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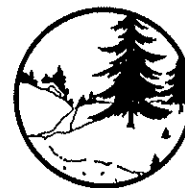
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## Secretary's Message

Founders Day, April 22, 1951 will once more roll around soon. Each year more AKLs get together on April 22 than any other day of the year. Because of the present international crisis, perhaps we should plan a more extensive festival than ever before. Write me of your plans as soon as possible, so we can have a full report of this celebration.

Expansion at the present minute is not dead. Although pressure of a sharp decrease in enrollment is hampering activity at most schools, we are making contacts . . . both new ones and follow-ups. As soon as the international situation clears up, several schools want us to start colonization. We are expanding our alumni program, inter-chapter relationship, administration contacts, and prospective chapter list to include many new chapters. We must not forget that our expansion program is a long term project . . . and if we are temporarily slowed down (just as we get started), we cannot throw our arms in the air and call it quits. We shall push even more than we have this past year with the hopes that we can lay the groundwork now for later chapters. While we are slowed down on our program, we are putting more emphasis on active chapters to prepare themselves for any possible emergency. Most chapters have a good program in effect to do just this.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the actives, pledges and alumni of AKL I was fortunate to meet last year on the trips for the wonderful hospitality shown me. I do appreciate this kindness and although I perhaps did not thank each one of you individually, I wanted to. I am looking forward to meeting you again.

To you actives and pledges . . . don't lower your head and give up during this extremely high pressure that is now upon you. Men of AKL will best be able to cope with the military situation, its problems and pressures, more than the average fraternity man, because of the high ideals that he believes in. No matter what happens, keep looking up and remember the policies which you are fighting for. For those of you that have been called into active service, may I invite all of you to use my office as a means of communicating with your brothers? You may be assured that all communications addressed here will get into the interested parties. Let us know what you are doing and where you are. . . . Good luck.

LEWIS BACON

## Editor's Message

During such times as these, when people everywhere are greatly concerned, in fact greatly upset and disturbed, as a result of our international unrest, there is great need for thought and study concerning democratic activities, self-analysis, and self-improvement. Reflection of unrests are manifest in the action of men in nearly all walks of life. Men seemingly become short-sighted, selfish, and undemocratic

in their activities. They show signs of instability and immaturity in their efforts for decisive actions. The average person needs only a glimpse at himself and his associates to see that uncertainty and unrest are prevalent in nearly all of our present day functions. To the writer it appears that all peoples and particularly all AKL's should do their best to assist in maintaining stability in the home, school, church, community, state and, in turn, the nation.

It is obviously difficult for the individual to acquire and maintain mature, stable, democratic attitudes during great periods of stress, as is evidenced in individual and mass hysteria present in our every day living. The discussion which follows is an attempt to put on paper some facts and opinions which are intended to assist all AKL's in continuing to be good citizens, especially during these trying times when our enemies would have us, if they could, become hysterical and unsoundly guided in our thoughts and actions. At first glance college men are likely to become lethargic in their professional work, since they realize that they may be drafted anyway. This is a short-sighted viewpoint of which we are all guilty. But it is a completely unjustifiable attitude. Such an attitude weakens the individual and the nation, and, in turn, assists the enemy. All AKL's should pledge themselves to maintain or raise their already high academic standards.

Men frequently lose sight of the principles of democracy. Many people define democracy differently but nearly all individuals interpret a democratic society to be so organized as to give all of its members an opportunity to help determine and enforce rules and regulations which affect them. The right and obligation to vote, to have freedom of speech, press, religion and inquiry are some of the many freedoms and obligations which exist in a democracy. In all of the rules, regulations, and policies concerning these freedoms, the people should be the determining voice. A democratic society is composed of democratic individuals, who do more than is asked of them because they are mature persons, because they trust democratic processes, because they are sensitive to the needs of others and because they respect other peoples no matter what their origin. All AKL members should strive to keep these principles in mind, and more than that, keep them in practice. Remember a democratic personality is not inherited; it is acquired only through difficult work. AKL's should pledge themselves to further the objectives of good citizenship in all of their associations both within and without the organization.

Democracy and citizenship have been written about and talked about for centuries. This being so, one often wonders why democratic action is not more often a natural activity. The answer is, of course, that good democratic citizenship practices are not acquired by reading and talking about them. Democratic citizenship principles must be lived and practiced by all individuals whatever their walks of life.

In closing, the writer would like to ask each AKL to pledge himself sincerely to democratic practices. Such practices will coordinate the activities of the AKL's with the activities of all democratic institutions. In many respects the results will be organic in the sense that they generate and integrate human energy.

TED F. ANDREWS

## Editorial Comments

### Winter Issue

The winter issue is late about a month due to the absence of the editor from his office and to the late response of chapters.

### Spring Issue

The spring issue will be out in May or June depending upon the response of the chapters. Materials for this issue are greatly needed and they should be in the editor's hands by April 15.

### Additions to Omega Roll

Elton F. Cornell, Gamma '23 passed away March 1, 1950. Mr. Cornell spent 25 years with the Hawaiian Pineapple Co. in Honolulu. He was their chief chemist for many years.

Bernie Coleman, Beta '52.

### The Conclave

All chapters should be cognizant of the fact that this is the year for our National Conclave. Pertinent information concerning the conclave will be announced in THE LOGOS.

