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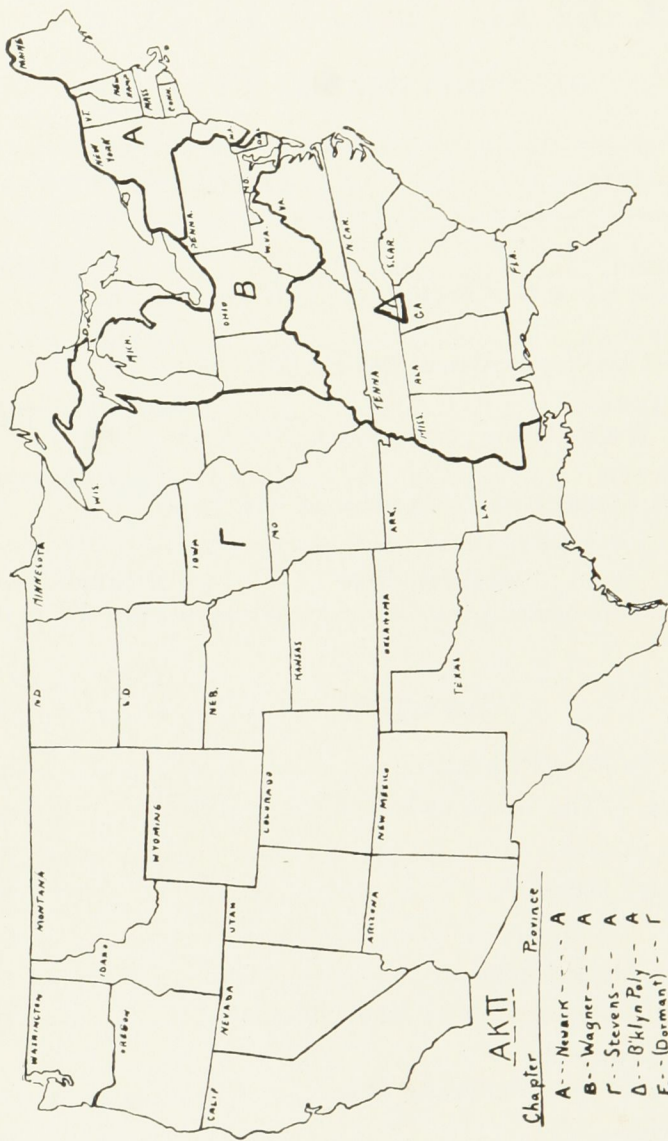
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MAP OF UNITED STATES, SHOWING DIVISION OF COUNTRY INTO PROVINCES AND CHAPTERS IN EACH PROVINCE

ALPHA KAPPA PI'S FOUR PROVINCES

THE United States has been divided, from an Alpha Kappa Pi point of view, into four provinces, designated as Alpha, Beta, Gamma, and Delta, the extent of which is shown by the map on the opposite page. This step was made to facilitate the national administration, as, although our chapters are few, they are rather scattered; and to enable several extension programs, in different sections of the country, to be carried on simultaneously and efficiently.

At present Alpha Province, although it includes the smallest territory, is most important, since it has within its boundaries five of our chapters. Professor Parke B. Fraim, Delta, has charge of this division. Beta Province, headed by Adelbert W. Heinmiller, Zeta, as yet contains no chapters, but offers a fertile field for extension work. Gamma at present covers all territory west of the Mississippi River; but as the number of chapters in this section increases, it will be subdivided. Kermit N. Mendell, Epsilon, has charge of the work here. Delta Province, in the southeast, is headed by David S. Blankenship, Eta.

The province chief in each section has charge of the administration and extension work in his territory, but reports in turn to the Executive Council, which is still the governing body of the fraternity. By this plan, the Council is enabled to delegate certain of its responsibilities which it could not efficiently care for because of the distances separating it from some of the chapters.

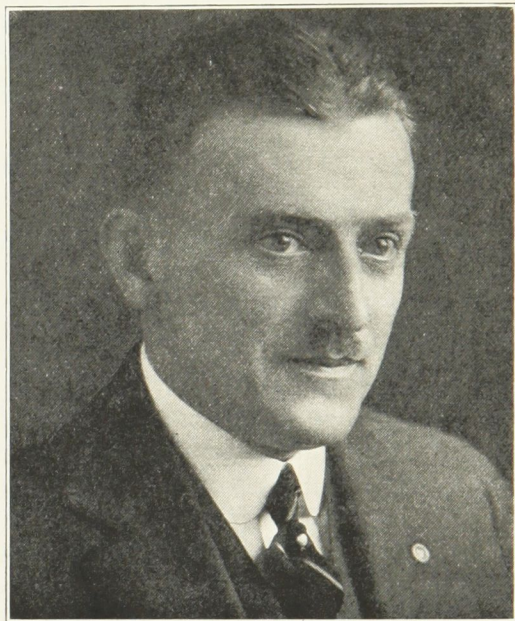
The map clearly shows that there are many empty spaces to be filled up by chapters, particularly in Beta, Gamma, and Delta Provinces. These are fertile fields for development, but the province chiefs need the assistance of those brothers in their territories who have the vision of a greater Alpha Kappa Pi and are willing to work for the attainment of that end. Such men should get in touch with their province chief, and tell him where there are possibilities for new chapters, and find out how they can be of aid.

We wish to thank Brother McKnight for his excellent work in fashioning the map of the provinces of Alpha Kappa Pi.

[NOTE: *Since the making up of this map, the Executive Council has ruled that the state of Illinois should be included in Beta Province rather than in Gamma.*]

DELTA MAN HEADS ALPHA PROVINCE

MR. PARKE B. FRAIM, Delta, the newly appointed chief of Alpha Province, is somewhat older than most of those holding administrative positions in Alpha Kappa Pi, and because of this fact, and also because of his wide experience in the handling of young men, is eminently fitted to take charge of the work in what is now our most important and influential province. Since his initiation in June,



PROFESSOR PARKE B. FRAIM

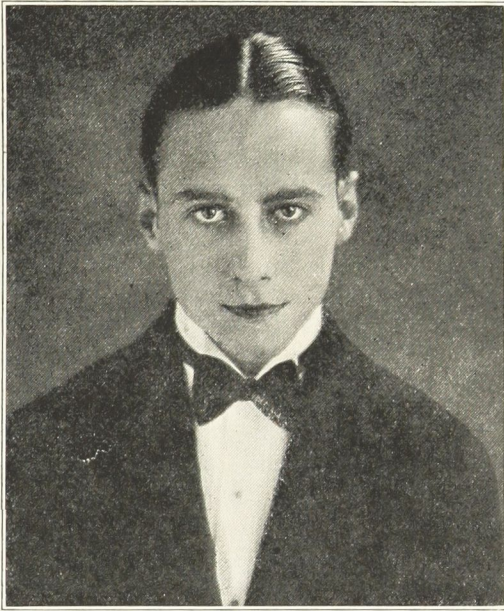
1927, as faculty adviser of Delta chapter, he has done much to further the good work which our branch at Brooklyn Poly is doing.

