during the Christmas holidays.

And now at last we have worked down to our pledges. Alpha Mu emerged triumphant from the turmoil and fray of rushing with six fine freshmen. All are girls who take an interest in the various Rollins activities, and all will be valuable additions to the ranks of Alpha Mu. (It is a fortunate thing that they will not read this until after initiation, or they might no longer be willing to clean the house and mend our hose.) The names of the pledges are: Louise Shinn of Miami, Florida, who has had a play produced, by the way; Grace Cardwell of Grand Rapids, Michigan, who is a cellist in the Orlando-Winter Park Symphony Orchestra; Harriet Van Dame of Sarasota, Florida; Virginia Ralston of Miami, Florida; Margaret Chapmen of Newton, Massachusetts; and Virginia Richardson of Winter Park, Florida.

The pledges immediately showed their initiative by entertaining the pledges of the other three sororities with a waffle breakfast at the Gamma Phi Beta house. From the appearance of the house when the "old regulars" returned, the youngsters must have had a rip-roaring good time.

And believe it or not, the Rollinsites have presented us with a nickname. We are now known on the campus as the "Jimmy Fees." Like it?

STELLA WESTON

DELINQUENT ALUMNÆ CHAPTERS

Baltimore—Mrs. S. E. Emmons.

Reno—Mrs. Robert P. Farrar.

St. Louis—Mrs. George Hetlage.

Toronto—Lois A. Poyntz.

Vancouver—Mrs. Ruth Ann Strong.

ANN ARBOR LETTER

Unusually lovely was the tea given on November 11 at the chapter house, when the active chapter and the Detroit and Ann Arbor Alumnæ Chapters

jointly celebrated Founders' Day. The meeting was purely a social one and the eagerness with which old friends met more than made this gathering a success. The afternoon was further enlivened by the singing of old Gamma Phi songs with Mrs. Douglas as the accompanist. Later tea was served with Mrs. Ella Anderson presiding at the tea table.

At the regular monthly meeting held at the home of Mrs. Kathleen Wagner on November 20 the members of the *alumnæ* had the extreme pleasure of meeting Mrs. Borland, visiting delegate from the national office. Among the many constructive ideas which Mrs. Borland recommended were several which had already been giving the chapter food for serious thought—one being the enlargement of the chapter house and by such a course making a larger membership possible.

Among the holiday festivities was a Christmas party given for the *alumnæ* by the active chapter. It was a delightful one and was greatly enjoyed by all of the *alumnæ*.

KATHERINE B. MUSTARD

BIRTH

To Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth Davenport (Florence Pittelco, Beta), on December 24, 1928, a son, William Kirk.

BOSTON

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Due to the ignorance of the newly elected CRESCENT correspondent, no letter was sent from Boston for the last issue of THE CRESCENT. We trust that this will not happen again.

Boston Chapter has been very busy this season working out a program with the purpose of aiding the active chapter, Delta, as much as possible. The *alumnæ* have agreed to raise a certain amount each month to be turned over to Delta.

The first general meeting of the chapter was held at the sorority apartment on November 1. This meeting gave us the opportunity to meet the active girls and to formulate plans for fall activities.

Harriet Ross Willeutt held a Christmas Fair at her home in Wellesley for a week during the latter part of November. It was well patronized by girls from Wellesley College, Dana Hall, Pine Manor, and other schools in the vicinity, and the proceeds of the sale went to Delta's treasury.

The executive board has found that a supper meeting is usually successful in gathering the officers together for a brief business meeting. Business is carried on between courses and over the coffee cups. Board members can come directly from office or class to supper and meeting and yet have the evening free for other engagements. Our first supper meeting was held December 6 at the Hub Club to arrange for the Christmas Party.

The Christmas Party is very dear to the *alumnæ* and always brings forth a large number of Delta graduates. The active girls are our guests at this party and we try to fill a Christmas stocking for their ever present needs. This year we met at the Hotel Brunswick, December 27. There was bridge in the afternoon for those who wished to play and later supper for all. Over fifty active and *alumnæ* members were present.

We are planning an afternoon bridge for January 19, and an evening bridge for March 12. Further details of these in the next Boston letter.

VIRGINIA TURNBULL

MARRIAGES

On September 11, 1928, at Wollaston, Massachusetts, Olive Prout, Delta, '25, to Mr. Addison Dingwall, Tufts, '26.

On December 22, 1928, Ruth Chandler, Delta, '27, to the Reverend Robie Rushton.

In April, 1928, Helen Ropes, Delta, ex-'28, to Dr. Lawrence J. Obrey.

On August 14, 1928, Ruth Fraser Tobey, Delta, '21, to Dr. Wilbert Lindquist.

On October 2, 1928, Lucia Ryder, Delta, ex-'26, to Mr. Albert M. Stolte, M.I.T., '26.

In September, 1928, Juliette Lemay, Delta, '19, to Mr. Frank Dewey.

BIRTH

To Dr. and Mrs. Heber Teney (Mildred Cheney, Delta, '19), on December 12, 1928, a daughter.

CHICAGO

GAMMA PHI VODEVIL

Chicago alumnae who attended the December meeting and luncheon at the Palmer House were very much entertained and instructed by hearing Miss Helen Bennett the originator and director of the Women's World's Fair of Chicago. A feature of most of the meetings in the future is to have some well known and able speaker. The November meeting was omitted and Founders' Day Tea was held in its place. It was a lovely affair at the Epsilon chapter house and there was a goodly number who gathered from all parts of the city for an enjoyable afternoon.

To reflect and spread a little Christmas cheer the Chicago alumnae adopted a family for the holiday time. There were six children ranging in ages from two and one half to sixteen, a mother and an invalid father. Each youngster was the richer by new shoes, stockings, underwear, toys, and candy and four of the six received new coats. It was interesting to see how much more thrilled the little ones were with their new shoes and stockings than with their toys.

On January 19 there will be a very wonderful evening for all Gamma Phis and their friends in and around Evanston, for we are to have our first Gamma Phi *Vodevil*. Hope Summers Witherall is in charge and the great amount of fine talent that has been discovered among us is quite remarkable. Dorothy Steiner is coaching a chorus of active girls in their dancing and everything points to a most exceptional performance. The money from the proceeds is to go to the national camp for underprivileged children at Denver. I shall tell you about its success in my next letter.

GLADYS WILLIAMS PFEIFER

CLEVELAND

TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our Christmas party, which has been a custom for several years, is fast becoming a tradition. They are always enjoyable affairs, especially for the old girls, and the party today, December 28, was no exception. The luncheon was held in the Chamber of Commerce Club in the new terminal tower, and besides the active members and pledges who were in town for the holidays, we had as our guests three of the mothers, Mrs. Dimmick, Mrs. Boynton, and Mrs. Colvin. Ruth King Crim, Alpha, who has recently come to Cleveland, was also a most welcome guest, and is now a new member.

Our November luncheon was held at the home of Frances Colvin Hecker, and while somewhat smaller than usual due to the out-of-town football games, was most enjoyable. Marjorie Myers was the assisting hostess. At this meeting we were glad to have as our guest, Miss Smith of Chicago, house guest of Katherine Haggard.

We were delightfully entertained in December by Eleanor Quass, assisted by Martha Ballenger. At this meeting we welcomed Peggy Bing, Alpha Eta, our new member. Marcia Converse Bower, Rollins College,

was our guest, and we hope soon to have her as a new member, as she is leaving January 11, for Winter Park, Florida, where she will be initiated into Alpha Mu Chapter.

We are sorry that Leonore Lee Fisher has had to leave Cleveland on account of ill health. At present she is in Champaign, Illinois.

Margaret McCawley Taylor, Gamma, who has a studio in Cleveland, gave a delightful recital at the Sorosis Club recently, singing groups of English, Italian, and Spanish songs, the latter in costume.

Among Gamma Phis who are in town for the holidays are Alice and Jane Dibble, daughters of our Mary Lyons Dibble.

We are all much interested in the engagement of Florence Freeman, Alpha Eta, to Mr. Harold Winslow Harton, Cornell, of Cleveland, which was announced December 28 at a party given by Florence at her home.

As the New Year approaches, Cleveland Chapter extends to every Gamma Phi best wishes for happiness and success.