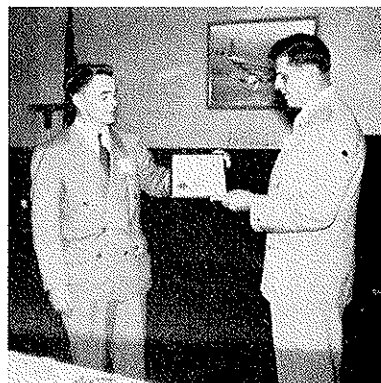
## Alumni News

BURTON CANFIELD (Delta '50) moved to Borger, Texas, recently to take a position with the Phillips Chemical Company there. He is working as a civil engineer at the Philblack Plant, where carbon black for tires, ink, dyes, etc., is made.

At Newton, Kansas, DR. S. B. BRADEN (Delta Honorary) has undertaken a promotion campaign to raise \$250,000 for expansion of the Axtell Christian Hospital there. Dr. Braden is director of the hospital.

At St. Louis, WILLIAM A. DAUGHERTY (Delta '30) has recently changed jobs, though still in journalism work. He now is copy editor of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, following nine years on the St. Louis Star-Times. His eldest son, Richard, is a senior in high school and a prospective AKL member.

TED R. BRADEN (Delta '30) is assistant manager of ice plants operated by the Santa Fe railroad.



Harry Denny, president of Spokane alumni association receives charter from national secretary Lewis Bacon (rt.)

In December, 1950, J. GLENN HAHN (Delta '50), a law graduate from the University of Kansas, was sworn in as a member of the Missouri bar. He had previously been admitted to practice in Kansas.

DON KELLER (Delta '49) is working with the Kansas Farmers Union Auditing Association, a statewide organization engaged in auditing the books of farm co-operation and agricultural enterprises. Don is working out of the Salina, Kansas, office.

ROSS KEELING, SR., (Delta Honorary) spent the greater part of December, 1950, in Florida, where he attended the national convention of State Highway Commissions. Keeling is chief engineer of the Kansas highway system, and it one of the nation's best known road builders.

D. STANLEY ENGLE (Delta '27) who has been associated with the Gospel Light Press since its beginning in 1933, has purchased a retail store at 1445 North Vine Street in Hollywood, California. The religious book store is called the Hollywood Gospel Supply Center.

LYLE N. BROOK ('29) is manager of J. C. Penney Co. store in Antigo, Wisconsin, and was in Kansas on a visit to his home in Glasco. Was in Lawrence for the 1950-51 football opener recently.

CAPT. D. H. DAVIS (Delta '30) has been transferred from his former position with Bethesda Naval hospital near Washington, D. C., to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. He is in charge of an epidemic disease control unit which covers part of the Pacific area.

ROBERT TEEL (Delta '49) was recently called into the armed forces by selective service and is now receiving his basic training.

ROBERT SIMONTON (Delta '49) and Nelson Ober (Delta '50) are working on competing newspapers at Great Bend, Kansas.

TED BEAVER (Delta '50) is working with the Republic Explorations Co., at LaVerne, Oklahoma, a seismograph company.

GEORGE MURET (Delta '50) a geologist, is with the Socony-Vacuum oil company at Corpus Christi, Texas.

ARTHUR PERRY (Delta '50) is a teller at the Lawrence National Bank in Lawrence.

J. GLENN HAHN (Delta '48) is an accountant with Arthur Young & Company in Kansas City, Mo.

DICK FLETCHER (Delta '50) is coaching and teaching at Sidney, Iowa.

BURTON CANFIELD (Delta '51) is working as a civil engineer at Pampa, Texas.

ED PHILCO (Delta '23) was appointed vice-president and general manager of General Electric Medical Products Company at Milwaukee, Wisconsin. His new position necessitated his moving from San Francisco where he had lived for some 20 years. His prior position was branch manager of the General Electric X-Ray Corporation.

ABE MARTIN (Delta '24) was elected to be a 33rd degree Mason last fall, a singular honor coming only to a few Kansans. He is still making his home in Topeka, where he serves as director of the Kansas League of Municipalities.

BILL HODGES (Delta '28) gave up his position of superintendent of Belleville schools recently to accept the assistant managership of the Kansas Teacher Placement Bureau in Topeka.

WARNER GOODRICH (Eta '50) was called to service by the Naval Reserve. Warner has been working for Boeing Aircraft Co. in Seattle and hails from Battle Ground, Washington.

CLARENCE DIAL (Eta '50) is teaching school at Mead, Washington. Clarence was married at Milton, Oregon, this summer to Zona Zerba.

ROBERT ALBOUCQ (Eta '49) has been called by the Army for active duty. Bob's home is Spokane.

MAURICE KNOWLES (Eta '50) is doing post-graduate work at Washington State College and is now studying for his degree in Education.

JOHN WILSON (Eta '50) married Doris Beck this summer, and is now working for the New York Insurance Company in Spokane.

RAYMUND HORSEY (Eta '36) is residing in Evansville, Indiana, where he has lived for the past 2½ years. Mr. Horsey is playing at the Hotel Vendome with the Irving Daye orchestra.

MR. GRANT GAINES (Eta '43) is in Utah where he is working for his Doctors degree in Psychology. Grant, until his departure from Pullman this fall, was president of the Chapter Board and has been very active in helping the Eta Chapter to obtain a new Chapter house.