Brother Fraim was born and raised in Pennsylvania, and graduated from Lehigh University with the degree of Engineer of Mines. He was quite active at this institution in the Dramatic and Glee Clubs, was manager of the university band, and held several other positions. Following his graduation, and a year and a half in the mining industry, he entered the profession of teaching. For five years he was instructor in physics at Lehigh, and then received leave of absence to join the U. S. Army

at the entrance of this country into the World War. He served as lieutenant in the Ordnance Corps, in connection with optical work.

After the war, he returned to his position at Lehigh, and subsequently was made assistant professor of physics. In 1924 he received his appointment as assistant professor of physics at the Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn, where he has taught since then. He holds several faculty offices at this school, is a first lieutenant in the Engineer Reserves, U. S. Army, and is a member of the American Physical Society.

Professor Fraim's work at Delta has been well recognized by the fraternity, and it is certain that he is well deserving of this honor.



ADELBERT W. HEINMILLER

HEINMILLER HEAD OF BETA PROVINCE

ADELBERT W. HEINMILLER has been serving Alpha Kappa Pi very efficiently as western representative, and he now receives his reward with his appointment as province chief of Beta Province. Brother Heinmiller, although a member of our western chapter, Zeta, is

known to many of the eastern brothers since he was a representative of his chapter at the 1928 convention held in New York City. Heinmiller, having graduated from Coe College, is an instructor at the McCann School of Business at Reading, Pennsylvania, and is well located to carry on the work of extending the precepts of Alpha Kappa Pi to colleges situated in his province.

MENDELL RECEIVES APPOINTMENT

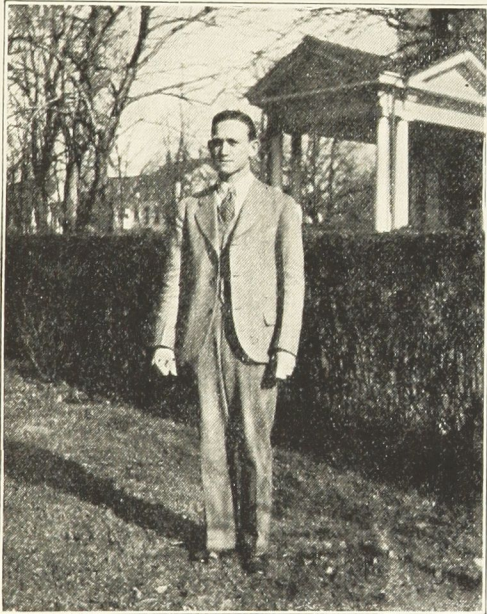
KERMIT N. MENDELL has been appointed chief of Gamma Province, covering at present the entire middle and far western states. Brother Mendell became a member of Alpha Kappa Pi when the late Epsilon chapter was installed at Ellsworth College, Iowa, which he attended. He was quite active at Ellsworth, being president of the Phi Delta Literary Society, a member of the Student Council, and secretary of the Purple Panthers, a pep organization. Brother Mendell is well fitted to take charge of the western province, and it is expected that several chapters from that territory will be installed in the near future.

BLANKENSHIP ALSO PROMOTED

OUR last issue carried the notice of the addition of David S. Blankenship, Jr., Eta, to the extension committee. Now he has been made province chief of the newly formed Delta Province. Brother Blankenship is expected to perform great things for Alpha Kappa Pi in extending our sway into southern colleges and there is no doubt that he will do them.

Blankenship is a native of Charleston, South Carolina. He graduated from Charleston High School in 1924, being a letterman on an all-state football team for two years. While at Presbyterian College, Clinton, South Carolina, he was interested mainly in the scientific field, and after his graduation in 1927 he became affiliated with the Bethlehem Steel Company, with which he is now employed. He became very interested in fraternity life during his junior year at college, and was the man most instrumental in obtaining a chapter of Alpha Kappa Pi in Presbyterian College.

KERMIT N. MENDELL



DAVID S. BLANKENSHIP, JR.

THE GREEN AND WHITE

Many have been the cries for a song of Alpha Kappa Pi, but apparently most of the brothers are too modest or are not musically inclined. We are publishing the first one submitted for approval as a proposed fraternity song, to let the brothers who read this magazine express their approval or disapproval of either the words or music of the piece, so that those who finally pass on its suitability may know the opinions of a majority of the brothers. Forward all comments—only those of a serious nature are desired—to the Associate Editor of this publication.

The words of "The Green and White" were written by Brother Herr, Beta, and set to music by Mr. George D. Haage, of Reading, Pennsylvania.

THE GREEN AND WHITE

We band ourselves together,
As knights were wont to do,
Around our sacred colors
To which we will be true.
We pledge our knightly honor,
And ever hold on high
The virtues thou upholdest;
Our Alpha Kappa Pi

Thy deep fraternal spirit,
Under the Green and White,
Will ever spur us onward,
Victorious in the fight.
When, in our mystic circle,
We vow ourselves and cry,
To always be found faithful
To Alpha Kappa Pi.

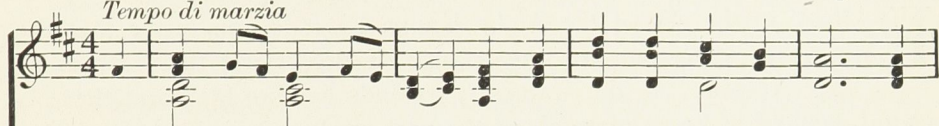
Then forward with our watchword,
"Truth and Fidelity";
With other chapters, onward
We march to victory.
Come then, fraternal brothers,
Our banner raise on high;
And loud with acclamations
Hail! Alpha Kappa Pi.

THE GREEN AND WHITE

Words by
Frank Herr, Beta

Music by
Geo. D. Haage,
Reading, Pa.

Tempo di marzia



We band our-selves to - geth - er, As knights are wont to do, A-



round our sa - cred col - ors To which we will be true. We



pledge our knight-ly hon - or, And ev - er hold on high The

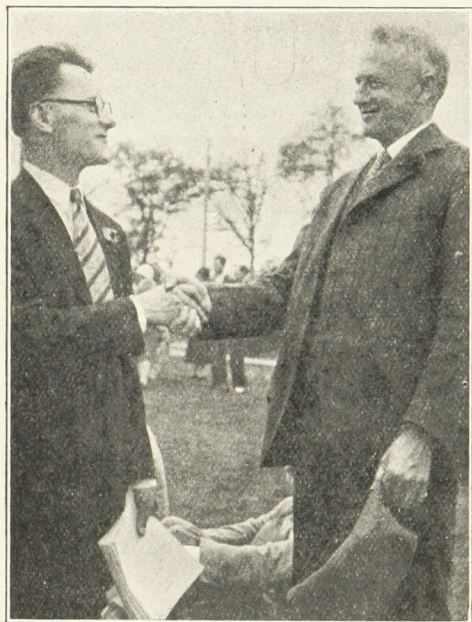


vir - tues thou up - hold - est, Our Al - pha Kap - pa Pi.



