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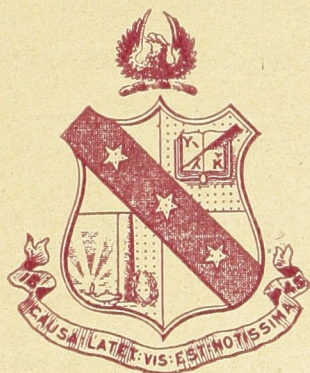
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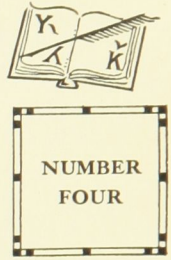
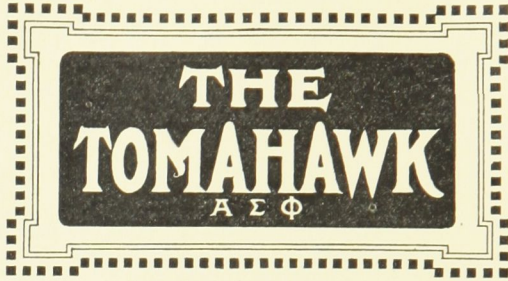
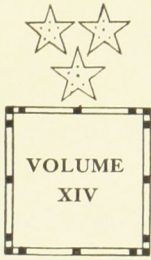
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OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The National Convention called for September 12-15 at Chicago has been indefinitely postponed because of war conditions. Every Chapter has enlisted almost to a man in some form of national service while thousands of our alumni are rushing to the colors. To attempt to hold a convention under such circumstances is to invite failure and at the same time be almost disloyal. The highest cardinal virtue of our fraternity has always placed the interests of country above all else.

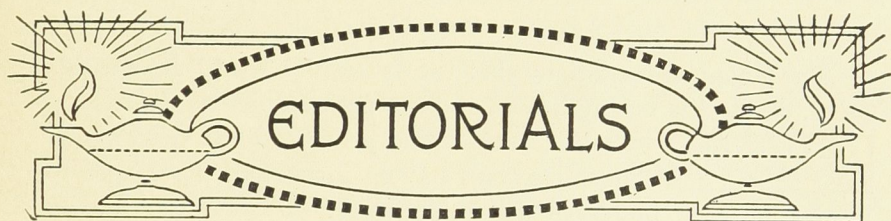
Every Member of our Grand Prudential Committee is engaged in national service, and almost every member of the Chicago Alumni Council is under the flag. The undersigned has been temporarily disqualified owing to the regulations regarding physical condition and age. While these conditions continue I will serve the Fraternity through arrangements made with the Grand Prudential Committee that I should do so on terms regarding expense similar to those that have heretofore prevailed.

Owing to the possibility that regulations may be changed so that I may be able to get into the service and thus suddenly end the present arrangements,—or that pending the change conditions in the Fraternity itself may improve so as to justify a Convention, the agreement is temporary. At the earliest possible moment I shall call a convention into extraordinary session if for only two days in some middle western town to complete the changes authorized by the amended constitution. In the meantime *ad interim* administration work will be carried on uninterruptedly and under the legal provisions of our fundamental charter. We cannot afford to allow the constructive policies of the last ten years to fall into decay and the fraternity suffer in consequence. I will make the personal sacrifice that further work entails, but only until the convention is justified by the logic of events.

With this end in view retrenchment in all fraternity expenditures is the order of the day. Attempts will be made to keep the income ahead of disbursements and protect the treasury at all hazards. For

this reason the TOMAHAWK has been reduced to a minimum in order to hold our second class entry and keep the magazine alive. The undersigned accepts full responsibility for this reduction in size. If the policy meets with your disapproval you can easily protest and your objections will be heeded. I prefer to see a solvent treasury all through these trying days of war to the end that no back debts will have to be met when we again settle down to the avocations of peace. I sincerely hope the atmosphere of doubt and uncertainty that hovers over the fraternity world will sufficiently clear to warrant calling a convention early in October to relieve me from the burden I am carrying against my best personal interests in the premises. Until that day shall come, or until my country calls me to its service, I shall continue to serve you with the same devotion to duty that has actuated my every effort these past ten years. More I cannot promise,—less I would not do under the governing conditions.