The following nine alumni of the Yakima vicinity met with Lewis J. Bacon, National Secretary, at the Golden Wheel Restaurant in Yakima, the evening of October 12: William J. Andring, Irving E. Lisle, Chester W. Hatfield, Veron I. Lutthans, Lloyd A. Porter, Daniel A. Razey, Herbert L. Rosenkranz, Lester W. Stuckrath, and Cecil Zylstra. Considerable review of the fraternity's ac-

complishments and needs was accomplished, and a lot of visiting also took place. At Brother Bacon's suggestion, some thought was given to the possible formation of an alumni chapter in Yakima. Another meeting is being planned for January 18, 1951.

JOHN W. GROENIG (Eta '31) has opened his own real estate and insurance office in Yakima, Washington.

CHESTER W. HATFIELD (Theta '32) is now associated with his father in Hatfield's Piece Goods Shop, in Yakima, Washington. Chet has two attractive young daughters.

IRVIN E. LISLE (Eta '30) is now and interviewer in the Yakima office of the Washington State Employment Service. He has been very prominent for a number of years in the Knights of Pythias; and has for many years been a very successful adviser to the Princes of Syracuse, a junior Pythian order.

CECIL ZYLSTRA (Eta '29) after teaching in the high schools at Sydney and Kalispel, Montana, for about 18 years, returned to Yakima, Washington, about 3 years ago. Besides teaching several classes in history and social sciences, Cecil has been a successful debate coach at Yakima High School since his return.

ALAN L. MATSON (Theta '50) is now working for his father in the Matson Fruit Company at Selah, Washington.

HERBERT L. ROSENKRANZ (Eta '33), since his return from military service in World War II, has been manager of the Yakima office of the U. S. Farmers Home Administration. He also finds time to be active in local, state and national echelons of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

DR. JOHN M. KENNEY (Beta '30) is now a surgeon in Santa Rosa, California, where he is active in the cancer control activities of the local medical profession. He is married and has two children, Ann Merideth, age 11, and Karin Linda, age 9. John spent several years at New York's famous Memorial Cancer Hospital before World War II and is an authority on this scourge of mankind.

CEDRIC MADISON (Beta '30), who was the one block "S" wearer during his days on Salvatierra Street, is now in the hardware business in Lodi, California. He is married and has two children, Marjorie, 15, and Carolyn, 14.

DR. ROBERT P. WATKINS (Beta '30) is an orthopedic surgeon in San Francisco, but makes his home in Belvedere across the Bay in Marin County. Bob has two children, Robert Jr., 8, and Virginia, 6.

AUBREY H. SEED (Beta '41), LL.B. Stanford '48, has retired from the practice of law to re-enter active duty with the United States Marine Corps.

DR. DAVID L. BASSETT (Beta '34), M. D. Stanford '39, has been promoted to Associate Professor of Anatomy at Stanford where he has served in the department of anatomy since 1940.

DWIGHT V. STRONG (Beta '37) San Francisco insurance man, was instrumental in collecting a group of San Francisco alumni to attend a dinner in honor of National Secretary Lewis Bacon during the latter's visit to California in October. Among those alumni of Beta Chapter who attended the dinner were Neil C. O. Brogger (Beta '32), Assistant Cashier of the Bank of America, who works in San Francisco, but resides in San Rafael; "Nick" O. Broughton (Beta '38), free-lance author who lives in Sausalito; Lawrence J. Dalgero (Beta '39), certified public accountant of San Francisco; and Dr. Charles Marple (Beta '33), Assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine at the University of California School of Medicine in San Francisco, whose home is in Ross. Alpha Chapter was represented at the dinner by Newell C. Barnett (Alpha '32), Attorney-at-Law with offices in San Francisco but the home-fire recently acquired, snuggled away in the Berkeley hills; and James W. Heinz (Alpha '29), another commuter with office in San Francisco and home in Oakland. From the attendance at this meeting it is evident that all the AKL's are moving out of San Francisco to live in what are described as the more "salubrious suburbs".

JOHN P. STEWARD (Beta '48) returned to Stanford Medical School after a year at Dental College in San Francisco.

## Chapter News

### BETA

#### Rushing

Stanford University operates on the quarter system and restricts the rushing of freshmen until they have completed at least one quar-

ter's work at Stanford. Consequently, Beta is now in the middle of her rushing program.

Over the Christmas holidays, Beta had two rushing parties—one

in the Los Angeles area, and one in the San Francisco area. Although it is premature to make any statement for this year, we feel sure that we have pushed this season's rushing off to a good start.

Beta had open houses January 8th to 12th, and then invitation dinner and lunch engagements for prospective pledges from the 13th through the 20th. Next on our rushing program was a stag party which was held Saturday night, Jan. 13th. This party was held at the nearby home of Hank Adams.

Beta is trying to fortify itself for the inevitable loss of members which is bound to come at the end of this year. Considering the international situation and present draft probabilities, Beta plans to take the largest pledge class in its history. We have set the number at twenty.