THE ADVISER'S CORNER

EARLY in the life of the Alpha Kappa Pi, it is imperative that the members appreciate the importance of preserving their copies of *THE ALPHA*. As the fraternity extends her borders, and there is a vital demand to know more about the past workings of the order, there will be a great need of old *ALPHAS*. If you are unable to do so, then send them to our mailing address and we will do the preserving for you. Alpha Kappa Pi is sure to need these copies one day.



BETA'S PRESIDENT AND FRATERNITY ADVISER EXCHANGE ALPHA KAPPA PI GRIPS ON COLLEGE DAY AT WAGNER COLLEGE, MAY, 1928—LEFT TO RIGHT, R. FRANK HERR AND ADVISER ALBERT H. WILSON.

Alpha Kappa Pi is in need of songs. There is an absolute call here for the song writers to get busy and give to us at least one good rallying song that may be used whenever there is a national or interchapter gathering. Songs that all the members know and can sing add tremendously to the joyfulness of any occasion. As some one has said, "Let me write the songs of a people and I do not care who makes the laws." Besides the rallying songs, we need songs that may be used in opening or closing the chapter meetings, or at time of initiating men into the chapters. Nothing is more pleasing or upbuilding in spirit of an order, than

to be possessed with a list of good and easily executed songs. Who will be the first to send in offerings?

The wonderful success of Delta in pledging men this past fall makes it not out of place to give to the Brooklyn Poly brothers this special notice. Returning to the campus with an active membership of seventeen men, the boys were all set for a big opening. Delta had taken a fine new chapter house, and Professor P. B. Fraim was the inspirational alumnus about whom President John Everetts and his chapter mates rallied. A carefully laid cultivation season was planned, and when the bids were finally offered, Delta surprised even herself by placing the button on more than twenty splendid young gentlemen. This pledging success is all the more remarkable when it is understood that the preferential plan in bidding is in vogue at Brooklyn Poly. We lift our hats to Delta and her excellent corps of outstanding men.

Ray Kirchmeyer, a football star from Columbia University, was the efficient coach at Wagner College, last fall. On this team were several Alpha Kappa Pi men. Among these was one—the only Wagner man to perform the task—Dick Kern, lineman, who played every minute of every game. He is a brawny and cultured gentleman from far away Texas, and it is only fitting that next season the Wagner team will be captained by this same Alpha Kap brother.

It is interesting to note that already Alpha Kappa Pi has been divided into four grand divisions for the purpose of using interested and wide awake men in the upbuilding of this order. Study the divisions and note the men named as province chiefs; and co-operate with them in every honorable way so that you, too, may have done your bit in making the fraternity the kind of a brotherhood you desire it to be in every particular.

In every chapter there is some mark of distinction placed on certain men as the chapter moves onward. Theta chapter, Columbia, has, knowingly or otherwise, placed a fine stamp upon one Kenneth De Hart, Staten Island, in that he is the first pledge to Theta after the charter member group. So long as the fraternity stands, this is a mark that no man can take from this splendid representative of a splendid chapter.

It is a truism among all fraternity orders that the one sure way of maintaining the interest of the entire fraternity in all of its chapters, is through the medium of its magazine. Alpha and Beta chapter boldly sensed this situation and started at once to create THE ALPHA. This is the fraternity's journal and through its pages let us urge the chapters

and brothers anew to make use of it. Help Alpha Kappa Pi by helping Editor Opdyke fill THE ALPHA pages.

There have been some suggestions made as to a new design in the pledge button. It is one worth considering for the future good of Alpha Kappa Pi. More and more, the colleges are postponing initiation, and in at least three instances, extending it to the sophomore year. In that light it is well that Alpha Kappa Pi possess the most appealing pledge button possible. Here is the best suggestion as to the pledge design in case there is a change made: That the center of the badge be taken for that design, that is, use the black enamel center in the shape of a badge and on this field carry the crossed swords, having the entire star-shaped emblem bordered with a circle of plain or chiseled gold. This pin would give to Alpha Kappa Pi one of the most distinctive pledge buttons on any campus. What is the collegiate reaction to this offering?

A. H. WILSON

PLAN INTERCHAPTER DANCE

THE success of the Founders' Day banquet and the Interchapter dance, held in New York City last year, led to the naming of two committees from the chapters of Alpha Kappa Pi in the metropolitan district, to prepare for these two functions in 1929. At first it was planned to combine the events in the form of a dinner dance; but the idea was dropped, and it was finally decided to hold the dance in the early spring, and the banquet later, possibly at the time of the convention. Accordingly, the two committees combined to put the dance over in a big way.

The affair will be held in the Crystal Room of the Hotel Manger, Seventh Avenue and Fiftieth Street, New York City, on the evening of April 13—Saturday not Friday, by the way, if you are superstitious. The best music will be procured, and the dance promises to be a success in every way. The dance will be optional as regards formal attire. The brothers in the five metropolitan chapters, including Theta which was not present at the time of our last one, should do their utmost to cooperate with the committee and the fraternity in supporting this dance.

The committee is composed of: Charles Forsythe, chairman, and Edmund Redmerski, treasurer, Alpha; William T. Heil, Beta; Henry M. Overbaugh, secretary, and Edward E. Eberle, Gamma; Leon K. Danner, Delta; J. E. Missal and Renato D'Angelo, Theta.

THE ALPHA KAPPA PI FRATERNITY

Founded January 1, 1921, at the Newark College of Engineering, Newark, New Jersey. Incorporated under the laws of the state of New Jersey.

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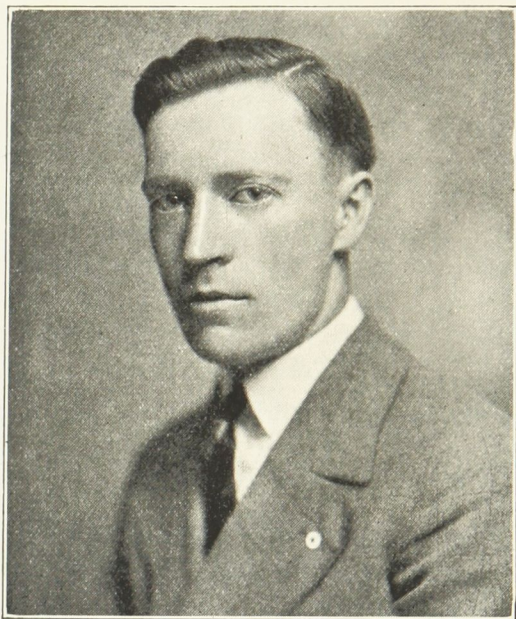
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<i>Historian:</i> R. R. D'Angelo, Hartley Hall, Columbia University, New York, N.Y.	