OLIVE MOORHEAD BECKWITH

COLUMBUS

CELEBRATION WITH ALPHA ETA

Gamma Phi alumnae of Columbus were invited to celebrate Founders' Day on the evening of November 12 with Alpha Eta Chapter at the Polly Inn. Not so many were able to go as we had hoped. The Alpha Eta girls have charm and poise, and a fun-loving propensity, that makes any contact with them something to be remembered, and each alumna had a most enjoyable time. After a few after dinner speeches and toasts on Founders' Day and the founders, Alpha Eta pledges gave some clever dancing and singing stunts that were highly amusing and revealing. One "topical" song by all of the pledges was a Gamma Phi parody on the classical (?) hit of the day, "That's My Weakness Now." It was the climax of the fun. Curfew rang at ten o'clock for the girls in the dormitories, so we could not linger for post-mortems.

Alice Camerer was a visitor in Columbus the week-end of November 10 and Sada Harbarger and Bertha Schneider enjoyed luncheon in her honor at the Faculty Club. They were glad to talk over matters with a national officer and to hear at first hand about installation at Rollins College.

Geneva Bane has returned from the University of Wisconsin where she received the degree, master of science, last June. She has resumed her work in the extension division of the home economics department of Ohio State University. Geneva has just been made an honorary charter member of the national home economics professional sorority, Omicron Nu, which installed Omega Chapter at Ohio State this week.

Ada Radcliffe Marple has joined her husband in New York City. They will remain there indefinitely.

Sada Harbarger was made chairman of the committee on English of the Society for the Promotion of Engineering Education at its annual meeting in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, the past summer.

Mary Farnam from Gamma Chapter is teaching home economics at Barrett Junior High School in Columbus.

BERTHA M. SCHNEIDER

DENVER

NEW RÉGIME

The King is dead!

Long live the King!

And so with Denver Alumnae Chapter whose first meeting of the new year witnessed the passing from office of last year's president, Gladys Par-

sons, and the installing of Edith Lavender, arbiter of *alumnæ* destinies for the coming year.

With a comfortably fat treasury and an attendance at meetings which has more than tripled during the past year the new officers should indeed have a Happy New Year.

Now for a few introductions:

First, our president, Edith Lavender, a graduate of Theta's class of 1907 when she was chapter president; so her present rôle is not a new one.

Then Edith Quinby Bliss of the class of '17 who is this year's vice-president and Louise Blauvelt Parks, Theta, 19, our new corresponding secretary. From last year's Theta girls we chose Gertrude Oehlmann for recording secretary while Freda Roof, '20, retains her position as card secretary.

Another ex-chapter president in the person of Katherine Culbertson Franks, Theta, '23, fills the rôle of treasurer, while her assistant, Genevieve Young, '28, also has had good experience in Gamma Phi affairs since her two major sorority offices were those of treasurer and chairman of the budget committee.

Entering on her fifth term as Panhellenic delegate is Ruth Hull, '13, who held various sorority offices while in college, among them that of treasurer and corresponding secretary. Elsie Olson Morrison, '20, is our other Panhellenic representative. Elsie was vice-president and chairman of the rushing committee during her career as an active.

Helen Heath, '18, last year's alum secretary, has charge of the Gamma Phi playing cards this year. (Address will be furnished upon request to any desiring to place orders. No, we do not rate a commission.) Our representative to the active chapter is Jessie Huffsmith Schrepferman, recording secretary of Theta in her class of '26.

Last but not least, Dorothy Bell Joyce, class of '24, will serve on the board of directors this year replacing Lucia Patterson Young, who ends a wonderful service of five years. Incidentally, as an example to other Gamma Phis and as a slight token of recognition, it might not be amiss to add at this spot that Dorothy Bell Joyce turned over \$35 to the treasury at the January meeting which she had realized on the sale of Christmas cards. (Go thou, each Gamma Phi and do something similar.)

Plans for the Camp for Underprivileged Children are progressing under a camp council composed of Mildred Robinson, Louise Wyatt, Harriet Thompson, Prue Faxon, and Elsa Nicholls. A Christmas party was held in the Lodge on December 29 for last year's camp children.

In November we enjoyed a visit from Mrs. Merritt of Lincoln, Nebraska, Director of Province Five, at which time a special *alumnæ* meeting was held and a tea given in her honor at the home of Beth McKeown.

And now we shall just mention people who came home for a holiday visit and some few who have returned to stay.

Mayme Sweet made one of those here-today-gone-tomorrow visits from New York where she is instilling knowledge and what not into the minds of third graders at Lincoln school. Helen Wheeler, another Theta, is her roommate there while acquiring an imposing A.B. from Barnard College; while Harriet Shannon is deep in the lore of therapeutics in the Walter Reed hospital at Washington, D.C.

Accompanied by her husband and infant son, Helen Morse Wiggington is visiting her parents here from her home in Evanston, Illinois. Marjorie Howe Becker also felt the call of home at Christmas time and brought her two-year-old daughter with her from Hilt, California, for the holidays.

Helen Eggers Metheny, who has been living in California for the past three years is back to stay. Welcome home, Helen, we hope to see you at every meeting. Frances Mauro Malmberg and her husband have returned from New York and plan to stay in Denver indefinitely.

We were happy to welcome a Denver girl from Omega Chapter, Elizabeth Morris, and hope she will adopt us as her own.

And now before we close with a few announcements, as the after-dinner speakers say, we must rave a little over the wonderful pledge dance held the night after Thanksgiving when for the first time in history alums were allowed—nay, bidden—to a pledge dance. Gaily decorated in an artist cabaret effect of plaid tablecloths topped with candles stuck in beer (soft) bottles, with spiders dancing about the walls; with a grand orchestra and cabaret acts by the pledges, the affair spoke well for the ingenuity of the newest Gamma Phis and the alums are deeply grateful for the chance given them to attend.

It may be a little late in coming but—Happy New Year!

EDNA TRAYLOR EISENHAND

MARRIAGES

On December 21 in Chicago, Elizabeth Carter to Mr. Robert S. Welsh, Phi Delta Theta. Mr. and Mrs. Welsh will reside in Chicago.

On December 3 in Dallas, Marie Coleman to Mr. Harry J. Cooper, Beta Theta Pi. Mr. and Mrs. Cooper will make their home in Dallas.

On December 29 in Berkeley, California, Jessie Bernice Bowen, Theta, to Mr. John Young Buchanan Brown.

BIRTH

To Mr. and Mrs. Donald Irions (Helen Fales, Theta), a son.

DEATHS

Denver alumnae wishes to express sympathy to Helen Russell Perrin in the loss of her four-year-old son, Burris Perrin, Jr., who was struck by an automobile while playing in front of his home in Edinburgh, Scotland, shortly before Christmas. Also to Nina Churchun Thompson in the loss of her mother on January 6.

DES MOINES

MRS. BARBOUR ENTERTAINED

The Des Moines alumnae were most fortunate in being able to entertain Mrs. Elizabeth Barbour at our November meeting. Mrs. Barbour was at Iowa City visiting the active chapter and routed herself through Des Moines on her way to Ames.

Mrs. Kraetsch opened her home for the meeting and it was a happy reunion for both Mrs. Barbour and Mrs. Kroetsch as they were in Epsilon Chapter together during college days. Mrs. Kraetsch was assisted in serving the luncheon by Minnie Rice and Marybelle Nethecutt. After the luncheon Mrs. Barbour told us about the national convention to be held in June and all other Gamma Phi Beta news. Mrs. Barbour spent the remaining hours of the afternoon answering our many questions.

Mr. and Mrs. Kraetsch drove Mrs. Barbour to Ames early the next morning, and we all hope it will be possible for her to favor us with another visit as we profited greatly by this one.

Mrs. Glenn Mishler assisted by Louise Burnett and Nell Fishal entertained at the December meeting. After luncheon the usual business affairs were disposed of. We sent for some Gamma Phi Beta playing cards from our sister alumnae chapter at Denver. These have been received and we are so well pleased that next Christmas, I know, many more will be ordered.

The holiday time with its ever increasing responsibilities is about over and as we turn our eyes towards the new year it is the hope of each Gamma Phi in Des Moines chapter that all good things will be in store for our sisters.

Happy New Year!

SADIE WHITNEY MISHLER

DETROIT

FOUNDERS' DAY TEA IN ANN ARBOR

Beta's Founders' Day tea, held at the chapter house in Ann Arbor on Armistice Day, stands out as our sorority "social event" of this season thus far. The tea was well attended by the Detroit and Ann Arbor Alumnae Chapters, and the active chapter, at least seventy-five being present.

