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# PHI KAPPA NEWS



*Season's Greetings from the Active Chapter*

## Active Men Hurt In Auto Accident Midst Thick Fog

### CRASH INTO TRUCK AS THEY RETURN FROM FUNERAL SERVICES

Kent Davis, Morgan Ochenschlager, and Clark Palmer were injured last Thursday night when the machine in which they were returning to Champaign from Brother Edwards' funeral in Aurora crashed head-on into a wrecking truck parked on the highway about 20 miles north of Kankakee.

#### Davis Hurt Most

Davis received the most serious injuries, two deep cuts on his head and a severely bruised shoulder, while Ochenschlager was gashed about the knees and Palmer was cut about the face by flying glass from the windshield. Davis has just been released from the Kankakee hospital where he had to remain several days after the accident.

The accident occurred at night during a heavy fog. As they approached the parked wrecking car, two men ran out towards them with flashlights. Palmer, who was driving, thought it was merely another machine approaching from the opposite direction, as he turned to the right and kept on going.

#### Couldn't Escape Crash

Suddenly the parked wrecker loomed up in front of him. He swerved to one side, but not enough to escape crashing. Davis was thrown clear of the machine, while Palmer was pinned by the steering-wheel and Ochenschlager was jammed up against the dashboard with his knees.

The crash jammed down the accelerator and the car crashed through a fence and raced into a corn field. When it came to a stop, Palmer managed to extricate himself from behind the wheel and picked up Davis who was lying unconscious on the road. Both were taken to the Kankakee hospital.

### POSTULANT JOHNSON WINS HIS FOOTBALL NUMERALS

Postulant "Swede" Johnson received his numerals for freshman football the other day. According to reports from the coaching staff Swede's prospects for next year look exceedingly rosy.

## IN MEMORIAM—Richard L. Edwards

By EDWARD BANKER '30

AS THIS issue of Phi-Kappa News goes to press, the brothers are reverently wearing the badge draped in mourning as a tribute to Brother Richard L. Edwards '29, of Aurora, who passed away Tuesday night, December 10, after a two-year's losing fight against tuberculosis.

To those of us who knew Dick, there is that hollow, gone feeling as we realize that Phi-Kappa has lost as intelligent a man, as accomplished a man in his field, as has ever worn the badge of Alpha Chi Rho.

Dick attended grammar and high school in Aurora where his family moved from Shabbona, Illinois. He graduated from West high of Aurora with honors.

He was pledged to Alpha Chi Rho in September 1925, and pursued a course in electrical engineering. His success in his work was most apparent, as evidenced by his election to honorary engineering fraternities.

Dick's ability and practical knowledge were not alone applied to his studies. In the chapter, he held the positions of house manager and commissary-treasurer, handling both in a most capable and efficient manner.

He suffered an injury in the latter part of his junior year at the University as a result of being kicked by a horse during a drill period of his military unit. Following this injury, due to his weakened condition, the deadly tuberculosis set in, from which he never recovered.

To set down in print the attributes of Dick's character is an impossibility; yet, to choose one word which typically describes him . . . which stands for all Dick stood for . . . is that of optimism. Never did he see the dark side. He was always looking ahead to the final result, success.

The brothers of Phi-Kappa join with his mother in her sorrow.

## Thurman Practicing Law in Kansas City

Les Thurman '24 is practicing law in Kansas City where he is living at 4032 Warwick road. Les went to Harvard for his law studies after securing an undergraduate degree here. He finished there in 1927. After a summer in Europe he returned to Kansas City where he has been since, although it is reported that he may move to New York City soon. Mrs. Thurman is the former Miss Helen Mason, who was a well known undergraduate on the campus several years ago.



Thurman '24

### LIKES PHI KAPPA NEWS

Dixon Ryan Fox of New York City, national president of the fraternity, writes very complimentarily:

"I cannot let the occasion pass without again congratulating you upon the Phi Kappa News, the November issue of which has just arrived. It seems to me to be just what a chapter publication should be and shows excellent spirit."

Charles M. Clark '17 is also a sales engineer and has a position with the Cincinnati Milling Machine company at Cincinnati, O. Brother Clark has two young sons, Charles M., Jr., 11, and William P., 7.

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Hilding R. Patterson '14 is sales engineer for the Wright-Austin company, 307 North Michigan avenue, Chicago.