WHO'S WHO IN ALPHA KAPPA PI

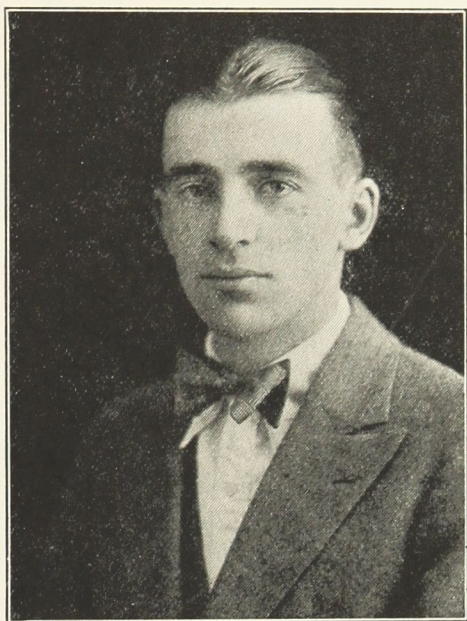


HARRY T. MCKNIGHT

HARRY T. MCKNIGHT, Grand First Vice-President of Alpha Kappa Pi fraternity, received his high school education at Wagner High on Staten Island, New York. He then entered the college department of that institution, and graduated in 1926, having completed the liberal arts course. In the fall of 1926 he entered the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, where he is now a senior. After the coming graduation in June, he will be ready to take up his life work.

While at Wagner College, Brother McKnight took part in all student activities. In his senior year he was president of the student council and vice-president of the student body. He also engaged in athletics, and in editing school papers and year books.

Mr. McKnight always showed a keen interest in fraternities. He is a charter member of Beta chapter of Alpha Kappa Pi, and as president of the local fraternity at Wagner at that time, he played an important part in the founding of the national. As president of the Beta alumni association, he is now doing his bit to make Alpha Kappa Pi a bigger and better fraternity.



HARRY W. DIERMAN

HARRY W. DIERMAN, our Grand Secretary, was brought up in the North Jersey town of Woodcliff Lake, and after graduating from Ridgefield Park High School, entered the Newark College of Engineering in the fall of 1923, to prepare for a career in the field of mechanical engineering. In his freshman year, he became a member of the local fraternity there, and later, when plans for a national fraternity were being worked out, he was one of those men from Newark and Wagner who, aided by Brother A. H. Wilson, founded the organization of Alpha Kappa Pi.

That Brother Dierman is a man of personality and varied talents was evidenced by his activities at college. He was president of his class for two years, class treasurer for one, and editor of the college paper. He was president of the local society at Newark at the time the national was organized, and afterwards was made Grand Second Vice-President of the latter. He ranked highest in his class scholastically, receiving a scholarship key from the fraternity; and, to round out his activities, he took part in all sports, and received his "N" for athletics.

Since his graduation in 1927, Brother Dierman has been employed by

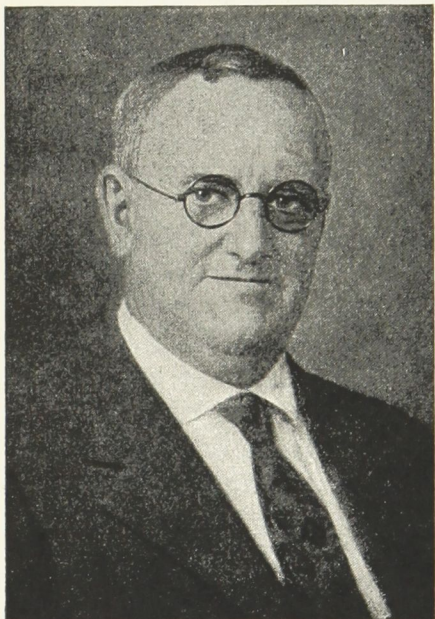
the New York Steam Corporation in New York City, with which he has a responsible position.

Quite recently, Brother Dierman has been appointed Grand Secretary of Alpha Kappa Pi, succeeding Brother Gibbons. He is a fine man, worthy to be called brother by any one in the national organization.

INTERFRATERNITY CONFERENCE ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

WE TAKE great pleasure in presenting, on this and the next page, the officers of the Interfraternity Conference for this year.

These men were chosen at the conference held last November at the Hotel Pennsylvania, New York City. They are all high officers in their respective fraternities, and among the best known workers in matters fraternal in a national sense. Through the courtesy of the George Banta Publishing Company, we are privileged to make use of these halftones.



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Treasurer

AERICAN colleges and universities exist primarily for the purpose of training young men and women for a life of usefulness. They are training camps. College fraternities have as one of their primary purposes the desire to assist in making this training vital. However, no chapter is really an effective agent unless its scholarship is above the average. It is a great advantage to a chapter to have as its members only those who keep up their work. Rarely will one find a good student who is a fraternity "dud." On the other hand, the men who do not pay their house bills and who are not an asset to their chapter are as a rule poor students. But the advantage that a chapter gains in having the brothers do their work well is small compared to the gain made by the individual members. We believe in an all around development of a man, and that the most important of all the different phases of college life is the development of his brain. *The greatest thing to remember in this world is that by concentrating on the issue at hand men and women will be what they set out to be. If they waste their energies on the side shows of life, they will miss the big show.*

—Phi Mu Delta Triangle

EDITORIALS AND COMMENT

GEORGE BANTA, SR.—FRATERNITY MAN

THE recent wide publicity which has been given to college life in general, and to fraternity life in particular, has resulted in much misunderstanding concerning the value of the latter organizations. According to the tabloid newspapers, fraternities have no influence on the undergraduate members beyond a degrading or demoralizing one. The effect of this has been to spread the impression that the spirit of brotherhood supposed to be represented in these organizations is a mythical and temporary affair, lasting only during college days, if at all.

Unfortunately, this last statement is in part true. Many men practically forget their fraternity then, except at those times when they receive bills, or letters asking for donations for new chapter houses; or chance to meet a brother and have a short chat. Whether this is due to lack of influence of the fraternity on the men, or to deliberate forgetfulness, is hard to say. Apparently some men feel that their fraternity is a "kid" organization, which was a fine thing to be associated with while they were at college, but which they outgrew when they graduated. To such men it is practically incomprehensible why some become so interested in fraternity work that they make it their life's job.