At our December meeting, a dinner held at the Women's City Club, plans were discussed for the annual spring Panhellenic function to be held in April. The program sounds interesting. Each sorority is to contribute some feature which would be of general interest—to be given by a national officer of the sorority, if possible. Alice Camerer, of course, is our national officer, but I don't believe the exact nature of her contribution has been yet decided.

Several Gamma Phis have spent the holidays in Detroit. Quinteth and Bertral Summers, both of Beta Chapter, spent Christmas with their aunt, Miss Taylor (who, it will be recalled, was at one time chaperon of Beta). Quinteth, although she has been in New York only a very few years, is gaining remarkable success as "art director," technically speaking, of the Best store in New York. Bertral is also artistic and has recently joined "Quin" in New York, no doubt to follow in her sister's footsteps. Florence Welles of Bay City (Theta and Beta Chapters) is living in New York also, and took an active and responsible part in the Hoover election campaign.

We are glad to learn that Constance (Mrs. Paul) Davis of Theta chapter is again making her home in Detroit. Constance and her husband returned to their former home at Denver last summer, with the expectation of remaining there permanently. Their change of plans is to our advantage, as Constance was an enthusiastic and loyal member, and we all became very much attached to her. Lula Anderson, Beta, '28, is living at the Women's City Club this year.

LOUISE DIXON

BIRTH

To Mr. and Mrs. Eric Kermath (Emily Woodward, Beta, '27), a son.

KANSAS CITY

SPOTLIGHT ON CONVENTION

The lights on the Christmas tree have been turned out, old Santa has left the stage, and the spotlight is being directed toward the new character, 1929, who will have the center of the stage for a while.

But why begin in the middle of the story? Before that there was a big Christmas party, and forty-eight alumnae and active Gamma Phi Betas were there—that was December 28. We had a big time—and everyone received a present from Santa, while the setting was the same as will be that of the national convention of 1929—on the roof garden of the Hotel Ambassador. (By the way, the food was superb.) We sang Gamma Phi songs that we'll sing at convention of course. It was good to hear and sing them, and we're counting on next convention being the singiest bunch you ever heard. Mary Allen, Ruth Rhodes Hay and Katherine Brueck were out-of-town Gamma Phis who were there.

In November, the monthly meeting was held at Frances Kennedy Fink's home in Kansas City, Kansas, and in December at Kathryn Allen Woodward's. The chapter now boasts forty-six active members.

Panhellenic is to sponsor a dance at Mission Hills Country Club, February 9 which many Gamma Phis are planning to attend.

But the spotlight won't center on anything but convention, June 24-29. The committees have accomplished a great deal in the last month. Laverne Stover and Kathryn Woodward went to Chicago for a conference

with the Grand Council and many wrinkles were ironed out then. The program is complete; only details are yet to be arranged.

We're beginning to get letters from personal friends saying they're hoping or planning to be here for convention. Won't it be just wonderful to have a whole week with so many Gamma Phis?

CAROLINE HARKRADER PAXTON

ENGAGEMENT

Doris Shoemaker, Sigma, to Mr. Floyd M. Rosenkrans, Tau Beta Pi, University of Wisconsin.

MARRIAGE

On December 27, 1928, at Kansas City, Missouri, Catherine Barrons, Alpha Delta, to Mr. Wilmont E. Day, Phi Gamma Delta, University of Kansas. Mr. and Mrs. Day are at home at the Bartleston, Kansas City; Missouri.

BIRTH

To Mr. and Mrs. James Gillett (Lois Scarritt), Psi, on November 11, 1928, a son, James Edward.

LOS ANGELES

CHARMING CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

A bit of Merrie England got painted or printed on our Christmas meeting announcement this year and you should have seen what the sprays of holly bore triumphantly on the top of the letter paper. One powdered, winged page held aloft a tempting turkey; the other marched towards the stockinged hearth, his candelabra aglow with Christmas light; and smaller pages bore gifts on pillows as they trumpeted good tidings. The letter itself, printed in green and signed in red ink, warned us to be prompt with our guests and ourselves on December 27. The sixty or so of us who heeded the warning found ourselves at the Clubhouse of the Sanitary Dairy, a cozy, hospitable place that fairly radiated a welcome. A trip through the dairy revealed the wonders of pasteurization, the business of the bacteriological laboratory, the marvel of the ice plant and the contrasting heat of the wash room where all the uniforms are spotlessly laundered. Of course there was the cute cream capper and the never ceasing conveyor that needs must be busy to prepare the fifty thousand bottles of milk and cream that daily leave the plant. Nearly two hundred delivery trucks are required, some gas fed, others hay fed. And the delivery horses have an easy life, one day off in the pasture for each day in the harness. Home economics teachers recently visited the plant, and while they did not protest the horses' short hours, they did compare their labors with that of the horses. I am still regretting the fact that I didn't see the electric curry combs work or the vacuum cleaners suction off the equine assembly. But maybe I'll have another chance as I want to get our Y.W.C.A. out there for a similar benefit.

For we all paid our regular seventy-five cents for luncheon and the Gold Seal Sanitary Dairy furnished an appetizing repast consisting of Gold Seal salad, honey and biscuits, coffee or milk or buttermilk and a scrumptious dessert that was not named on the little recipe souvenir cards that were presented to us. And by the way if any of you want those superfine recipes, write to the Sanitary Gold Seal Dairy, Hamel Road and Alden Drive, Los Angeles—and don't forget to mention Gamma Phi. Perhaps I didn't make it clear that the lunch was gratis and that our coffers clinked cheerily. Sisters, Mothers, Rushees, Panhellenic friends—all were there. The most thrilling event was the presentation of a check for a hundred and fifty dollars to Doris Bowerman, the president of Alpha Iota. The most entertaining event was the appearance of the team of Winifred

Bennett and Virginia Svarz in their song and dance numbers. Winifred, by the way, is a daughter of a Stanford Gamma Phi. And a big handful of actives came to swell the merry throng.

Our January meeting is to be with Helena Douglas Boyle, Stanford, ex-'23. I think Kitty Pope of Eta is slated for the February meeting.

As I write, our little deodar on the front lawn gleams through the library window to tell me that the Christmas spirit is still glowing and seems to ask me with its red, green, blue, yellow, orange and white lights to wish a Happy New Year to any chapter that may be snowbound. I think our outdoor Christmas trees were more beautiful this year than ever before. Some day I hope each and everyone of you may drive down through the two miles of lighted growing deodars in Altadena. You really haven't seen the runway to Santa's home until you have made that trip.

And I wish I could take interested Gamma Phis to the Huntington Library and Art Gallery, as I did a group of intimate friends today. It would be such fun to show you George Washington's own handwriting recording his ancestry, and that schedule for an ordinary working day which Benjamin Franklin wrote, which is margined at the top with "The Morning Question: What Good Shall I do this day?" and margined at the bottom with: "Evening Question: What Good have I done today?" I'd like to watch your faces as you viewed The Blue Boy, the Copleys, Romneys, Peels, Stuarts, Gainsboroughs, Raeburns, Reynolds, etc. The Florentine room seems assembled primarily for the Christmas season with its colorful Madonnas. Maybe you'd like the bronzes, tapestries, or marbles, but I could spend several more hours at that four sided miniature case. History seems so much more real after I have gazed on the miniature of a Prince of Wales. And after falling in love with the Raeburn portrait of Master William Blair—who looks as though he might solo for a boys' choir—can you imagine what fun it is to have the guide show you an exquisite miniature of his mother? Maybe we'll have a convention out here some day and I *can* show you. If, or when we do, though *you* ought to vote to have it in the Christmas season so you can see our outdoor Christmas trees.

GRACE PARTRIDGE UNDERHILL

ENGAGEMENT

Hilda Klamroth, Alpha Iota, '25, to Mr. William McDonald Neill, Naval Academy at Annapolis, '23.

MARRIAGE

Virginia Adkins, Alpha Iota, ex-'30, to Mr. Stanley McCauley, Beta Theta Pi, on January 1, 1929.

BIRTH

To Mr. and Mrs. James Bowers of Monrovia (Bess Richards, Alpha Iota, '26), a son, William, in November.

PERSONALS

Hazel Tilson is teaching at LaHabra; Jean Paulsen at Brea; Florence Andrews at Beaumont—or is it Banning?