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Marshall Sweeney '25 is with A. G. Becker and company, Chicago, as assistant cashier. Marsh has just recently become a father of a fine son, named Stuart Haines.

## Where the Latch String's Always Out



A sketch of the chapter house drawn by Bob Dell '29, for the fraternity's Christmas cards this year.

### OWEN '18 MARRIED LAST MAY IN LOS ANGELES

In case some of the alumni have not heard of the event we are publishing the news that Harold P. Owen '18 was married May 5 in Los Angeles to Miss Mary Amelia Edmonds. C. Norton Owen '16 was the best man and Dr. Robert W. Meals '18 was an usher. Brother Owen and Mrs. Owen are now at home at 2733 Hampshire road, Cleveland Heights, Ohio.

### RANDALL '18 FARMING ON HOME NEAR AURORA

Frank J. Randall '18 is farming near Aurora, Ill., on R. F. D. No. 3. Brother Randall writes, "I taught vocational agriculture in Catlin township high school for eight years before coming on the old home farm. . . . Doing 'power' farming with 'Tractor Farm All' and harvester combine." He has two small sons, Robert T., 4, and Frank J., Jr., 3.

### PLAY IN BAND

Postulants Bill Stewart and Al Borg have been doing their bit in the first regimental band this fall. Both played during all the home football games.

### SUBSIDIZE THE NEWS

The Phi-Kappa News needs your financial support. Will you send \$1 to Clark Palmer, treasurer, at the chapter house as your share to help keep it alive?

Everybody agrees it is a good thing. It is planned to keep you in touch with your classmates and the active chapter. The active chapter wants to keep it up. It is of mutual benefit to the chapter and its graduates.

But, the chapter cannot finance the News alone. We're asking the graduates to help. Will you show your interest by sending your contribution immediately?

Keeping in touch with your fraternity and old friends is worth \$1, isn't it?

Ernie Smedberg '29 is proprietor of "King's Pantry," 524 Davis street, Evanston, Ill. Smeddy is living at home, 5237 Lakewood avenue, Chicago.

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Don Teetor '26 is known as the assistant sales manager of the Perfect Circle company, Hagerstown, Ind. Don was married in 1927 to Miss E. F. Sinclair, former Illinois student, and they have a son, Tommy, 15 months old.

### MORGAN, GREEN, GERBER INITIATED ON DECEMBER 7

Postulants Euil Wayne Morgan '32, Burton C. Gerber '32, and Roy N. Green '32 were initiated into Phi Kappa chapter of Alpha Chi Rho at the chapter house on Saturday afternoon, December 7.

Brother Morgan, who hails from Mt. Vernon, is working hard on The Daily Illini editorial staff and shows promise of doing big things in the next year or so. Brother Gerber is from Evanston and divides his time between studio work in architectural engineering and the Alpha Delta Pi house. Brother Green, a protege of Brother Frank Schooley '29, is another one of our Effingham boys and seems to be active in his Athletic Coaching courses and intramural activities.

All three of the newly initiated brothers are hard workers and are bound to add to Phi Kappa's prestige on the campus.

### INITIATED TRI-ALPHA

Clifford "Casey" Ireland was recently initiated into Tri-Alpha, honorary pre-legal fraternity. The requisites for initiation are a four-point average in all pre-legal subjects, so the house looks forward to seeing a second "Murphy" in its midst.

## Phi-Kappa Dads Present Another Gift to House

### SEND SET OF SIX ASH STANDS FOR THE CHAPTER'S LIBRARY

An additional gift of the Phi-Kappa dads to the chapter house, just received, is a set of six smoking stands. The stands are finished to match the new library furniture presented to the house by the dads last month.

#### No Smoke Escapes

They are urn-shaped and have automatic lids to prevent the spilling of ashes or the escape of "stale" smoke. The fact that they are as decorative as they are useful, makes them doubly appreciated by the active chapter.

The chapter feels it owes the dads more of an expression of gratitude than it can attempt to express. The instant popularity of both gifts is sufficient proof of their value to the house.

House improvements which were mentioned in the last issue of Phi-Kappa News are rapidly nearing completion. The pledges have finished calcimining the basement rooms and the pool-table has been set up in the old chapter room.