WAYNE M. MUSGRAVE, G. J. P., and
Managing Editor TOMAHAWK.



When our colleges and universities resume their work in the fall, it will be under markedly changed conditions, and some of them may find the enrollment so small that it will be difficult to pursue the work unhampered; considerable retrenchment, at least, will become imperative. Others may be tempted to close their doors, notwithstanding President Wilson's strong disapproval of such action.

**CHANGED
 CONDITIONS
 IN
 FRATERNITY
 LIFE**

The greatly decreased attendance that is anticipated must, necessarily, affect the fraternities. Alpha Sigma Phi already feels the loss of many of her undergraduates, who have left their college courses incomplete to go to the front, and more will follow. Plans of the Fraternity have been completely upset; and the biennial convention has already been indefinitely postponed. Our

chapters will find increased difficulty in securing goodly numbers of desirable men, and, for this reason, strenuous and persistent efforts should be made to keep them, as nearly as possible, up to their former standards. Interest is likely to lag unless extraordinary efforts are put forth, and every man should take off his coat and work hard. Unusual activity is mandatory.

Fraternities will have a hard struggle if the war is prolonged and hostilities continue for two or three years. The outlook will not be a cheerful one, yet, indeed, it is not hopeless. Numerous national fraternities withstood the upheaval of the Civil War, and it does not seem probable that conditions can be any worse during the present struggle. So long as the age limit for national service is not lowered, we may confidently expect sufficient numbers of students to draw upon, and so every chapter can remain active and efficient.

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The financial conditions that the fraternity world as a whole faces, due to the war upheaval and the rush of men to the colors, calls for extraordinary measures to meet them.

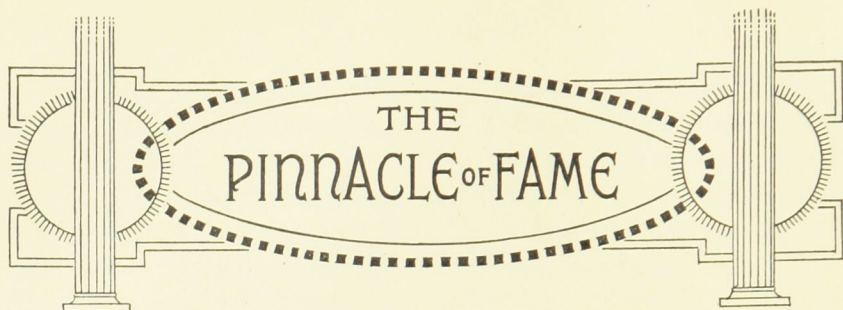
FRATERNITY CO-OPERATION

Those chapters having instalment mortgages to meet upon their buildings will suffer most. This applies equally to all fraternities, national and local. Where leases have expired or can be cancelled, we suggest that different chapters of different fraternities co-operate to help each other out during the continuance of the war by co-operation. There is no reason why any chapter of any fraternity should entirely disband so long as there are three or more members in college. Therefore, let the depleted chapters live together in some house where the boys are trying to meet their mortgage obligations and give that needed financial support that will save many fraternity homes. In such houses we suggest that the names be removed from the front door temporarily and the fact that several live together be indicated by the presence of plaques, or a bulletin board on which all are equally represented. Instead of weekly meetings let each fraternity have the entire house once a month for its work while all the representatives of the other fraternities make themselves scarce until 12:00 midnight. In this way four fraternities with

four or five men each can hold their organizations together *ad bellum* and help each other. Just as soon as the war is ended this extraordinary condition will automatically adjust itself and complete autonomy will revert to each local chapter. We believe this will solve the financial difficulties assumed by our own boys at Cornell, Michigan, and Wisconsin. Our men at Washington, Colorado, Kentucky, Nebraska, and Illinois could help the other fellow in a similar way. Individual chapter houses would have to be given up by some of these groups in the different institutions, but it is better to voluntarily surrender some privileges than to attempt to carry a burden so long that a worse disaster will result. Financial embarrassment is a poor foundation upon which to build a sound fraternity policy or a strong chapter. Men will sacrifice for a future benefit to be enjoyed by those who come after them, while few will be willing to make great contributions to pay off debts that might have been avoided if a sound financial policy had been adopted. Think this over, fellows, seriously and if there is food for thought and action follow the suggestions offered.