There are, though, many good and capable men, successful in their endeavors, who feel that the fraternity offers as much influence, particularly to the undergraduate in the formative period, as any one of the other secret or fraternal organizations. These have done their part in founding or developing fraternities, or carrying on work which is of benefit to all organizations. One such man is George Banta, Sr., head of the George Banta Publishing Company, publishing our journal.

The fraternity background of Mr. Banta may account in some measure for this. His father, as a member of the class of 1855 at Indiana, was one of the first seventy-five men to be initiated into Phi Delta Theta. In 1874 Mr. Banta himself became a member, as also did his brother. George Banta, Jr., eventually joined Phi Delta Theta. His brother, Mark Banta, Wisconsin, '04, also became a member, and in time his son George, who graduated from Wabash in 1928. Thus, we have four generations in the same fraternity; and, although we have not given a complete list, over forty members of the family have joined Phi Delta Theta.



GEORGE BANTA, SR., *Phi Delta Theta*

Mr. Banta was for many years an important factor in the administration of Phi Delta Theta. In 1880, when the present form of government was adopted by the fraternity, he was made the first president of the general council. For many years he was the Phi Delta Theta delegate at the Interfraternity Conference, and was an active member of this group.

He has always been interested in printing, and foresaw the service to

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WHAT OTHERS SAY

CHARACTER as the most important quality to be considered in seeking new members for national Greek-letter social fraternities was given in three-fourths of the answers to a questionnaire recently sent out by H. E. Stone, dean of men of West Virginia University, to heads of 100 chapters in colleges and universities in the United States. Capacity for friendship was rated next, and scholarship third. Other considerations were athletic ability, popularity, financial ability, social standing, and relationship to older members. The average value of homes owned by the fraternities investigated was \$65,000.

Responsibility on the part of fraternities for "pledges" is shown by a statement of the following methods used in training them: Enforced study hours; senior advisers; senior-freshman meetings; direct assistance in studying; freshman manager; study table for preps; constant check on grades; constructive criticism; freshman training school; scholarship committee; curtailment of social activities; "example first, advice second, paddle last," and encouragement. Practically all national fraternities have rules against bringing liquor into fraternity houses, and the general attitude is in favor of strict obedience to the prohibition law.

—New York *Times*

THE alumnus who visits a chapter house must not—if he would not be disappointed—expect the chapter to form a parade in his honor as he comes into view. He cannot fairly even expect the chapter members to rush to him with open arms as he enters the front doors. Tradesmen and unwelcome guests also come in front doors. He must introduce himself. Having declared himself to be united in fraternal bonds with the men of the house, and having given them his name, he can then expect from them the courtesy that is due a brother. He must remember, too, that the boys do not consider it necessary for every member of the chapter to wait upon him.

The chapter can expect the visitor to introduce himself; beyond that the pleasure of the visit is up to the undergraduate brothers. They must realize that the reputation of the chapter for hospitality is at stake in their manner of receiving each alumnus who comes to their door. And no member of the chapter can shirk the duty, for "letting George do it" does not make a warm reception.

—Caduceus of Kappa Sigma

MY FRATERNITY

My fraternity is my college home—never a mere political organization to put me “in line” for anything but life. It is sacred. Its purpose in relation to me is to make me a bigger and better man. Therefore, in return, I owe at the very least, this much: first, to be a man myself; second, to go even so far as to make great sacrifice, if necessary, to get the right men in and keep the wrong men out; and third, to do my part always to see that the social and intellectual and moral life of the fraternity is kept to the high level of the ritual.

—*The Purple, Green, and Gold* of Lambda Chi Alpha

THE SEA

An undulating, restless bit of world,
Splashed upon the canvas in one endless sweep,
And wedded to the skies,
Now laughing quite aloud
And dancing with a strange abandon;
Now lulled to an impressive quietude
By the lullaby of the breeze.
Complacent and serene,
Betraying not a trace of temper,
Nor in its moments of great anger
Displaying an aptitude for tenderness;
Yet always with a mighty shout it comes
Sprawling softly at your feet—
A giant in reverent supplication!

—*Pi Alpha Quarterly*

GOOD and loyal alumni are made by the active chapter. Chapters are often complaining about the lack of interest of the alumni. When the entire burden of the chapter rests on the shoulders of three or four men during the four years of a college education, that chapter is training only four loyal alumni. Every man in the chapter should be made to have and take some active interest in the running of the chapter. Each man has some particular talent and that talent should be put to use for the fraternity. If a member is not interested in helping his chapter that much he has no business in it and should be out.

—*The Record* of Sigma Alpha Epsilon

YOU

A beacon of light on a storm-tossed sea,
A release from sorrow and pain,
A moonbeam piercing through the trees

. . . . Your smile.

Delicate beauty of violets blue,
Petals kissed by the sun,
A blossom smiling in the sod

. . . . Your heart.

A jewel of beauty, precious and pure,
Heart of my life, and sunshine of my day
A gift divine from eternal heaven,

. . . . Your love. —*Kappa Alpha Psi Journal*

GEORGE BANTA, SR.

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fraternities of publishing journals for the men of these societies. It was not until 1903, however, that he had the opportunity to organize a publishing company intended primarily for fraternity work. At that time he took over the business managership and publishing of the *Scroll* of Phi Delta Theta. Since then the list of publications put out by his Collegiate Press has grown, until now it includes over sixty fraternity journals, of which *THE ALPHA* is a fairly recent arrival. *Banta's Greek Exchange* has been an important factor in the fraternity world, and is invaluable for all members of Greek-letter societies.

Mr. Banta's character is typified by his editorials appearing in the *Greek Exchange*. We find here a keen and sympathetic understanding of youth, a fine appreciation of the best in fraternity life, a gentle philosophy of everyday problems, and an increasing emphasis upon those fraternity standards and fundamentals which are synonymous with the highest, the truest, and the best. Surely, the fraternity world has been the gainer by the work of George Banta, Sr.

As an example of one who felt the influence of his fraternity to a high degree, and through this became inspired to serve not only it, but all fraternities, Mr. Banta stands supreme. Those members who feel that graduation ends their fraternity days, that they have "outgrown" them, should remember him; and through this receive the desire to serve Alpha Kappa Pi in one of the many fields of usefulness open to all.

NEWS FROM THE CHAPTERS

Alpha Alpha chapter has entered into the new year rather slowly, but under the efficient leadership of Brother Lott, our newly elected president, we are beginning to push things.

Our first activity was the annual smoker held in the Newark Auto Club, on October 28. Brother Wilson R. Hull, the Grand President, was the master of ceremonies, and Brothers Elias, Dierman, Weinstein, Kane, Brader, Lott, and Cox gave short speeches. There were many guests there.