#### Prominent in the News:

A very interesting article on the Harvard Climbing Expedition, which recently topped the highest unclimbed mountain in the western hemisphere is in a recent issue of the SATURDAY EVENING POST. Dave Harrah, Beta active, was one of the key members in this expedition and was one of two who finally reached the summit of Mr. Yerupaja (nicknamed the Butcher by Peruvian natives. Harrah had

a narrow escape with death as he fell 120 feet, dangling at the end of a rope with 4,000 feet below him. He lost all ten toes from frostbite.

#### Engagements:

The engagement of Millicent Davis to Charles Walton Froelich was announced at the Big Game Dance. Walt is a senior and past president of Beta.

#### Social Events:

Big Game this year fell on Thanksgiving weekend, thus providing four days for preparation, feasting, and celebration. Everyone had a great time; the climax coming for some with the Thanksgiving turkey, for others, with the game, and for still others with the post-game festivities with the brothers from Alpha.

Beta, in conjunction with a women's residence, received honorable mention for its efforts in the house decoration contest held during the USC game-homecoming weekend.

Other social events of the quarter included numerous parties and firesides at the chapter house and in the area, the trip to Los Angeles for the UCLA game, and a rousing New Year's Eve party at one of the brother's home in Los Angeles.

### DELTA

#### Social Activities

Late in October, 1127 Ohio became a "Madhouse" and provided the setting for one of Delta's most successful parties. Pictures and furniture were thrown askew, and costumes were displayed representing cleverly fantastic and incongruous creations and gay and colorful couple-combinations. Gun-nysack girt hillbilly lads and lasses mingled and danced, while be-

mustached, bulb-nosed creeps and shimmy-eyed prunefaces prated and stared. Black-toothed hags and grinning idiots leered and grimaced beneath headgear ranging from baby hoods and rain caps to battered derbies and silk hats.

A small combo provided music of a quality suitable for the occasion. Cookies and "Hadacol joy juice" punch from a cider barrel were adequate refreshments. The

AKL "Madhouse Quartet" sang "The Hadacol Polka" and a deprecating song introducing the queen of the Madhouse, both written for the occasion by Don Spiegel and Jim Shaff. Following the coronation of the mop-wigged queen with a dunce cap, Bob Evans and Maurice Murphy, posing as a quack



Jack Chittenden and his date at Delta Party.

psychiatrist and his hopeless subject, clowned effectively before the mike. The evening, apparently enjoyed by everyone, was a marked success.

Delta's Christmas formal was held December 15, in the Hawks' Nest of the Union. Tables seasonally decorated with evergreen and candles ranged the walls. The main floor gave sufficient space

for dancing to the music of one of the finest and most accommodating Hill bands Delta has engaged thus far.

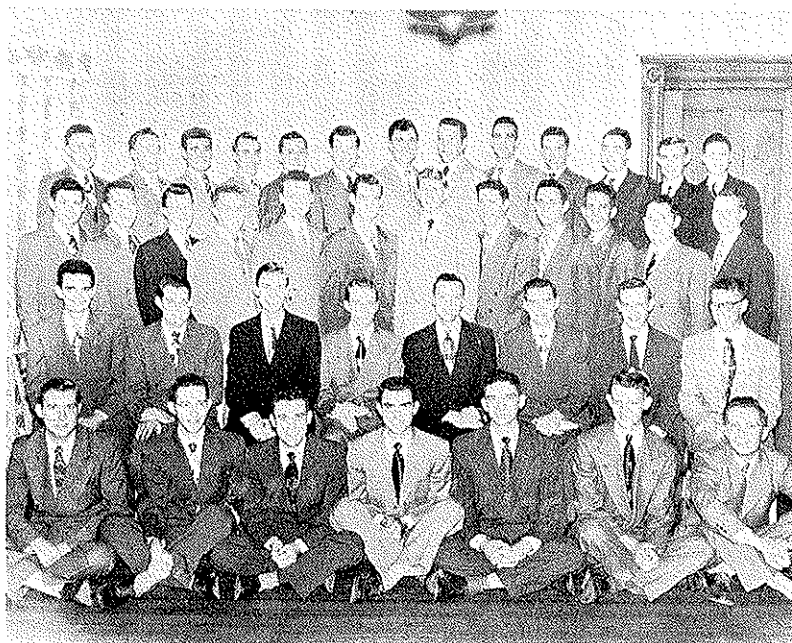
Entertainment was provided during intermission by Delta men and by a special number by the band. Loren Corliss was a well-padded Santa who passed out humorous gifts to the girls and embarrassed boy friends by such questions as: "This isn't the same girl I saw you with the other night, is it?" Punch and cookies were available for refreshments. (We can't resist an exclamation over the number of sharp looking girls present! Work of Delta's handsome, go-getter pledge class, no doubt.) After playing some special requests, the band's superb arrangement and dreamy rendition of the Sweetheart Song brought to a close a very enjoyable evening.

Delta has had a pleasant fall season. The intramural football and basketball teams have made themselves felt this year with a real show of strength. Many of the players had neither worked together nor met athletics at a college level before. Barring serious depletion of our membership in the spring semester—which is not an impossibility with the current world situation, Delta should have a first rate athletic team.

Work on Delta's proposed new recreation room in the basement is swiftly being carried forward under the able and devoted management of John McKinley. It was necessary to lower the floor considerably. Members working one hour per week until Christmas vacation were able to accomplish the removal of the necessary dirt for construction to begin on a new floor. With continued cooperation and interest, the project should be completed early next spring.