Some fellow will probably say this policy would result in an amalgamation of national fraternities after the war and we would lose our individuality. Some people would for the same reason object to a seat in the kingdom of heaven. But as fraternity men have equally sprung to the national defense regardless of the shapes or sizes of their badges, let us all pull together who are left to keep the fire burning for the return of the faithful after the war. A rented house can quickly be secured. One lost through financial disaster is not only a loss to the chapter involved, but it is likewise a loss to the entire fraternity world. Where possible let us save the homes for the chapters by co-operative work of those who do not or cannot go, as those who do in turn are saving the liberties of all for the benefit of the world.

W. M. M.



ALUMNI

Robert T. Frost (Γ '14) is manager of the Evergreen Nurseries, Brockton, Mass.

R. A. Mooney (Γ '16), residence, Woronoco, Mass.

Dean Ricker (Γ '16) has accepted a position with the U. S. D. A. in entomology. His address is University of Indiana, Lafayette, Ind.

Erwin H. Forbush (Γ faculty member), for some years Supervisor of Correspondence Courses at the Massachusetts Agricultural College, has resigned to accept the position of Assistant Manager of the Worcester County Farm Bureau, Worcester, Mass.

Dr. Homer J. Wheeler (Γ '13), of Boston, addressed the Section of Agriculture of the American Association for the Advancement of Science at its annual meeting in New York, December 28th.

Dr. Miles G. Hyde (A '65) now resides at 45 West 92nd Street, New York City.

Clarence I. Bradley (A '12S) has formed a partnership with his brother under the firm name of Bradley Bros., and they have purchased from their father the dry goods business long conducted by him in Branford, Conn.

William W. Crapo (A '52) made the chief address at the dedication of the Jonathan Bourne Whaling Museum, located on the historic Johnny Cake Hill, New Bedford, Mass., on November 23, 1916.

Stuart Naramore is transmission engineer for the Remington Arms-Union Metallic Cartridge Company at the Remington Bridgeport works. His residence address is 326 Ridgfield Avenue, Bridgeport, Conn.

The Springfield *Republican* of January 10, 1917, contained an open letter on "The United States of the World," by Col. Homer B. Sprague (A '52).

Alfred Hemenway (A '61) was one of the speakers at the meeting held January 18, 1917, in celebration of the 25th anniversary of the University Club of Boston, Mass. He was a charter member of the club and its president from 1900 to 1905.

H. George Sincerbeaux (A '16S) is now with the Western Union Telegraph Company at 195 Broadway, New York City, after having been employed for a few months by the S. N. E. Telephone Company at New Haven, Conn. He may be addressed at 59 West 70th Street, New York City.

Russell G. Warner (A '14S), after having spent two years in the engineering department of the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company, is now an assistant in electrical engineering in the Sheffield Scientific School of Yale University. He may be addressed at 173 Whalley Avenue, New Haven, Conn.

Henry Hawthorne Benedict (A '09, '12D) spent the summer and fall of 1916 harvesting in Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, and Saskatchewan, and has spent the winter in Los Angeles, Calif.

As the oldest living member of Charles Ward Post, G. A. R., Col. Homer B. Sprague (A '52), of Brighton, Mass., is to have the honor of using a cane made of wood of the frigate *Constitution*, recently presented to the Post by one of the members.

Samuel R. MacDonald (A '09S, '11F) has recently returned from a four months' stay in Bermuda.

Dr. Andrew D. White (A '53) has been made a vice-president of the New York Peace Society.

William W. Crapo (A '52) has been made a vice-president of the Plymouth Pilgrim Society.