Bobbie Cleland Gray and her husband are building a new home on Balboa Island.

Marian King and Katherine Marlay are attending Pomona this year. Hazel Plate of Iota is one of our new members.

Margaret Hampton and Elmina Mercer are both married but I can't discover their new names as yet.

Irene Whitaker Cannon of Alpha Iota and Helen Richardson of Gamma were with us for our last meeting.

And, Oh, may I put it in here as I forgot it before—They (Alpha Iota) helped by us (Los Angeles Alumnae) cleared nine hundred dollars on the theater party.

MADISON**PARTY FOR GAMMA**

This is one of my busiest days and the ghost of the unwritten **CRESCENT** letter has been pursuing me like a guilty conscience; so I'm just going to wish you all the happiest and most successful of New Years and tell you the few bits of interest which I can recall off hand.

We have had of course our regular meetings which we happily can have at the homes of our members. These gatherings are always so congenial and so attractive that we are quite the envy of other local *alumnæ* groups. The most interesting affair that our association has had was the party which we gave for the active Gamma girls and their exceedingly attractive group of pledges. Daisy Stott Sullivan graciously opened her spacious home for the affair, and each and every one of us put forth her best culinary efforts to produce a good supper. I wish you all might have seen and tasted some of those cakes—not to mention the other more substantial edibles. The evening was devoted to bridge and everyone seemed to have a most enjoyable time. Right here "we" must give a hearty hurrah for Daisy and her loyalty and enthusiasm for Gamma Phi. She has made a couple of hard trips this fall inspecting proposed new chapters and her reports are always keen and unusually interesting.

We are sorry to tell you that the fairy godmother of Gamma Chapter—Mrs. Brittingham—is not enjoying her usual robust health; but last reports were that a good rest would put her back into her accustomed splendid form. We all sincerely hope that she will make a speedy and absolute recovery.

I can't think of any real news—but I just couldn't let the **CRESCENT** go to press again with "Madison—no letter," starting out accusingly from its pages—

Our best wishes to all Gamma Phis—and may God bless you all during the ensuing year.

BEATRICE BARNES TOWNEY

BIRTH

Grace Maxcey Montague has a new little Gamma Phi pledge born on December 28.

DEATH

We are all sorry to hear of the death of Mrs. Pray, mother of Marion Mayers. Mrs. Pray formerly was chaperon at the Gamma Phi house, but during the past years has been hostess at the College Women's Club.

MILWAUKEE**SUCCESSFUL RUMMAGE SALE**

I think that all of the chapters will be interested in learning how our chapter has been able to raise a considerable sum of money in a comparatively short time and with a minimum of effort. Inspired by Mrs. Sullivan's talk of the activities of the Madison Chapter, we decided to try to raise some money. Various plans were discussed, and finally we decided to have a rummage sale. Within a week's time a great many articles of clothing and miscellaneous items were gathered together at the home of Margaret McDonald where they were sorted and marked; and on December 6 they were taken to a store which we rented at small cost. Three or four loyal members stayed all of the first day marking and arranging these articles, and on the two days of the sale, most of the girls came down at various times to help sell them. The success of this sale far exceeded our expectations as we netted \$245. At the December meeting, we decided to send part of this money to Gamma Chapter; and, through the generosity of the members, most of whom are from Gamma, a check was sent to Rho. There

the four Rho members in the Milwaukee Chapter. We are enthusiastically planning to have another rummage sale next year.

Never before has the Milwaukee Alumnae Chapter been able to report such large and enjoyable meetings as have been held this autumn. There have been more than twenty-two members at the last two meetings. Mrs. Sullivan, the province director, was present at Bernice Hoffmann's meeting and we were so glad to meet her and to hear her report upon the chapters and associations in Province Four.

Christmas was a very happy occasion for all of us, and we are looking forward to the New Year.

ELINOR M. BLOODGOOD

MINNEAPOLIS

PARTY AT KAPPA HOUSE

This season of the year is one in which no one seems to "know anything," for I have tried so hard to get enough material for a letter and have failed. So please bear this time with a newsless letter from Minneapolis.

We are still trying to make money for Gamma Phi. Our bridge clubs, sewing club, and pantry shelf are functioning beautifully, and if we had any better cooks or any more competent seamstresses, we should be too rushed to keep up with our own work. Of course, no one must forget our rummage sale which was managed by Margaret Dean Moore. It was a success even though there were three or four others the same day all within a block of our own. As it happened the sale took place on the day on which half of Minneapolis was leaving for the Iowa game, so we were short of workers. However we all owe Margaret a big vote of thanks for the way in which she put it across. A rummage sale is hard work—ask anyone who has run one!

Many of the girls were fortunate enough to be able to attend at least one of the out-of-town games. All returned with most enthusiastic reports of the chapters visited and the sisters met.

Late in November the active chapter (Kappa) entertained the alumnae at a lovely dinner at the house. There was a large crowd and we all had a delightful time. Mrs. Evans, our housemother, planned a delicious dinner which we appreciated as always. I just wish that you all could meet Mrs. Evans. We are the most fortunate chapter in the world to have her; and no one could be more competent nor more gracious. After the dinner, the pledges entertained us with their stunts which were both original and enjoyable. We still think that we have the finest group of girls on the campus. Who can contest our claims?

Our monthly supper meetings have been held as usual until this month. We expected our province director to pay us a visit, so sent out cards to each Gamma Phi for a combined meeting and tea to be held at the home of Katherine Taney Silverson. Because of illness, Mrs. Sullivan was unable to come to Minneapolis. But we had our meeting and a good time as we always do at Katherine's home. Of course we hope that Mrs. Sullivan may visit us later.

It is late to wish you all a Merry Christmas, but as that is the thing most on my mind as I write this letter (two days before) I will do it anyway. So Merry Christmas and a Happy, Prosperous New Year.

MARGARET A. JONES

PERSONALS

Carolyn McDowell has been seriously ill with pneumonia.

Laura Hall Halladay (Epsilon) has moved from Hibbing, Minnesota, and is at home at 1606 West 28 Street, Minneapolis.

Sara Preston Finley made an inspection trip in interest of expansion

to Knox College, Galesburg, Illinois. Mrs. Sullivan, director of Province IV joined her there.

Eleanor Sheldon Meyers and her husband, Dr. Meyers, of Ann Arbor, Michigan, spent Thanksgiving in Minneapolis with Mrs. Meyer's mother.

Margaret Downey with her husband, Dr. John Downey, spent September and October in Minnesota renewing old friendships. They left before Thanksgiving on a motor trip to Pasadena where they will be at home for the winter.

Millicent Hoffman (Mrs. Arthur) spent a short time in Winnipeg with Alpha Kappa Chapter during October.

MARRIAGE

Rosalyn Skellet, Kappa, ex-'26, to Mr. Lee Miller of Boston, on October 31, in Minneapolis.

NEW YORK

TWELVE CHAPTERS REPRESENTED AT BANQUET

The New York Alumnae Chapter feels that it catches the true feeling of the active chapter life in its Founders' Day banquet. On November 12, we met at the new Panhellenic house with forty-nine present, representing twelve chapters, and of that forty-nine seventeen had served as presidents of their active chapters and eight as presidents of alumnae chapters. What a host of proverbs those figures suggest along the line of the child is father of the man.

Mary Herold Easterbrook was our toastmistress, and in the selection of the songs sung between the toasts suggested the topic of the following speech. So Laura Latimer Graham responded to "Our Founders;" Emma F. Lowd to "The Growth of Our Sorority;" Eleanor Culton Hines to "A Gamma Phi Maiden;" Nina Ostrander Butts to "Peanuts and Olives;" Mary Lois Ruppenthal to "The Crescent of Dear Gamma Phi;" Edna Stitts Robinson to "My Chapter, I'm Satisfied;" Lousene Rousseau to "The Tie by Which We Are Bound;" Marguerite Samuels by her playing put much of the college enthusiasm into our singing.

Where distances are so great, and time alone prevents many from attending the regular meetings, this large annual meeting affords an opportunity for many of our associate members to meet with us. I'm sure every one would consider the effort very successful if she found sitting next to her a chapter sister whom she had never seen since leaving college. That was the pleasing surprise Helen Olsen Burtis gave me.