Kent Bowden and date posing with the mop-wigged queen and "scraggle-toothed" Bill Carr.



Delta of 1950

### Initiation

Delta's active membership has been increased to 30 following the initiation of six men. The initiates, their home towns, major fields, and classifications are as follows: Maurice L. Murphy, Wellsville, education, junior; Lyle R. Jenkins, Soldier, engineering, sophomore; James L. Shaff, Garden City, business, junior; William J. Bowden, Upper Montclair, N. J., electrical engineering junior; D. Jack Chittenden, Herndon, business sophomore; and Ralph W. Kiehl, Pittsburgh, college sophomore.

We are happy to announce the initiation of Mr. G. Cross Simpson, associate professor of organ and theory, to honorary membership.

### Weddings

Nelson Ober '50 of Beloit to Barbara Holmes of Crystal Lake, Ill.; Ted Beaver '50 to Jo Anne Kincaid, both of Wichita; Milton Coughenour '48 of Wellsville to Reta Ruth von Thurn of Kirkwood, Mo.; Jack Dausman '51, of Malibu, Calif., to Jan Varnum of Lates Center; William McClelland '53 to Peggy Davis, both of Kansas City, Mo.; David Harner '51 of Rago to Joan Collins of Muskogee, Okla.

### Pinnings and Engagements

Alvin Benham '52, pinned to Mona Coffman, both of Wellsville. Robert Teel '49, engaged to Lorene Masterson, both of Columbus.

DON SPIEGEL

## THETA

### The New House (see front cover, Ed.)

Fall Quarter officially opened for all members of Theta one week before Rush Week. During the week everyone pitched in to clean up the remaining mess in the house. We managed to get all but the third floor in good shape by the night before Rush Week started. Special thanks should go to Dwain Colby, John Ott, John Douglas, Ed Cotter, Ralph Cornwall, and Ted Ramsden. These men did all the work of moving and cleaned up a good portion of the house before the rest of us arrived. We all feel that this has been a great improvement.

### Pledges

During Rush Week, we acquired four new pledges: Milan Irwin from Port Angelus, Put Little from Gig Harbor, John Glass from Bellingham, and Ray Miller from Snohomish. They were few in number but all were good additions to the house. Milan was the student body president in High School. He, also, plays a very good sax. Put graduated from High

School with a very high grade average and got a 3.3 (out of a possible 4.0) for Fall Quarter. John, also, is a good scholar and was active in HS as the basketball manager. Ray is a ham radio operator and lost no time in setting up a set in the house.

Two more additions have been made to the pledge class: Dave Peck and Leon Bevington. This gave us a class of nine at the end of the Quarter.

### Social Highlights

The main social event of the past quarter was our annual Costume Ball with a pirate and south sea isle theme. It was a cold night but that didn't stop the grass skirts and sarongs. The cold didn't have any affect on the boys in the Theta Jazz Band, which played during intermission. To our surprise they were really on the ball despite the fact that they had little time to practice. The highlight of the evening was when Ed Cotter lost the keys to his car. This meant that three of us had to double up in already full cars.



Somehow John Douglas managed to pack five couples into his '40 Chevy. From all reports it was crowded.

Besides the usual exchanges and firesides, the only other event was the Halloween party which was held at the house. A good time was had by all except a couple of individuals who have learned that a last minute blind date usually isn't too good.

### Sports

With the graduation of Bill Andring, who led the league in batting last year and was named as an All-American firstbaseman, our only candidate for honors on the sports program is Rocky Johnson. Rocke was chosen as captain of the cross country track team.

### Scholarship

Due to our poor showing in the previous scholastic ranks many motions were passed in regards to

study conditions. They seemed to have been good ones because the average of the house took a considerable jump. Although the IFC hasn't published the official figures, we are confident that our standing for fall Quarter has risen to a respectable level.

### Fatal Steps

Five members were inducted into service, namely Don Berdan, Chuck Bowen, Jim Albrecht, Jim Macey, and Roy Snell. Good luck, men.

Tradition at Washington calls for a swim in Frosh Pond upon the announcement of an engagement. Jack Albrecht and Dwain Colby were ceremoniously thrown into the pond. Due to the arrival of cold weather Ted Ramsden's dip has been postponed until spring. We have also got our eye on a couple of other guys.

GEORGE H. KEENE

## ETA

### Engagements:

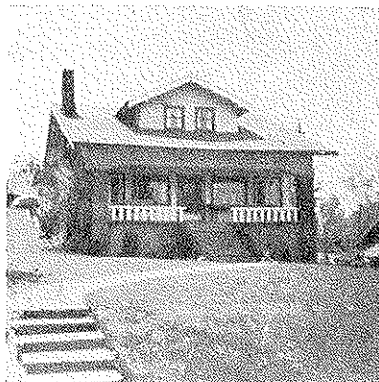
Don Lindberg, president, gave an engagement ring on November 24 to Jean Christoph, who is now attending the University of Washington. Both are from Graham, Washington.

Maurice Whiteley, Ferndale, gave an engagement ring to Virginia Jones of Seattle on December 9, 1950.

### Social Functions

The main function this semester was the pledge dance held December 9 at the chapter house. The ceiling was decorated with crepe paper streamers, and the theme was "Snow Ball". The dance was under the direction of the pledge class with help from the other members.