A dinner was given by the citizens of Minneapolis in honor of Dr. Cyrus Northrop (A '57, '59L) on the evening of December 7, 1916. There were a few short speeches and musical numbers. The purpose was to provide an opportunity for the people of Minneapolis to show their deep regard for ex-President Northrop.

The present address of George St. John Sheffield (A '63) is 132 Taber Avenue, Providence, R. I.

Charles Vinton Hart (A ex-'17S) has returned from a six

months' stay in Bolivia and Peru, and may be addressed at 70 Trumbull Street, New Haven, Conn.

Andrew Velebir, Jr. (B '11), is now located at 520 West 123rd St., New York City.

Dr. Winifred Overholser (B '12) is now located at the Westborough State Hospital at Westborough, Mass.

Charles E. Holmes (B '12) is now located at 30 Logan Ave., Sharon, Pa.

Frank S. Welsh (B '13) is on leave of absence from his position with the Underwriters Bureau of New England, and is enrolled in the R. O. T. C. at Harvard.

Dr. Howard E. Settle (B '11) has been appointed Acting Assistant Surgeon in the U. S. Public Health Service, and has left his internship at the Boston City Hospital to take up work at the U. S. Marine Hospital, Chelsea, Mass.

Dr. Arthur W. Gilbert (Γ '04) at present on leave of absence from Cornell University, is studying at Harvard, and is prominently mentioned for the presidency of the New Hampshire State College, Durham, N. H.

Eldon S. Moberg (Γ '15) is principal of the High School at FitzWilliam, New Hampshire.

Lewis Schlotterbeck (Γ '16) is at present resident manager of a large fruit farm in Brentwood, New York.

Harry Nissen (Γ '14) is manager and partner of a ranch in Garden City, Kansas.

Max Wagner (A '16), and Gerard Curtis Beese (A '15) are both in the Officers' Training Camp at Plattsburg, N. Y.; Vere Vandenhayn Loper (A '16) is in a similar institution at Ft. Snelling, Minnesota; Francis Thomas McNamara (A '17) has joined the Regulars as a private in the Artillery Corps at Ft. Meyer, Virginia; Sydney Bishop Miner (A '16) and John Alexander Prior (A '14) are both in the Naval Coast Defense Reserve and stationed at the Adee Boat House at New Haven, Connecticut, and Eldridge LaBaron Bridgman is now in France with the Ambulance Service.

Thomas Lindsay Creekmore (Σ '17) and two other Brothers from that chapter, whose names have not been reported, are attached to the Ninth Division of Officers' Training Corps at Ft. Ben Harrison, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Oliver Frederick Bishop (A '08) is now permanently located at Kisaran, Asahan, Sumatra, Dutch East Indies, in the forestry service of the local government. Brother Bishop gave up his work in the Philippines last December and has accepted this new post at a big advance in salary with Hollandsch-Amerikaansche Plantage Maatschappij.

Edward Anthus Bante (Σ '17) is in the Coast Artillery Corps, First Company, at Ft. Washington, Maryland.

Richard Jente (A '08), who has been in Germany as a graduate student for the past four years, was graduated in June at Heidelberg University with the degree of Ph.D. *magnum cum laude*. Brother Jente at last accounts was still in Germany, but whether interned or not is uncertain.

George C. Hammer (K '14) is Assistant Sales Manager for the Menominee Indian Mills at Neopit, Wisconsin, a Government owned project for conserving the forests on the Indian Reservation, and under the control of the Indian Forest Service.

Charles Horace Brady (Θ '09) is now a member of the law firm of Miller, Miller, Brady & Seeley, Spitzer Building, Toledo, Ohio. Brady was one of the men who made good in college and got the habit so pronounced that he has kept it up ever since. Theta may well be proud of such boys as Brady.

John Kenneth Adams (O '15) formerly with the Goodyear Rubber Company at Akron, Ohio, has returned to his old home at Tenafly, N. J.