The December meeting at the home of Grace Burgard Holcomb was a further evidence of the success of our campaign for the Founders' Day banquet. There were thirty-six acceptances to the supper which preceded the meeting, and every one stayed for the business session. Two things seem to remain with me as the keynote of our meetings this fall—our need of money, and our pleasure in welcoming new members who have come to New York for study or a permanent residence.

On the third Thursday of December, nine Gamma Phis met at the McAlpin Hotel for the monthly luncheon. Those meetings should be called the gathering of the faithful, for there much of the guiding of our chapter is done by those who are ever loyal to the bonds of Gamma Phi Beta.

When this is published Christmas and its festivities will be forgotten, and plans for convention will fill the air. So the new year is bound to be an auspicious year for Gamma Phi.

RUTH BURGARD

PORTLAND

SCHOLARSHIP PRIZES FOR NU

The annual Christmas luncheon has just taken place and proved to be an interesting occasion since it was attended by pledges, actives, alumnæ, and others. The most outstanding feature of the program was the presentation of scholarship prizes by the president of the Mother's Club. These prizes have been given for several years as a scholarship incentive and have accomplished their purpose effectively in raising the average of Nu Chapter. The senior prize of twenty-five dollars was presented to Hope Crouch; the junior prize was awarded to Florence Sommerville; the sophomore prize was divided as Caroline Lamberth Simpson and Freda Paul tied for honors; and the freshman prize went to Amy Van Horn. Oregon Gamma Phis have reason to be proud and grateful for the many fine things that our Mothers Clubs have done for both Nu and Chi Chapters.

Founders' Day was observed by a banquet at the sign of the Rose, Eileen Tomkins Hall presided and several very inspiring toast were heard. Pink carnations decorated a lovely table; college and sorority songs were sung; reminiscence enjoyed and Gamma Phi spirit reigned supreme.

Early in December the University Club was the scene of a luncheon to honor Mrs. Walter Haines (Mrs. Hamilton Weir) who for many years was a much loved housemother at Nu Chapter.

Rushing, of course, is of great importance to the active girls during these vacation days. A Christmas tea was given this afternoon at Virginia Zan's home and alumnæ were invited to lend their dignity to the occasion.

Chi Chapter gave a most enjoyable and successful benefit bridge at Lipman-Wolfe tea room on December 8.

MARGARET KERN

PERSONALS

Ann Springer Naden has left us after so short a stay to make Seattle her home.

Caroline Benson Unander has returned from a visit in southern California.

ENGAGEMENT

Mary Stewart, Nu, to Mr. Earl Olsen.

WEDDINGS

Hellen Manary, Nu, to Mr. Fielder Allison Jones.

Harriet Casey, Nu, to Mr. Henry A. Kuckenbergh.

Blanche Wickland, Nu, to Mr. George Royer.

Billie Shields, Nu, to Mr. Paul J. Holloway.

Helen Idleman, Nu, to Mr. Roy Eugene Legg.

BIRTH

To Mr. and Mrs. Arthur P. Cramer (Grace Hovendon, Chi), a daughter.

DEATHS

The chapter extends sincere sympathy to Mary Gray on the death of her father; to Frances Cornell on the death of her father; to Mrs. Clarence Walls (Lyle Steiwer) on the death of her little daughter, Mary Margaret.

SAN FRANCISCO

TWO SEPARATE ALUMNÆ CHAPTERS

A readjustment in alumnæ organization in the San Francisco Bay region, which has been under way since June, 1928, is now entirely accomplished except for the formality of changing the name. It was suggested at the

June meeting that the time had come for the existence of two separate alumnae chapters in this part of California, in order to make the meetings feasible for a widely scattered membership, and also in order to accommodate a steadily increasing number of members. The old chapter will keep its original status but has dropped the name San Francisco Alumnae Chapter and has submitted for approval the name Berkeley Alumnae Chapter. The new chapter has applied for a charter under the name San Francisco Alumnae Chapter. The separation doesn't feel quite natural yet, but in time it will; and in the mean time each group is extremely busy, mostly with plans for swelling the treasury.

The Christmas meeting this year had the added distinction of being the first joint meeting of the two chapters. It was a luncheon at the City Club in San Francisco, and was a large and gossipy gathering, what with all the people who are out of town during the year, and the new babies, and the brides.

As to financial ways and means—we plan to start the new year with a bridge party, and, a little later, a theater project. For the past two months the two chapters have undertaken to sell some new and interesting Christmas cards on a percentage basis and although definite reports are lacking, the rumors are encouraging.

Best wishes to all Gamma Phis for a happy and prosperous New Year.

PATRICIA SIZER

ENGAGEMENT

Katharine Boole, Eta, '26, to Mr. Robert Legge.

MARRIAGES

Eleanor Beck, Eta, '23, to Mr. Everett Sloat.

Norma Perkes, Eta, '27, to Mr. Gervais Hillis.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Boole Wellington (Annette Ruggles, Eta, '20), a son, Arthur Bolle, in October.

To Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Dickover (Margaret Hannah, Eta, '16), a son, in November.

To Mr. and Mrs. Louis Kemnitzer (Frances Stowell, Eta, '22), a son, Louis, on November 13.

To Mr. and Mrs. Donald Younger (Marion Stowell, Eta, '26), a son, Donald Bruce, on November 14.

To Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Jory (Josephine Le Conte, Eta, '12), a son, Stephen LeConte, on November 20.

SEATTLE

HIGH FINANCE

Happy New Year to all of you! We intend to have one here in Seattle—the newest new news being that we have a new set of officers—as is usual this time of the year—and they are making a record. There has been an executive meeting already! Within the same month as the election!

This election took place at the December meeting at the home of Anna Rabel at Broadmoor. Of course the whole house had to be inspected once more, and its homelike qualities especially noted. Then, after the satisfaction of the inner man by means of lunch, the business of the day went forward.

Reports were read and filed, and plans made for starting the new year's projects. Hillotje Woodruff's comment breaks in gently, "Well, girls, you know what you can do if you want to get rid of money-making projects." She reports that with about one-fifth of the membership turning in commission slips, we have netted, this year, \$400. The newest ar-

rangement that she has made, provided that we deliver our old papers and magazines, as they accumulate, to a paper company, which will register the weight and pay when we have left a ton. A ton? But think how heavy the magazines are and how soon the morning and evening papers make a pile. I can vision friend husband being asked to be less lavish as he starts the furnace fire.

Then as new business approached there was the solemn hush to hear what Ruth Bamford Henchan would have to say as chairman of the nominating committee. This is the result—president, Ruth Norton; vice-president, Lela Gallup; treasurer, Ethyl Whitley; recording and corresponding secretary, Marion Walter. And as previously mentioned, their supply of pep has already started them off.

But I mustn't miss telling you of the Founders' Day party. Regular alum meeting was not held that Tuesday, but all joined the evening procession to Lambda house, for we had heard rumors. To begin with, we knew there would be a good supper. Then, for many of us, it would mean our first acquaintance with Mrs. Yerkes, the new housemother; the eighteen pledges would surely be worth looking at, and probably they would put on a stunt, as usual; moreover, the trustees of the building corporation had been talking recently.

Sure enough—one hundred and forty present; food satisfactory and more; grand opera performance by pledges; and real high finance in our midst.

You know, bonds on the house are all owned in the family, as it were, by ourselves, or by husbands or fathers or brothers, or by the contractor or architect. The building corporation finds itself able, at the present time, to retire \$700 worth of bonds due in 1932. We all think it is really clever of them to save us all that interest. From a tall jar containing numbered slips, fourteen numbers were drawn, and as each number was read, the owner's name was found on the list of bond holders. Several holders received two or three payments and it was quite thrilling.

The "grand opera" was probably entitled *The Family Plate*, and the music was that dear old favorite "The Farmer in the Dell." There was the chorus, in true opera style, to introduce the characters; then the father, the heroine, the hero, and the villains. Father went hunting, with a "Heigho and a-cheerio, guard well the family plate." Daughter lost the family plate but the hero, as you may suspect, with a "Heigho and a-cheerio—found the family plate"—and it was all over till next time.

You may have had your flights of fancy, but they are as nothing compared to the flights Geraldine Moore has had. She is by way of being an aviatrix, and the first one in these parts. There have been several girls in the ground school, but she is the only one who has made her solo flight, and will soon now have her pilot's license. She "just loves its," and, who knows, she may visit you all some fine day.