Other functions were the "Blind Date" fireside, in which everyone had a blind-date; an after-dinner dance with the Kappa Delta sorority, and numerous informal firesides.



Eta Chapter House

On December 11, we had a stag Christmas party at the Chapter house. We drew names and exchanged 25c gifts and composed a poem to the person who received the gift. Also present was our cook, Mrs. Stairet.

### Membership

Eta Chapter now has 17 men living in the house. We started out with 10 men in the house this fall. So far we have not lost any men to the service, but things will probably change. However, we hope to have the house full by the end of this semester. Maurice Whiteley is membership chairman.

### Music

Every Thursday night, Eta members and pledges have song rehearsal. Several song rehearsals were for practice singing Christmas carols in which we went caroling with the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority on December 13. Music is under the direction of Ray Seegers.

### Scholarship

Eta was fourth in scholarship out of 25 men's groups on the campus. Our pledge class of last semester had a grade point average of 2.73. We had hoped we would get the pledge class scholarship trophy, which is awarded to the pledge having the highest grade point average, but we were edged out by the Betas, who had a 2.81 grade average.

A scholarship dinner was held November 2 in honor of Lawrence Nordheim of Walla Walla. Lawrence was presented a gold cup for having obtained the greatest number of points towards the cup. Also honored were Carl Nordheim, Richard Young, Maurice Whiteley, William Britton, Emil Leitz, Charles Millard, and Leland Tupper for their scholastic achievements. Guest speaker was Mr. Oscar Gladish, principal of the Pullman High School.

### Corporation Meeting

During our homecoming weekend, November 18, the annual Eta Corporation meeting was held at the chapter house. Orval Krueger of Colfax was elected Corporation president and various other offices were filled. The proposed new chaptered house and other business were discussed.

### Sports

The members of Eta have been active in intramural sports, but unfortunately we have not had a very successful season, due to the competition from much larger houses. We now have two men in Varsity sports. Chuck Millard represents the track team with his position of the quarter mile run. Ray Needham is turning out for varsity wrestling. We are looking forward to seeing these fellows make a good showing for the school and AKL!

BILL BRITTON

## LAMBDA

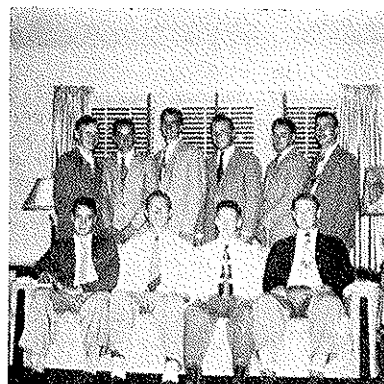
### What I Expect To Receive From Alpha Kappa Lambda (by Lambda chapter pledges)

"I would like to obtain from Alpha Kappa Lambda Fraternity a group of life-long friends who believe in and adhere to certain beliefs, ideals, concepts, standards and goals that I myself cherish

and am striving to uphold. I realize that there are certain phases in my personality and social development that could be improved upon. I hope to bring these characteristics to a higher peak of development. I would like to obtain from this group and its activities a more comprehensive understand-



ing of the workings of the mind of mankind, both in its individualistics and group situations. I am striving to further my social contacts. I am seeking a source of motivation for study. I am seeking an element in which to tie a faltering sense of security. I am using this fraternity as a tool for prestige in the minds of some rather unthinking peoples. I am hoping to develop my powers of leadership and 'followship'."



Lambda Pledges

"I expect to get and keep the feeling of true friendship with men I can trust fully. I also would like to learn to be able to get along with my fellow men at times when things are not all good. To learn to meet people of all ages and sex and to know what to say with confidence without the feeling of embarrassment and to be loyal to my country, my fraternity, and my home."

"The most important thing a pledge can get from a fraternity is a sense of belonging to the group and being a true friend of every member in the group. Since membership in a fraternity is a give and take proposition, it is an excellent way to help develop personality."

"I expect to receive true Christian fellowship. I also expect to gain self-confidence and an ability to meet people with ease. The fraternity, in my estimation, should strengthen my Christian Character. Above all, the fraternity should help me to understand, help, guide, and remain friends with my fraternity brothers. Through the fraternity, I expect to be able to work out problems which face me."

—LAMBDA PLEDGES

## MU

Mu of AKL, infant chapter of the fraternity, has been taking some large strides toward its goal of becoming a well established and respected organization on the campus of Ohio State University.

The Columbus chapter members got their Christmas present two weeks early with the announcement by the group's house committee that arrangements were being completed for a house, which the fraternity could move into at the start of January.

The house obtained by Mu will be leased for six months, with an option for renewal at the end of

June. From 12 to 15 fellows planned to live at the new house, which was completely redecorated by the chapter members. Furniture was purchased, in part, by means of a loan from National.

With a house to offer prospective pledges, Mu then embarked upon a more intensive rushing program designed to bring many freshmen into the fraternity. The lack of a house seriously impeded Rush Chairman George Abood's plans at the beginning of Autumn Quarter.

During the same week, AKL was admitted to the Ohio State Council

of Fraternity President, another step in gaining greater campus recognition. The OSU fraternity system was cited in December by the National Interfraternity Council as being No. 1 in the nation among large urban universities.