T. B. Kittridge (N '12) has been with the Belgian Relief Commission for the last year in Belgium and Northern France. He is now in London writing an official history of the Belgian Relief Work upon the personal request of Mr. Hoover.

Donald B. Martin (N '16) has just received an appointment from the Dept. of Agriculture of the University of California as Farm Adviser.

U. L. Ettinger (N '15) has received a commission as Second Lieutenant in the Marines, and is now in active service at Mare Island.

Harold Hyde (N '17) is at Allentown, Pa., with University of California Ambulance Unit, of which he is Corporal.

Gordon Wells (N '17) has received a commission in the Coast Artillery, having passed the examinations.

A. B. Conant (B '13) and A. C. Alden (B '16) are enrolled in the R. O. T. C. at Plattsburg. Reginald K. Fessenden (A '11, B '12) is also at Plattsburg with a commission as Second Lieutenant.

Harvey B. Hoffman (B '12) is connected with the *New Republic*, and is travelling for them in the West.

Oren H. Persons (B '15) and Philip F. Le Fevre (B '16) are in training with the R. O. T. C. at Madison Barracks.

David E. Putnam (Δ '60) has shown his faith in the members of his Fraternity in no unsubstantial manner. Zeta and Delta Chapters have both felt the genius of his business standing as a bankable asset. Brother Putnam is a charter member of Delta Chapter and probably has the oldest fraternity pin in the country. He has carried it since the fall of 1860. He recently retired from the Vice-Presidency of the Commercial National Bank of Columbus, Ohio, in order to devote his entire time to his large real estate business. His 75th milestone in life was successfully passed last spring and a hale and hearty welcome awaits any wandering member of the Fraternity that looks in upon him. His office is at 85 North High Street.

Arthur Ernest Allyn, Jr. (Ξ '13), a charter member of Xi, will be found with the Lycoming Rubber Company, 602 West Third Street, Williamsport, Pennsylvania. Brother Allyn will be remembered as the delegate from his chapter to the New York Convention and, true to his reputation in school, is a success in every sense of the word.

John Henry Brodt (I '10) is now manager of the New York Office at 101 Park Avenue for the Crittall Casement Window Co., manufacturers of solid steel window frames and shutters, etc. He looked in upon us the other day with his old time cheery smile and greeting that reminded us of our meeting years ago at Cornell. Iota Chapter has a real asset in the Brodt boys, for both have made good in their struggle for recognition.

Beatty Fuller Douthit (Ξ '15) is connected with the Farmers' State Bank, Fullerton, Nebraska.

Kenneth Oscar Biles (O '15) is living at Richmond Highlands, Washington, and is employed by the Seattle Hardware Company, Seattle, Washington. Brother Biles was a charter member of

Omicron and a year later spent his final year in college at the University of Washington and affiliated with Mu Chapter there.

Hiram Sherman Mitchell (M '15) has accepted an editorial position with a newspaper at Anchorage, Alaska. He left the active chapter early in June and resigned his position as H. C. S. and was succeeded by Harold Edward Tennant, '16.

William M. Farr (A '12), formerly an attorney at Bryant Building, Kansas City, Missouri, left early in April for France to join the Aviation Corps by way of the American Ambulance Field Service Corps. Brother Farr is a rising young attorney in the leading city of the Southwest, but heard the call of duty and responded without having to be drafted. Those who know "Billy" Farr know this is characteristic of him to be in all things a man, including his duty to his country and his race.

Lloyd Othmar Mayer (A '14), formerly Editor of THE TOMAHAWK, is now with the R. O. T. C. at the Presidio, San Francisco. He reports the presence there of Roy Keats Terry (B '13), Herrick, Scammell and Emerson, all of Nu Chapter, for the same purpose, that of serving good old Uncle Sam.

Cyril Joseph Curran (A '12) is at Plattsburg, N. Y., Fourth Company, and expects to secure his commission. He has tendered his resignation as Chairman of the Grand Prudential Committee by reason of his country's call.

Daniel Luther Evans (Z '14) is engaged in army work for the Y. M. C. A. at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin; address P. O. College Camp, Wisconsin.