If there were such a thing as a humor column of THE CRESCENT, this would be good. I phoned Geraldine to ask about her work, remarking, "I am writing letters of THE CRESCENT, you know, and would like to put you in." Came a voice, "Crescent Coffee?" Poor Geraldine! She had, for a few moments, visions of a thousand dollars or so for testifying to the efficacy of Crescent Coffee for the aviator's breakfast.

We haven't heard, as yet, of all the Christmas gifts, but we understand that Willy Taylor is sporting a new Reo car.

Sorrow has visited our chapter for Lois Dehn's mothers has died. Then we had just learned that Anne Baker Williams had gone to a sanitarium to recover from a breakdown, when there came the further announcement of her sudden death on November 10. Someone said recently, "Vitality and friendship such as Anne's are rare and her memory is a very precious thing." Her three babies, aged seven, five, and two, are as sweet and

dear as you might wish to see. Mr. William's mother has come here from her home in Whittier, California, to keep house for Walter and the children as long as they need her.

We are sure our membership should grow this year. Vivian Lundquist Hodge lives in Snohomish, and yet may be seen at meetings of late. Anita Merry Wheeler Glen has come back here to live, and we welcome Grace Maxwell Gray of Chi, secretary of Province VI., Anne McMicken Murrow and Harriet Howells of Nu.

PEARL WICKSTROM, Xi

PERSONALS

Julia Shay Chase, visiting from California, and Vivian Lundberg Hodge, from Snohomish, were in attendance at the December meeting, and—not only that, but had asked to be counted as among the hostesses.

The next bridge party will be held at Clara Taney Wills' on Jan. 22. She is in town for the winter, on 16 Avenue North.

Adelaide Allmond Linne left before Christmas, with her mother and children, for California. From there they sail for Hawaii for a real winter holiday.

Ann Young Rabel will leave soon for a lengthy jaunt with friend husband, through the East and South.

Our two newest brides, Ruth Bamford Henehan and Iris Canfield Anderson, are instructors in music at college.

Kristine Thomle spent Christmas with her family at Stanwood.

Sally Gyde Moffitt is spending the Christmas holiday in Hollywood, California, visiting her sister, Constance, of Xi Chapter, Mrs. Charles Owens.

MARRIAGE

On Christmas Day, at the bride's home in Seattle, Alice Nettleton to Mr. Donald McFaden, son of Mrs. William McFaden, of Tacoma and New York. Mr. McFaden is a Harvard man. Mr. and Mrs. McFaden sailed from San Francisco on December 29 for a month's honeymoon in Honolulu. They will be at home in Tacoma after February 1.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dingle (Ardis Ball), at Port Angeles, August, 1928, a daughter.

To Mr. and Mrs. Rutherford Brown (Karla Stoltenburg), a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. Walter Shiel (Margaret Motie), on December 22, a daughter.

DEATH

On November 10, Mrs. Walter Williams (Anne Baker).

SPOKANE

HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

Raising money again! And how to do it!

No doubt every Gamma Phi who reads this has had that question in her mind, to a greater or less degree. We hope greater. In this small group, so far, we have found that the rummage sale brings us the most money and gives us the most work. Just at present we have a new idea before us, that of sharing in the proceeds of one night of our local stock company in exchange for selling as many tickets as possible. Tickets usually bring a howl; but theater tickets, particularly for a legitimate production are much less likely to do so than musical teas or amateur productions. If anyone has any new suggestions for money raising we should appreciate them so much.

Our most recent gathering was the holiday luncheon at the Crescent Tea

Room on December 29. It was splendid to have such a jolly crowd together, active girls and new pledges from Idaho and Washington, visiting Gamma Phis and the greater part of our own Alumnæ group. Lois Braden and Dorothea Towne, pledges this year at the University of Washington were with us for the first time since rushing and we are so glad they are our pledges! Elizabeth Johnson, Omega, who is on the faculty at the University of Idaho and previously studied Art in Paris, is spending the holidays here and was at the luncheon.

BETTY C. WILLCOX

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Howard Brady (Thelma Ehrenburg, Lambda), a son.
To Mr. and Mrs. Earl Anderson (Dorothy Bloom, Xi), a son.
To Mr. and Mrs. Lew Morris (Ruth Coffee, Xi), a son.

ENGAGEMENT

Nellie Prescott, '27, Lambda, to Dr. H. B. Walter of Everett, Washington.

MARRIAGE

Virginia Hulburd, Xi, to Hosea Evans, Sigma Chi.

PERSONALS

We are so happy to welcome to Spokane Mrs. Ben Redfield (Virginia Cornell, Lambda) who is a recent arrival.

Mary Meldrum Shields, Xi, who has been ill in the hospital for some weeks was taken home just before Christmas and we are indeed rejoicing at her recovery.

Louise McKinney, Xi, is home for the holidays from Carnegie Tech where she is studying dramatic art.

SYRACUSE

AUCTION

Syracuse Alumnæ Chapter has continued its activities by holding an auction at the last meeting. This was a supper meeting at the chapter house with Mrs. Baker's group acting as hostesses—which fact is always an assurance of a wonderful "feed," and this proved no exception to the rule. Directly after supper, Nellie Morgan and Becky Eaton appeared dressed as auctioneers and proceeded with many witty side remarks to auction off all the articles that were left from the bazaar much to the enjoyment of those present. This netted about \$100.00. Plans were made for holding a dance or bridge in the spring to make money for our social service work.

In October Edward N. Trump and his daughter Marjorie Trump gave a reception at the Syracuse Museum of Fine Arts in honor of Mrs. Charles C. Trump (Rachel Bulley, Alpha, '12), whose pictures were on exhibition in the loan room at the galleries during November following an exhibition in the Plastic Club in Philadelphia. Her canvasses of young people won the approval of art critics in that city.

GLADYS R. TIMMERMAN

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Chace (Ruth Halsted, Alpha, '22), October, 1928, a son, Jonathan.

To Mr. and Mrs. Winston Barr (Louise White, Alpha, '26), on November 4, 1928, a son.

To Dr. and Mrs. Edward E. Hughes (Marion Peters, Alpha, '22), on December 5, 1928, a daughter.

PERSONALS

On December 4, Major and Mrs. George Chandler (Martha Schultze, Alpha, ex-'91), sailed for a Mediterranean trip.

ENGAGEMENT

Helen Irene Wheatley, Alpha, '24, to Mr. James Johnson, Delta Kappa Epsilon, '24.

ALUMNÆ ASSOCIATIONS

AUSTIN

BANKS FOR THE BUILDING FUND

A most enjoyable affair was our homecoming banquet held on November 30 in the Crystal Ballroom of the Driskill Hotel. The complete roll of Alpha Zeta chapter from its founding was called by the toastmistress and president of the actives, Mary Frances Llewellyn. What a thrill to hear so many girls answer "Present!" And some who were far away sent greetings by letter or by telegram. Decorations and place cards were in keeping with the toast scheme which featured "The House." At each girl's plate was a little house with a slit somewhere near chimney or door for the nickels, dimes, quarters, or what you will to slip through. Announcement was made to the effect that at the alumnæ meeting held that afternoon each alum had pledged herself to give ten dollars annually for five years after leaving the university, the money to be placed in the building fund. With the incentive furnished by this announcement and the fact that, every Christmas, the Mothers' Club places fifty dollars or more in the building fund for us, each girl resolved to carry her little bank away and to fill it as quickly as possible for the sake of "The House!" The program of toasts and music favored the mood, and at the close of the banquet nary a girl failed to register bubbling enthusiasm. I'm sure there will be echoes of the banquet in the next issue of *The New Moon*, a little paper originated by our loyal patroness, Mrs. Steck, and edited by Alpha Zeta ever so often. In its own words it's "the magic moon to give you glimpses of the Gamma Phi girls and what they are doing at Texas U." We urge all you Alpha Zetas everywhere to send in news items about yourselves and about other Gamma Phis you know in order that *The New Moon* may really keep us all in touch with each other.

Since the banquet we Austin alums have met only once due to the fact that every Gamma Phi was scurrying here and there "getting ready for Christmas." The New Year will find us meeting bi-weekly as usual, and persuing THE CRESCENT for money making schemes found feasible by other chapters and associations. You see, in spite of the fact that we are a small group, we really mean business, and intend to make our dream house a reality! And now Austin Association sends you one and all best wishes for a year of success and happiness.

HELEN BOYSEN

MARRIAGE

On December 27, Aileen Burns, Alpha Zeta, '26, to Mr. Charles Hertz. Mr. and Mrs. Hertz will make their home in Lockhart, Texas.