Activities during the Fall were not limited at Mu, either. In addition to three smokers, the chapter sponsored a hayride, square dance, and Christmas party, all of which were highly successful. The fraternity also entered a team in the intramural football league, with somewhat less success. Effort was about all the boys could claim, for they failed to score a point in three games.

Another honor gained by Ohio State AKL was recognition on the Dean's list for the 1949-50 school year as No. 2 social fraternity at the Buckeye university.

Six Mu football fans trekked to the Ohio State-Illinois football game at Champaign, Ill., on November 18 to watch the Illini upset the Bucks, 14-7. The men were guests of Gamma of Illinois on Saturday, after staying Friday night at Kappa chapter, Purdue.

The overall picture at Mu was brightening as 1951 rolled along. Despite the cloudy world situation and possible losses to the draft, the Ohio State chapter saw its future with optimism.

BOB FOSTER

## Prominent Alumni of AKL

### Cortlandt Van Rensselaer

Since the 1947 National Conclave, Cortlandt Van Rensselaer has been very ably handling the difficult task allotted to Alpha Kappa Lambda's National Treasurer. He began his association with AKL in the Fall of 1942 when he was initiated into Beta Chapter at Stanford University. He served as secretary and later as resident adviser while living in the chapter house, and is now vice-president of Beta's alumni board. His father, Maunsell Van Rensselaer, was a member of Alpha Chapter at the University of California.

Except for a couple of years in the Navy during the war, Mr. Van Rensselaer has spent most of his life in California. He was born in Berkeley, grew up in Santa Barbara, spent his college years at Stanford, and now resides in Los Altos, a few miles from the Stanford campus.

In Santa Barbara his interest in radio — which led him to a job with station KTMS as an an-

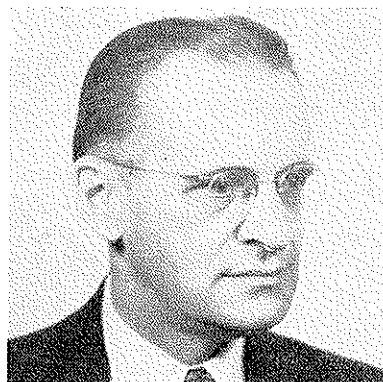
nouncer and technician, and also to the development of his own amateur station, W6RHB — previewed a continuing connection with the electronics field of both his occupation and his hobbies. He was sound technician and also in some skits for campus variety shows at Stanford, and graduated with a degree in electronic engineering in 1944. After graduation followed two years as an Electronic Engineering Officer in the U. S. Navy. His chief duty was in Hawaii; but he also had assignments at Great Lakes Naval Training Station; the Indoctrination Center at Tucson, Arizona; the West Coast Sound School at San Diego, California; and the Bureau of Ships in Washington, D. C. He was discharged in 1946 with the rank of Lieutenant (jg). He enrolled in the Stanford Graduate School of Business after his discharge and received the MBA degree in 1948. While attending business school, he married Jean Thomson of Imperial Valley, California. He is now employed as a

production planner and production engineer by the Hewlett Packard Company of Palo Alto, California, makers of electronic test equipment.

He has carried his interest in electronics into the television field by making a hobby of assembling television sets for himself and his friends. Color photography also takes up some of his spare time. He has tried his hand at house building, too, and has doubled the size of his country style cottage in Los Altos.

#### G. Criss Simpson

A Jayhawker by long tradition is G. Criss Simpson, associate professor of organ and theory at the University of Kansas and a new honorary member of Delta chapter.



G. Criss Simpson

Founder of the tradition was Mr. Simpson's father, E. Guy Simpson, who was graduated from K. U. in 1900 after a college career interrupted by active service in the Spanish-American war. An athlete and star wrestler, Guy Simpson received liberal arts and law degrees from the University. Soon after his graduation he was married to Bessie Criss, K. U. '01, a piano major under Carl A.

Preyer. Also sharing the Jayhawk tradition are Professor Simpson's sister, two uncles, an aunt, and two cousins.

Guy Criss Simpson was born in Auburn, Neb., and it was there that he began his study of organ and piano. His mother, naturally enough, was his first teacher. After his father, who had been superintendent of schools in Auburn, died, the family moved to Atchison, Kan., where Criss graduated from high school. Then it was on to Lawrence for the young musician!

At K. U., Professor Simpson studied organ under Charles S. Skilton and piano with his mother's teacher, Carl A. Preyer. In addition to K. U.'s bachelor of music degree, he holds a master of arts degree from the University of Michigan, where Palmer Christian presided over the organ console. Mr. Simpson has also studied with Albert Riemenschneider and with Marcel Dupre, professor of organ at the Paris Conservatoire and the outstanding organ teacher, performer, and composer of our age.

Silent movies and vaudeville acts were at the height of their popularity during Professor Simpson's K. U. days, and accordingly when he left the University, it was to become a pianist and organist at a theater in Joplin, Mo. A theater musician for five years, Mr. Simpson recalls that it was his theater earnings which made possible his studies in Paris.

Professor Simpson joined the University faculty in the fall of 1930 as instructor in organ, piano, and theory. In 1940 he was promoted to assistant professor of organ and theory; he has held his present position since 1948.