We are now making arrangements to take in a group of freshmen and sophomores, provided they pass their examinations.

In the last issue of THE ALPHA, Brother O'Connor was announced as the secretary. This was an error, as Brother MacFadyen is the secretary.

Alpha chapter is having about 85 per cent attendance at the meetings. This is very gratifying, especially in view of the fact that there is no house and most of the members live outside of Newark. We expect to have our house in a short time and we will certainly make the new pledges at home.

JOHN B. OPDYKE

Beta This fall we succeeded in selecting seven young men to help us carry on the name of Alpha Kappa Pi and to keep it up to its standard of excellence. Brothers Kaminska, Schenk, Vesper, Hagenau, Flothmeier, Straub, and Cary are the results of our labors.

The initiation this year seemed to live up to all expectations. The neophytes were good subjects and entered into the affair with the proper spirit. However, we still maintain that the initiation itself was milder than the initiations in the past. For instance, no unfortunate was left to die in a cemetery this year.

The induction ceremony was held a few days later, after which we had our banquet for the new men; and, as usual, the evening was enjoyed with good fellowship and geniality. We were very pleased to count Brother Wilson among our guests on that evening.

Brothers Kern, Kaminska, Hoffmeister, Heil, Cary, and Basch all made positions for themselves on the varsity football team this year. Cary was the outstanding quarterback. He never seemed to know when he had punishment enough, but persisted in hitting the hard spots; the harder the

opposing team hit him, the better he liked it, and came back for more. Another gritty individual is Brother Kaminska, who played center. Although he acquired a fractured wrist in one of the games, he passed the ball back with one hand, and waxed very wroth when the coach ordered him to the showers. He still feels bad about being "pulled." Hank Kern has been elected to the captaincy of the 1929 football team. So you see that the Beta boys like their football.

Brother Wilson missed very few of our football games this season, and from his sage comments on plays, we are convinced that he has a real working knowledge of the game.

Our dance held here on the Island on November 10, turned out very successfully, both financially and socially. There was a very affable crowd present, and hence we could not help but enjoy ourselves.

This year we have apportioned our money, so that at every meeting we can have a little "bang." The experiment is surely working, because the attendance at meetings has kept up admirably well. I heartily recommend it to any chapter who has a hard time in getting its members together.

Just before Christmas vacation, came our little stag party. Some bright members suggested ladies, but immediately the boys who love their liberty vetoed the idea. We are all looking forward to a prosperous 1929 for Alpha Kappa Pi.

BUD MILLER

The new year, both in Stevens Institute and Gamma chapter, started with unusual vim and vigor. The fourth week of school was the beginning of the two weeks' open rushing period. The brothers of the chapter worked diligently on rushing and the results were very gratifying. We were able to pledge Brother Naughton of the class of '31 and Pledges T. Fay, G. Huntington, C. Felgentreu, M. Duignan, E. Rau, and E. Sundberg, all of the class of '32. They are excellent men, and it is expected that they will carry on the affairs of Gamma chapter to their utmost ability. We are hoping to receive several more men as pledges as soon as the second period of rushing begins, at the opening of the second term.

The active chapter now consists of seventeen brothers and six pledges. The officers for this year are: Brother Eberle, president; Brother Straub, vice-president; Brother Hendrich, treasurer; Brother Ermisch, recording secretary; and Brother Mennie, corresponding secretary. Under the

supervision of our officers, we have thus far made progress in our fraternal work and expect to continue thus for the rest of the year.

On November 21, Brothers Hutcheon and Naughton experienced a delightful second degree initiation—delightful for everyone—and after a lapse of two weeks, were administered the third degree in the presence of the entire active chapter. Three of the pledges—G. Huntington, M. Duignan, and E. Sundberg—enjoyed the experience of their lifetimes on December 19.

A very successful Halloween dance was held on October 27. The house was elaborately decorated, and helped to make the evening enjoyable. Large numbers of the alumni, as well as the active members and their guests, were present. An open house dance was held on December 22, following the basketball game between Stevens and N.Y.U. Gamma chapter is looking forward to another national dance. Brother Eberle is Gamma's representative of the national dance committee.

Stevens has recently inaugurated Harvey Nathaniel Davis as its third president. He follows in the footsteps of Dr. A. C. Humphreys, who died last year. There was elaborate celebration in connection with the inaugural ceremonies and presidents of forty colleges and about one hundred and fifteen representatives of various colleges were present. It is expected that some radical changes will be made around the 'Stute. Dr. Davis is a graduate of Brown University, and for the past seven years has been professor of physics at Harvard. His work as a scientist has already become famous, and Stevens looks forward to a bright future under the guidance of such a man.

In closing we wish to say that Gamma chapter is always glad to receive visits from brothers of other chapters. We wish to keep in close contact with all chapters. We take this opportunity to extend our greetings to all brothers with the wish that they may prosper during 1929.

ROBERT T. KEOWEN

Zeta opened the 1928-1929 academic year by pledging thirteen extra-quality men, who are: George Anderson, '32; Wilbur F. Cannon, '30; Myrwin Cole, '32; Lewis Davies, '32; Mark Ellet, '32; Darrell Gilbert, '32; Ben Kouba, '32; Lewis Markwell, '31; William McBride, '32; Harlan Neuhart, '32; Dalbert Perkins, '32; Park Rittenhouse, '32; and Glen Williamson. Seldom has Zeta received a group of men with as much talent as it has this year. Williamson and Neuhart,

both experienced high school debate men, represented Zeta in the interfraternity debate and won second place for the local chapter. In all the other fields of curricular and extracurricular activities, some of the Alpha Kappa Pi pledges are present.

The chapter's first social event of the year was a dance held in honor of the pledges at the Hotel Roosevelt ballroom on the evening of October 26. The floor was ideal, and was lighted by the large replica of the Alpha Kappa Pi badge. The music was furnished by Stanley's seven-piece Aristocrats, who played both "slow drags" for the slower members of the group and "hot stuff" for the others. Besides the active members and pledges, a number of the alumni of the chapter attended. Mr. Floyd Diehl, a charter member of the local chapter, was present with his wife. "Jimmie" McMechan came with a young lady from Clinton, Iowa, while Lloyd Gregory rolled in from Jefferson in the opposite direction. Warning Brinacombe and Ronald Wallace were other out-of-town men present. Those present from Cedar Rapids included Ivan Yenney, who graduated last year, Kenneth Morehead, and Ardell Borschel.

Lieutenant Colonel Bowers Davis and Lieutenant Philip Payne and their wives were chaperons for the event. Professor G. N. Quam, one of the faculty advisers, was unable to be present because of the illness of his wife. Mr. John R. Stockton, the other faculty member, was present.