BIRTH

To Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Coulter (Bobbie Branch, Alpha Zeta), on October 22, 1928, a daughter, Eleanor Jeanne.

CHAMPAIGN-URBANA

BECOMES A CHAPTER

Although we are not many in numbers, we are an enthusiastic group and under the able leadership of Ruth Mathews expect to accomplish a number of things during the year. At a recent meeting of the association at the home of Mrs. Moss we voted to petition grand council for a charter as an alumnae chapter. We expect that several of the girls living in towns nearby will want to affiliate with our group. Mrs. Moss has consented to sit for her picture and anyone interested in possessing a picture of our beloved founder may obtain one for a very nominal sum by communicating with our association.

We are now looking forward to the pleasure and inspiration of a visit from our Grand President, Mrs. Barbour, some time in January. She will also be the guest of Omicron and several teas have been planned in her honor.

Omicron Chapter has lost one of its faithful pledges in the death of Ruth Perisho who was killed the day before Christmas in an automobile accident at her home in Streator, Illinois. Her funeral was attended by several Gamma Phi alumnae living in Streator and by others of the active chapter.

At the beginning of this new year, Champaign-Urbana wishes for each one of you a year of health and happiness and an added knowledge of the privileges and responsibilities which our crescent pin means to each of us.

NINA GRESHAM

DAVENPORT

ORGANIZATION MEETINGS

One of the happiest events of the holiday season was a luncheon, held at Hotel Blackhawk for our members and for the actives who are home on their vacations. It is always inspiring to have some of the college girls with us and we start out again with many resolutions for the new year.

So far most of our meetings have been taken up with the work of organization, but each one has been interesting and well attended. Most of our members have been out of college for five years or more and the opportunity to have once more a closer contact with Gamma Phi fills a big gap in our lives.

However, we do not expect to reap all and not contribute anything. We are very much interested in the surrounding college chapters and hope to be able to aid them in their rushing activities or in any other way that we can.

We are very sorry to have lost one of our members so soon. Ruth Vetter Phillips has moved to Beaver, Pennsylvania, temporarily. She has been home for holidays but a victim of the "flu" so she was unable to attend our luncheon.

I hope to be able to tell you next time that we have been able to carry out at least some of our new resolutions.

MARIANNE ASHFORD UMLANDT

NASHVILLE

BENEFIT BRIDGE

New occasions teach new duties

Time makes ancient good uncouth.

This is a typical quotation for the Nashville association. At one time we were thrilled at the thought that we now had enough Alpha Theta graduates to form an association. That was several years ago. Now we

find we have enough graduates to form an *alumnæ* chapter. In fact we have written our formal petition for a charter and it is now being signed by our different graduates.

We have met at regular intervals at the chapter house, where we lunch with the actives" and then hold our meetings. We helped the "actives" in rush as much as Panhellenic regulations would allow us.

Our association is already talking convention for we are anxious to have one of two representatives who will have a recognized vote. Our own Beulah Leech usually goes to convention and we hope to be an *alumnæ* chapter by that time so that our representative will have privileges.

To defray our expenses for the coming year we are planning a large benefit bridge party. Each *alumna* and each active is to be responsible for at least one table. Then of course as many others as we can possibly make up. We are providing lovely prizes, and all in all we anticipate a very delightful function and a well filled treasury to boot. We may possibly decide to make this an annual event and plan to have the party at Vanderbilt Memorial Hall since the university strongly encourages keeping such affairs on the campus and has generously donated the use of the building and chairs, if we provide our own tables.

We feel that Alpha Theta's rushing season was a pronounced success. There are eleven charming acquisitions to the circle, and the personal charm, loyalty, devotion, and splendid co-operation of the actives have done wonders.

Our local Gamma Phi babies in whom we are so interested, are progressing famously. Elsie Waller Sharpe's little family is quite flourishing; Irene Langford Young's son is already quite a sheik. Dear Mockey, for whom we shall always grieve, has left to us dear baby Mockey who is precious.

The Nashville association wishes to extend to all the chapters and associations a New Year filled with joy and prosperity.

MARY CECIL MORRISON

OKLAHOMA CITY

COOK BOOK

Our Founders' Day banquet at the Huckins Hotel on November 11, was a real success. Because it came during homecoming at Oklahoma University there were many more Gamma Phis able to attend the banquet than there would have been at any other time. There were sixty-eight present, including *alumnæ*, actives, and pledges, and the actives planned the program for the evening. A radio broadcasting station was represented with Anita Berg acting as announcer. Those who were broadcasting over station $\Gamma \Phi B$ were Mary Frances Hawk, Edith (Ely) Mahier, Lucile (Squid) Dean and Maxine Williams. Also Mrs. Horace J. Smith of Pawhuska our *alumnæ* adviser, as a special favor to radio listeners consented to broadcast over $\Gamma \Phi B$ for a few minutes. The table decorations of course, carried out the radio idea. In front of each place was a tiny radio set, which really served the purpose of a nut cup, and extending down each of the three long tables was a radio aerial. The color scheme of brown and mode was carried out in all the decorations.

Mrs. Smith was also present at our *alumnæ* meeting the night of November 13 at Frances Sandford's home. We all enjoyed, so much, having her with us. Mrs. Nathan Scarritt (Rilla Winn) of Enid, and Joyce Saunders and Ely Mahier from Norman, were also present.

Although we still have our meetings twice a month, we have arranged them a little differently—at least we are planning to give them a trial this way. From now on we shall meet once a month on Wednesday night to play bridge, and once on Saturday afternoon for a business meet-

ing and to sew on linens for the active chapter. Although a little "off schedule," our last meeting had to be a business one as there was so much to decide and do about the Gamma Phi Beta cookbook which we are publishing.

Of course, the cookbook is a money making idea, and a lot of you (especially those of you living in Oklahoma) will probably learn more about it when you are asked to help dispose of the 1,500 copies at a dollar each. They are to be ready for sale before Christmas, and they really will make lovely gifts; so be sure and get your order in for your share before they are all gone. Such bargains cannot last long! The recipes are all "tried and true" and "real success is assured."

Oklahoma City Alumnae is glad to welcome several girls this year as regular members. Mrs. John Brett (Norma Joe Daugherty) who was one of Psi Chapter's charter members has just moved here. Mrs. Ed. Deupree (Faye Davis) and Mrs. Ram Morrison (Jewell Stone) are the other new members.

It has been such a long time since we have had a letter in THE CRESCENT that while much of the following news is old to some, I'm sure it will be new to others.

ELIZABETH MORRISON JOYCE

MARRIAGES

Norma Joe Daugherty to Mr. John Brett.

Werdna Rives to Mr. James E. Morrison.

Mary Elizabeth Bass, Alpha Eta, to Mr. Lester Blair.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. R. Q. Blackeney (Lillian Hart), a boy.

To Mr. and Mrs. James Gilette (Lois Scarritt), a boy.

To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Catlett (Arteen Dean), a girl.

To Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Cobb (Helena Stone), a girl.

To Mr. and Mrs. Roger C. Meyer (Carrie Belle Wantland), a girl.

To Mr. and Mrs. John Grenko (Gertrude McGee), a girl.

PHOENIX

BRIDGE TEA

When one is recuperating from the Christmas turkey, and the New Year just around the corner, thoughts are mighty vagrant. Nevertheless from this land of perennial sunshine comes a greeting for the New Year.

We have been meeting this fall at the homes of our members, and were happy to welcome Dora Wiese Best, Tau; Helen Humphrey Robinson, Tau; and Ruth Moss Turner, Omicron, into our association.

During the Thanksgiving holidays, we entertained the active girls who were in Phoenix with a bridge tea at Jokake Tea House. We also had as our guests rushees from Messa and Phoenix. At this time, the Panhellenic organization entertained with a luncheon for the visiting Greeks, and we were pleased to note that more representations from Gamma Phi Beta were present than from any other sorority.

We are working very hard to enlarge our membership, and hope to have at least twenty active members by spring.

MARTHA VINSON

PERSONALS

During the Teachers' Institute we met Dorothy Friederich, Alpha Delta, who is teaching home economics in Peoria. Minnie Mae Hudnal, Alpha Epsilon, who is teaching at Ray, was also there.

Helene Seeley, Alpha Epsilon, has accepted a secretarial position at the University of Southern California.