During his years on the K. U. faculty, Mr. Simpson has appeared frequently in organ recitals, both on the campus and throughout the

area surrounding Lawrence. For five years organist at Kansas City's large First Church of Christ, Scientist, he has also played at Plymouth Congregational Church and Trinity Lutheran Church in Lawrence. An Associate of the American Guild of Organists, Professor Simpson has served as dean of the Kansas chapter of the A. G. O. and is now a member of its executive committee. He also holds membership in Pi Kappa Lambda, honorary music society, and Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, music fraternity.

A happy combination of unusual writing ability and thorough knowledge of music has made Mr. Simpson's facile pen a busy one. His reviews of all campus concerts and recitals for the Lawrence Journal-World have come to be indispensable reading for all Lawrence music lovers. His book reviews appear regularly in the Dallas Times-Herald; he has been a frequent contributor to the American Organist and to the Diapason, organ journals.

Mr. Simpson counts as his hobbies trains—he is an avid collector of time-tables — and light opera. One of the advisors of the K. U. Light Opera Guild, he has an extensive collection of light opera scores and records and has seen nearly all of the light operas of the last twenty years—many several times—either in Kansas City or in New York City, which he visits each summer.

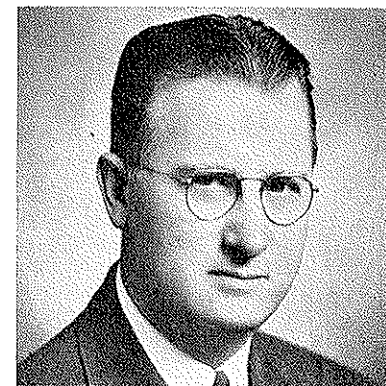
Of his recent initiation into AKL, Mr. Simpson says, "I am naturally honored to be a member of so distinguished a fraternity as Alpha Kappa Lambda. I am sure that I will enjoy my association with the members of Delta chapter, and it is my hope that I may be able to contribute something to the organization."

STANFORD E. LEHMBERG

#### Ralph E. Smith

Outstanding among the many leaders of business and industry who hold membership in Alpha Kappa Lambda is Ralph E. Smith, an executive in the breakfast cereal industry.

A 1925 graduate of the University of Kansas and a former president of Delta chapter of AKL there, Smith has traveled far from the small midwestern farm near Haven, Kansas, where he was born and reared. In his present position as vice-president of the Ralston Purina company and head of that company's cereal division, he has charge of such products as Ry-Krisp, Hot Ralston, Instant Ralston, Shredded Ralston, and the new favorite, Shredded Rice.



Ralph E. Smith

During recent months he has been traveling extensively directing the promotional campaign for this new cereal. While in Lawrence, Kansas, he left a sizeable supply at the AKL chapter house, winning new fans for the cereal.

Returning to Kansas University last spring for a class reunion, Smith revisited the scenes where he had achieved distinction as a campus leader and had changed the town's face with his carpentry work. He was the sec-

ond of three brothers to attend K. U. and to belong to Alpha Kappa Lambda.

It was in 1921 that he first enrolled at Kansas University, and his fraternity brothers in the Ochino club, the forerunner of Delta chapter, soon were sure that he would go far. Following the lead of his older brother—the late Harold Dewey Smith who became F. D. R.'s Director of the Budget and later the executive vice-president of the World Bank—Ralph was a spark-plug from the word go. He won scholastic honors in his freshman and sophomore years, and activity honors during his junior year, while at the same time helping his brother build some five or ten houses, the sale of which defrayed their university expenses.

The fraternity did not let such a man pass unnoticed. He was elected to various chapter offices, and when Doc Davidson completed his work on the Lawrence campus, Ralph Smith succeeded to the presidency, a position to which he was twice reelected. When AKL bought the house at the corner of 6th and Louisiana, now occupied by the Lawrence Business College, Smith was chairman of the fraternity's building committee and instrumental in the purchase.

During his recent visit to the present chapter house in Lawrence, Smith laughingly recalled his "unfortunate" try at teaching. A year at the Atchison, Kansas, high school ended, he says, for two reasons: he did not have vision enough to see the future in teaching; and the superintendent recommended that he quit. A good friend of his who now heads the Atchison school system has offered to let him save face and rejoin the high

school faculty, but at no increase in wages. Smith is considering the offer—but not seriously.

Following his teaching fiasco, he served several years with the University of Kansas extension bureau, and then, in 1930, assumed duties with the Ralston Purina company of St. Louis. Initially he was in charge of the training program for college graduates. He advanced through various merchandising and supply positions in the company, until he was promoted to cereal sales manager in 1943. Elevation to general manager, then to vice-president in charge of cereals, quickly followed.

Aside from his work with the Ralston purina company, this distinguished AKL alumnus is on the executive committee and the board of directors of the Cereal Institute of Chicago, is a director of the Chippewa Trust company of St. Louis, and serves as a director of the Trimfoot Shoe company of Farmington, Missouri.

Smith makes his home in Glendale, Missouri, where he lives with his wife and three children; Sallie, age 12, Susan, age 10, and Whitson, age 8. Though greying slightly at the temples, he still has a full head of hair and retains his slender, athletic form.

Despite his success, Smith has not lost the friendly characteristics which have meant so much to his advancement. His sincerity is disarming; his interest in others is genuine, and his enthusiasm for his work indicates not only that he is very happy in it, but also that for many years to come, the breakfast food industry and the public will be hearing more and more about Ralston Purina cereals.

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