Four initiations have already been held this year. Dave J. Cook, '30, who is our old time football star, Richard Henecke, '29, who is active in numerous activities on the campus, and Ray Meinert, '31, who is a member of the Coe military band, were given their formal initiation on October 1. Wilbur F. Cannon, who came to us from Grinnell this year, was initiated shortly after midsemester on November 27. Brother Cannon is an expert accountant and is doing extensive work as a collection agent.

Due to the failure of several of Zeta's officers to return this year and also to the resignation of several others, new chapter officers have been installed from time to time. The present officers of the chapter are: Robert Duckworth, '30, president; Eugene Arnett, '31, vice-president; Roscoe Beedee, '30, treasurer; Harry I. Prugh, '30, secretary; Ray Meinert, '31, chaplain; Arie Poldervaart, '31, historian; and Lorenz Schoenbeck, '31, sentinel. Dave J. Cook, '30, has charge of instructing the preps in pledge work.

That Zeta was the nucleus of the Coe political machines during the

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recent presidential campaign was brought out by the fact that in an all college debate on the question "Resolved that this house favors the election of Alfred E. Smith for president," three of the four men chosen to debate the question were members of Zeta chapter. The three Alpha Kappa Pi men who debated were D. Doyle Stonehocker and Robert Duckworth, who upheld the affirmative side of the question, and Kenneth R. Clark, who was on the negative side.

ARIE POLDERVAART

Eta started the scholastic year with a bang. During the rushing season, several social functions were held in honor of the freshmen. An informal moonlight picnic held on the banks of the Enoree River was one of the most enjoyed. A clubhouse secured for the purpose provided a place for dancing, and other amusements were provided outside. On the night of October 8, a banquet was held at the Mary Musgrove Tea Room in honor of the newly pledged. After a five-course dinner, a toast program was enjoyed with O. C. Martin acting as toastmaster. The annual Panhellenic pledge dance was held on November 16. Alpha Kappa Pi men were very active in the preparation of this dance and the fact that a good time was enjoyed by all, amply repaid their efforts. Several of our alumni brothers were guests at this time. The dance followed the homecoming game between Presbyterian College and Oglethorpe, in which the Presbyterian boys were victors.

We were very fortunate in being able to get a new location this year. Faculty rulings make houses impossible and so we have to get the best halls possible. The new rooms are in the Adair Building at 304 West Main Street.

To our brothers everywhere we wish a very prosperous New Year.

NEIL P. CLINTON

BETA'S MT. AIRY COLONY

The alumni of Beta chapter who are enrolled at Mt. Airy Seminary, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, are organized; Brother McKnight being president, and Brother Kirsch, secretary-treasurer. Of the nine men who are here, two, Grubb and Herr, are listed as specials; one, Stoner, as a junior; four, Erdmann, Kern, Kirsch, and Schilke, as middlers; and two, McKnight and Nickel, as seniors.

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PERSONALS

Alpha Personalities

Brother William Clement Karl has left us to join Notre Dame. Why not Rutgers, Bill?

It is rumored that Thomas N. McCarter plans to retire in 1930. You've guessed it, Brother Varndell is now co-operating with the public service. No—that's not why the gas rates went up.

Brother Elias has been elected secretary of the student branch of the A.S.M.E., replacing Brother Karl, who is among the dear departed.

All signs point to successful dances by the upper classes this year. Brother Varndell is chairman of the Junior Prom committee, and Brother Townsend, the chairman of the Senior Ball committee.

Here and Hearabouts at Wagner

Siegwaldt Palleske, '28, who is doing graduate work at Columbia this year, was a visitor on the campus last week. He addressed the German Society at their last meeting.



HENRY NATHANIEL KERN

Brother Kern was born in Texas in 1908, where he resided until he entered Wagner College. Hank has recently been elected captain of the varsity football team here. A Southern gentleman, one of God's noblemen, and a man whom we are proud to call brother. He has held many offices at Wagner, among them being president of his class and treasurer of our chapter. He has been active in the College Chorus, German Society, and most of all, the football team. Next year, when he graduates, Beta will lose an outstanding man.

Dr. F. Charles De Walsh, head of our German department, is offering a special course at Hunter College this year. It is known as "German Idealism in the Eighteenth Century" and is for graduate students. Dr. De Walsh has been especially honored in this, since only three graduate courses are given at Hunter College.

Paul Clemen, class of '28, is fast developing into a broker on Wall Street. He always was good at high finance.

Brother Hoppe is still leading the race for high honors in academic achievement. (Whereupon Hop says: "Don't rub it in.")

Brother French has been very anxious to go home on vacations this year. We wonder why.

Brother Vesper, one of our new men, was in the cast of the Dramatic Society's Christmas production.

Al Schilke, '27, has just celebrated a birthday. Each year sees him nearer the ministry.

Ed. Grubb, '28, rooms with R. Frank Herr, '28, in Graduate Hall at Mount Airy Seminary, Philadelphia. We understand that Ed. runs a bus service line between Philadelphia and New York.

Big Brother Bill Voss is photographic manager of our year book, *The Kallista*. We all expect that a great art triumph will be the result of his labors.

Brothers Carey and Tomforde are out for basketball this year. This year Hoffmeister and Bosch are veterans.

John Kirsch, '27, has returned from Germany where he has been studying for the past year.

Alas! New Jersey seems to have lost its charm for Brother Hoffmeister!

Brother Lucas has developed into a budding poet. His roommate's hair started it all.

The 'Stute

Gamma men are very active around the 'Stute in extracurriculum activities, and are doing good work.

The newly formed Rifle Club of S.I.T. has elected Brother Shrader and Brother Ermisch president and secretary respectively.

Brothers Border and Mennie are still tooting their saxophones, and Brother Zwack is strumming his banjo, in the Stevens dance orchestra.

Brothers Cyriacks, Straub, and Naughton are lending their vocal ability to the Glee Club.

The 'Stute, the weekly publication at Stevens, has as its assistant business manager and business assistant Brothers Eberle and Straub, respectively.

Brother Hendrich has been one of the foremost runners in the newly formed cross-country team. Pledge Duignan is also running his legs off for the glory of the team.

The newly installed "dean's list" includes three of our men. They are Brothers Eberle, Hendrich, and Mariner. These men are privileged characters, and idols in the eyes of the student body.

Brother Mariner has recently become a member of Tau Beta Pi, the honorary engineering fraternity. He has been one of the leaders of his class all through his four years. We congratulate him and are glad to have such a man in our ranks.

Brother Straub has, without doubt, won a crown for himself from Brother Wilson, for coming late. It is not a rare sight to see George running up River Street and dashing into class at the last minute. We still think that there is a reason for the reform of Brother Wilson.

Brother Cyriacks worked as a "supervisor" at a playground during the past summer and has acquired very powerful vocal cords as a result. He may be able to use this some day for a *good* purpose.