Frances Keegan, Alpha Epsilon, was seen in Phoenix a few weeks ago doing her Christmas shopping.

Martha Vinson, Alpha Epsilon, spent the holidays with Verla Oare, Alpha Epsilon, in Winslow, Arizona. While driving north the former stopped at Prescott where she saw Dorothy Lowe Bunte. Dorothy was busy making Christmas preparations for her small daughter.

Bess Walliman, who has been in Chicago for eight months, writes that she is returning to her home in Globe sometime during January.

Lucile Chambers, Alpha Epsilon, has moved from Kingman, Arizona, and is now residing in San Francisco, California.

BIRTH

To Mr. and Mrs. William J. Sims (Helena Sherman, Alpha Epsilon), a son, William Junior.

OUR CONTEMPORARIES IN BLACK AND WHITE

Apropos of our own social service:

A QUESTION IS ANSWERED

You ask, "Is camp worthwhile?" and we who have been there are expected to answer.

Is camp worthwhile when a little child, who is afraid of everyone, comes and climbs into your lap in the evening as we sing, "We are Alpha Gamma Kiddies" and snuggles up close to you and puts his tiny arms around your neck as he sobs out a pitiful story. Tells you that he didn't want to leave his mother but that his father made him come. When a week later those tears have been chased away by smiles and the little face that was so pale is brown and comes and sits beside you, his hand resting in yours, and says, "Gee! ain't camp great? I don't want to go home at all now." A sigh of contentment escapes his lips and you ask, "Is camp worthwhile?"

Is camp worthwhile when a girl, a dirty little urchin, who has come to camp three consecutive summers, arrives clean. She tells one of the workers that she has learned to wash herself now—that she wants to be clean! Camp has meant something to that child as it has to many others. Those fundamental laws of fair play, honesty, obedience, and health, which camp so faithfully tries to teach may in later years be a blessing to those who have received no training in their homes as children.

I heard someone say once, "Most of us spend so much time getting a living that we have no time to live." I believe that I learned at camp what it means to live—and to live for others. True camp calls for sacrifice and work, but there is so much fun to make up for it, so much to be gained by it, so much untold compensation for it. Bonds which time cannot sever unite the girls who work together in this quiet demonstration of the beloved ideals of our fraternity. And you ask again, "Is camp worthwhile?"

"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these, ye have done it unto me." This has been the camp motto since 1922. True, our work is not perfected, nor is it finished, but, in so far as we are carrying on to the best of our ability the message of our Master, I ask you, "Isn't camp well worth our while?"

From the *Lyre* of Alpha Chi Omega:

"If I see your eyes I know you a little,
If I hear your voice I know you still more,
If I see your actions, I will know you altogether."

A Serbian proverb it is said.

How much of real truth the last line holds for us as fraternity women and as a college organization.

As fraternity women, either on the campus or in the broader walks of life as alumnae, we are judged by our "actions." And actions do not necessarily mean conduct alone. Fraternity women are judged severely and critically oftentimes because their privileges have been greater. They are judged by their participation in the life of the college or community; by their loyalty to the college which made fraternity life a reality; by their appreciation of the fine and beautiful things met on life's pathway; by their lifting-up of the standards of high ideals and clean living. By the reverse as well are they condemned. However, these are the standards by which we are judged and these are the standards to which we must hold.

Fraternity itself has the truth-seeking spotlight upon it. We, who are a part of fraternity life, insist that fraternity is a livable, workable ideal. We assure ourselves that it has proved its worth on the college campus and in the lives of its members. But again, by the actions of fraternity is fraternity judged. Let us keep it a friendly, helpful, thoughtful organization! Let us keep it true to the ideas and ideals of its beginning!

Actions—by these are we judged, by these are we known altogether. As a fraternity and as individual members over the land, let us live and act in true womanliness.

From *Angelos* of Kappa Delta:

A freshman copies her neighbor's paper, well aware that she's being dishonorable. A sophomore comes in through a dormitory window, after the door is locked. She knows she's breaking a rule that she helped make. A junior smokes a cigarette, although on her campus Camels are *verboten*. A senior takes a drink from her partner's flask; she may not be familiar with any but campus politics, but she knows the law of the land.

To know is not enough. Not what one knows about house rules; not what one says about honor; not what one thinks about the laws of the college or nation, but what one *does* is important. And all too many do that which is easiest. They let circumstances determine what they will do, let things master a human personality, instead of exerting the will that is theirs to use.

Perhaps the inability of so many people to obey the law is the result of an attitude expressed in "Others do so. Why not I?" That is the old excuse for lack of control, the attempt to justify what one cannot help doing, to rationalize in self-defense.

Or it may be the egotistical belief, "It may hurt her. It won't hurt me." How plausible it has always seemed that one's neighbors might get tuberculosis, or, simpler, get *caught!* How certain that such things could not happen to "I, Myself, and Me, We Three."

Or is it that the ever-present slogan "Anything is yours—go get it!" is doing its work? Before that decree is accepted, however, it may be wise to ask: "Does it belong to me? Have I merited it?"

Certainly evasion of the law is not an illustration of applied learning, any more than the story of the student who tore the pages from a library copy of an ethics text.

It may not be convenient to obey the laws of country, college, or fraternity, but is it honorable to do otherwise? Rules and laws may change, it is true. The honorable, the beautiful—these things remain. Should one forget, then may he still remember that "to do so no more is the truest repentance."

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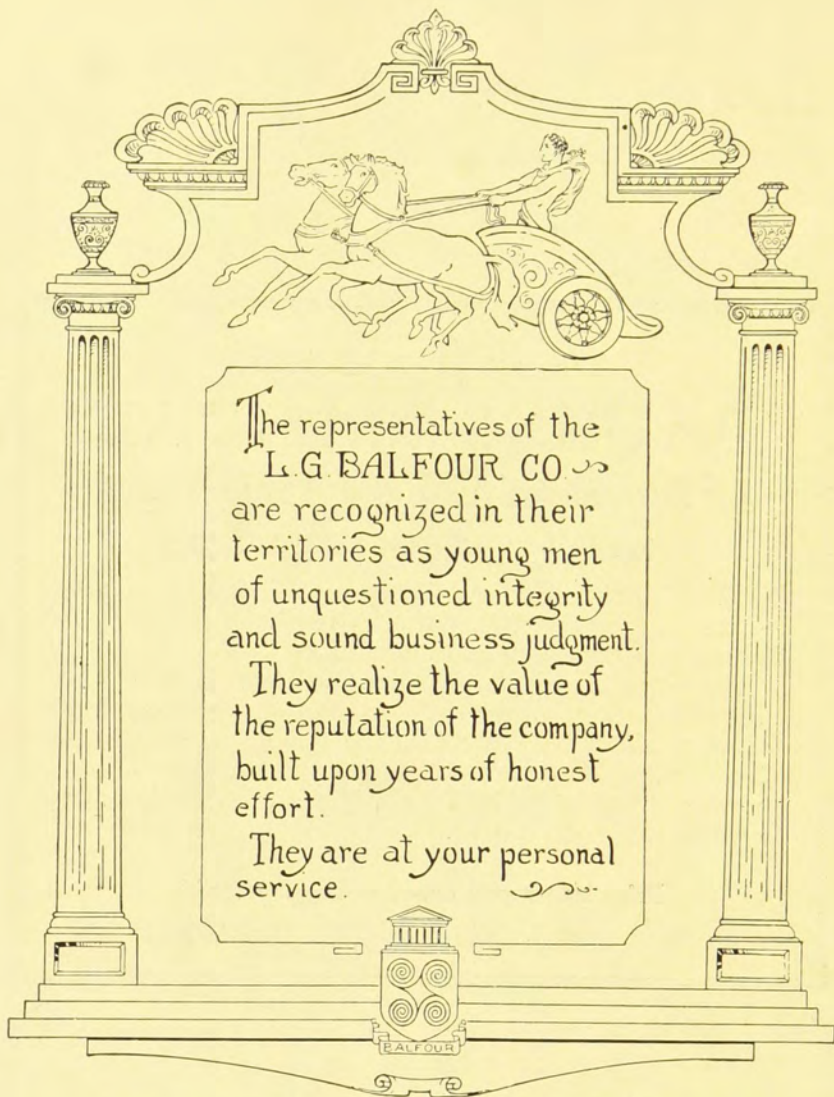
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