Grand Secretary Arthur Irving Gates (N '14) is spending the summer at Garrison, N. Y., after completing a very successful year at Columbia University.

Eugene Whitman Sturgis (N '15) called at the sanctum on his way to join the American Field Service. Brother Sturgis gets his mail through "American Field Service, 21 Rue Raynard, Paris, somewhere in France."

Robert C. Murray (A '15) is spending the summer at The Van Kirk, Herkimer, New York. His permanent address is Riverdale Country School, Riverdale-on-Hudson, New York, where he is a leading instructor.

Wilfred David Sawyer (H '15) has recently changed his address to 600 Sugar Building, Denver, Colorado.

William John Stonebraker (II '17) has changed from the University of Colorado to the University of California, and his address for the immediate future will be 1628 Alcatraz Avenue, Berkeley, California.

Morgan Bland McDermott (I '16) is with the Wagner Electric Company, First National Bank Building, Cincinnati, Ohio, but expects to go to the front as a commissioned officer soon.

Thornton Maltby Victory (II '15) recently called at the sanctum while on his return trip from witnessing the launching of the battleship *New Mexico* at the Brooklyn Navy Yard. He is with the General Electric Company, and gets his mail at 618 Chapel St., Schenectady, N. Y.

Wilfred McGregor Hall (II '15) is in charge of the construction work as engineer for the Charles T. Main Company of Boston on the Holton Dam at Holton, Montana, for The Montana Power Company.

Dr. Henry E. Chapin (I '13) has been placed upon the Reserve List of Commissioned Officers with the rank of Captain by command of the Governor of New York.

Arthur Anthony Brandenthaler (M '16) is a student officer at the Presidio, San Francisco, in the Reserve Officers' Training Corps.

William Naumberg (A '09) is a student in the Machine Gun School at Springfield, Massachusetts, and expects to be commissioned as an officer in the Ordnance Department of the U. S. A. in France.

Ernest W. G. Dichman (N '13) paid our office a visit on March 31st, renewed his subscription, and advised us that he was with the General Electric Company at 907 State Street, Schenectady, N. Y.

DEATHS

Payne, Col. Oliver Hazard, Alpha '63, 852 Fifth Avenue, New York, died June 27, 1917.

Eleanor Kinzie Gordon, widow of the late General William W. Gordon, '54, and mother of William W. Gordon, '86S, and of G. Arthur Gordon, '92S, died at her home in Savannah, Ga., on February 22, in the eighty-second year of her age.

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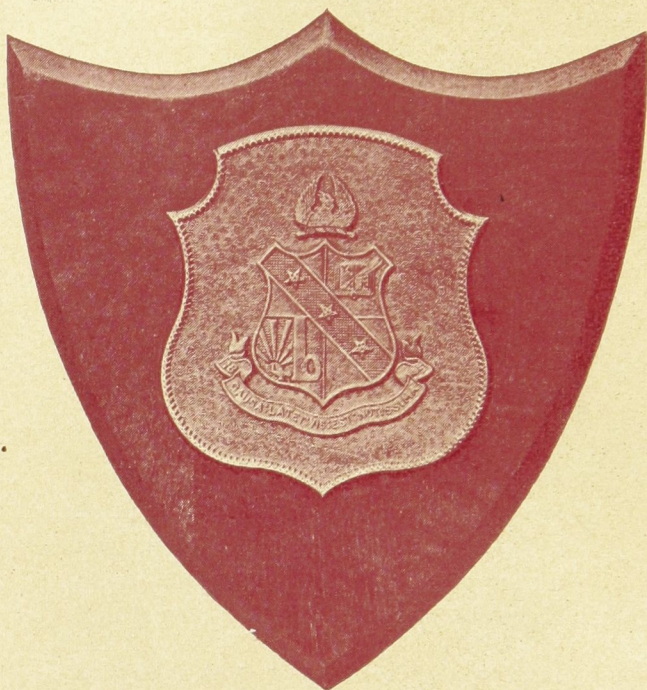
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