We wonder what will happen to Duignan and Keowen if they ever come "stag" to a dance again.

The chapter raves about its four sax players—and how!

We would like to know what attraction an upper New York state college for girls holds for Brothers Eberle and Schrader. They have been receiving letters and pennants from there recently.

We occasionally see or hear from Brothers Oliver, Castle, and Constantinides of the class of '28, who left us last spring to join the professional ranks.

Brother H. A. Thompson, '23, succumbed to the inevitable fate last April. We wish him happiness. He and Mrs. Thompson are living in Cleveland.

Brother Lou Dury has settled down with a wife and baby to make him happy.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Crone recently announced the arrival of a baby boy. Congratulations to both. Lester is a '26 man.

At last we have one of our alumni in the field of aviation. Brother Romeo Nardone, '26, has become a chief airplane designer. He is also married.

Brother Ted Koven, '26, is now president of the Koven Iron Works. We noticed that new La Salle Ted is sporting around in, too.

Delta Notes

Vincent Dorn, Delta, and Miss Edith Christie were married on January 26 of this year. The couple are now residing at 128 Marine Avenue, Brooklyn, New York. Brother Dorn has just recently obtained a fine position with the Western Electric Company, at Kearny, New Jersey.

Zeta at Coe

Eugene Arnette is still the boy who rates all the sorority formals. "Arnie" is rapidly coming to the front in athletics. He took the ball across Carroll College's goal line in a tight game here last fall, and will no doubt make a dazzling showing in basketball and track during the rest of this college year. "Arnie" is now vice-president of Zeta chapter.

John H. Moninger is the big boy on the Coe college campus. He holds this year more positions of distinction and honor than any Coe man has ever held. Here is a summary of just a few of the most important ones: editor of the Coe College *Cosmos*, the college weekly publication; president of the Student Council, the student governing body of the college; president of the local chapter of Pi Delta Epsilon, national honorary journalistic fraternity; president of the local chapter of Scabbard and Blade, national honorary military fraternity; and active member of the Writers' Club.

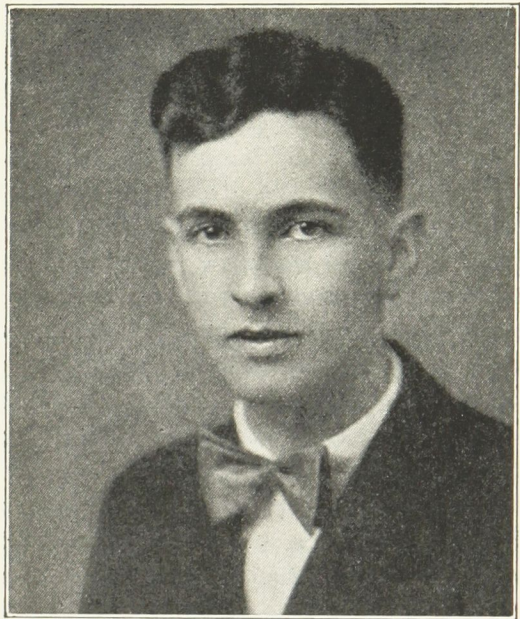
D. Doyle Stonehocker faces a double problem this year, working his own way through and providing his, here famous, Brother C. Jess with spending money. "Doc" was one of the participants in the Hoover-Smith debate and is advertising manager of the *Acorn*, the college annual.

Kenneth Clark is business manager of the *Acorn*; but more than that, he is campus' most polished politician. He was president of the Hoover Club of Coe College last fall, and stood up for Hoover in the Hoover-Smith debate. Kenneth is also a member of the *Cosmos* staff, member of the Writers' Club, member of Pi Kappa Delta, national honorary forensic fraternity, and second lieutenant in the R.O.T.C. Furthermore, "Clarky" has launched out upon a stupendous social program.

Roscoe Beedee is death to bank accounts among the Zeta boys. His

weekly financial reports and persistent labors over those accountant books are matters understood by no one in the fraternity; but his raids upon their pocketbooks are felt by all.

Harry Prugh, the preacher's son, stands by as the light of the chapter. His optimism and extreme helpfulness are influences that will be everlasting upon the other members of the chapter.



ROBERT B. DUCKWORTH

Robert B. Duckworth is president of Zeta chapter for this year. Brother Duckworth has been very influential at Coe in building up the chapter to a high rank on the campus. He is a junior in college, and has taken a very important part in campus life. He has been on the varsity debating team for three years, won his letter in track, and is a member of the rifle team and of the College Players, the Coe dramatic society.

Arie Poldervaart, Ben Franklin's early riser, faithfully starts his day's program at 4:00 A.M. and routs the early morning hashers from their nightly rendezvous between the hours of four and seven. Arie is a member of the military band, historian of Zeta chapter, feature writer and assistant for editor of the *Cosmos*, sophomore assistant of the *Acorn*, as well as being editor of two Boy Scout publications. Arie is still leading the college scholastically.

Dave J. Cook was also a high light on the gridiron during the past football season, and is pretty well assured of a first string position on next year's squad.

'Way Down South

Brothers Clinton, McQueen, and Jack Martin were prominent members of the football team, and Means and O. C. Martin were on the

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squad. In the Citadel game, especially, Jack Martin and McQueen starred. Jack plays tackle and McQueen, guard.

Latimer is editor-in-chief of the *Blue Stocking*, the weekly publication of the students. He is also varsity basketball manager.

We are glad to note visits from two of our alumni, S. G. Harden, who is in business in Charlotte, North Carolina, and C. W. Johnson, who is in the clothing business at Gray Court, South Carolina.

In the R.O.T.C. department Brother Latimer is a first lieutenant, and O. C. Martin a captain.

McIlwain, Latimer, and O. C. Martin attended the summer camp at Anniston, Alabama, last summer; and from the number of letters that McIlwain gets from there he must have left something valuable behind.

We keep wondering why Jack Martin goes to Limestone College so often.

"Red" Means is yodeling in the Glee Club and quartet.

Brothers McCord and O. C. Martin are going fine on the R.O.T.C. rifle team. We wish them luck against Florida.

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Our seminary life is very similar to what our college life has been, only not quite as boisterous. This does not mean that we are inactive; but that we are active in another way, and trying not to forget that we, once upon a time, were boys. We enjoy social gatherings and fraternal fellowship as few fraternity men do after they leave college. We not only study theology, but get practical experience in extramural work by preaching, assisting pastors, teaching Bible classes, and engaging in Luther League work.

We, too, are mindful of our brothers' needs at Wagner, and have each pledged \$100 towards a building fund for a fraternity house which we feel they should have.

Our sedate, serene, serious seniors are seriously seeking senioritas who are willing to accompany them to parsonages as their spouses.

A. H. STONER, '28

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