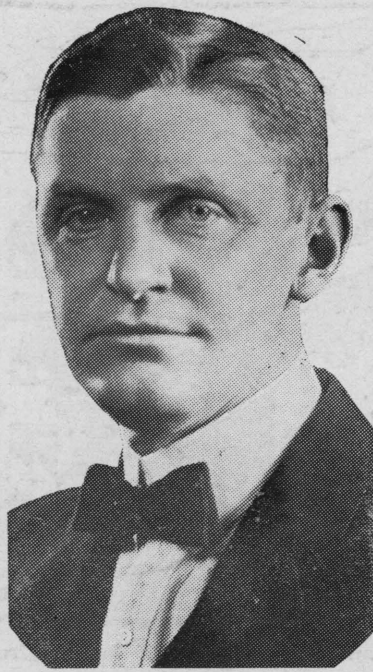
#### Getting Ready to Rest

Preparations for the between-exam rests will be finished in a few days when the chapter can avail itself of the opportunity to lounge without interruptions from telephones, bill collectors, and sandwich boys! Since the pool-table has been moved downstairs the capacity of the dorm is increased about six beds. Radiators in the two small dorms prove quite an attraction for the upper classmen.

### BAILEY '26 IS "FOUND"; ONLY ONE BROTHER LOST

We have just learned that W. H. Bailey '26 may be located through his parents at 2412 Elizabeth street, Pueblo, Colo., thanks to Fat Nuessle '22 of Chicago. If we are successful in finding Bailey and securing his questionnaire, the only remaining "lost" member in our files will be Paul Whittington '27, formerly of Benton. Should you be able to help us locate Brother Whittington, we'll be much obliged.

## Next President?



**PROF. B. M. WOODS**, associate dean of the University of California and a member of the Chi Rho chapter at Berkeley, has been prominently mentioned to fill the presidency of the University upon the retirement of President Kinley. Brother Woods, a noted authority on aircraft and aerodynamics, gave a series of three lectures of the campus last week.

## Meals '20 Attends at Hitchcock Death

Bob Meals '20, enjoying a large medical practice in Hollywood, received national publicity last month at the time of the death of Raymond Hitchcock, nationally known stage star. Hitchcock died suddenly and to prove that an inquest over his body was unnecessary, Brother Meals, his personal physician, issued a signed certificate saying that his death was due to natural causes. Brother Meals received his bachelor's degree from the University in 1920 and his medical degree from the College of Medicine in 1925. It will be remembered that he was commented upon extensively in the press last year when he removed his own appendix as a research experiment.

## Grads Had Their Own Smoker at Homecoming Time

### ANONYMOUS ALUMNUS SENDS HIS STORY OF THE AFFAIR

An alumnus, who requests that his name be kept anonymous, has sent the following contribution for the Phi-Kappa News:

"The grads treated themselves to a smoker at Homecoming in some secluded, unknown spot and it is reported that they all lived happily ever after. At any rate, it is apparent that a good time was had.

#### Among those Present

"For those grads who were foolish enough not to show up, here is a list of those who supported the party: Herb Behr, Beifuss, Cy Linder, Hank Goddard, Dee Webb, Pony and Jim Marshall, O'Brien, Burt Sears, the Wernsings, Weig Randall, Chritton, Val Fuller of Phi Theta, Tom Hart of Syracuse, Ruf Austin, Copes, Bob Dell, Schunk, the Sweeneys, Dav White, Judge Taylor, the Corleys, Henkel, Gillespie, Pet Patterson, Doc Stevens, McClelland, Bud Evans, Gray Evans, Tony the Wop, Ericson, Log Pierce, Hannsen, Hubbard, Rumsfield, Dayton of West Chicago, Magellan, Bert Jenner, Bob Christ, Kink Cole, Smedberg and McLaughlin.

#### Undergrads Assisted

"Several undergrads assisted materially and the success of the stag was due in a large part to their untiring efforts. We grads thank you. The party's style was somewhat cramped through the absence of Ben Smith who issued some excuse which sounded like the ring from a cracked bell. See you next Homecoming."

### JOHNSON '23 DIRECTS ACADEMY DRAMA CLUB

Leland T. Johnson '23, a master at Montclair academy, Montclair, N. J., writes that he is directing a musical organization that "puts on a show for several performances yearly, the type of work done by the Princeton Triangle club or the Mimes of Michigan." Brother Johnson is the author of several musical comedies that have been presented in the New York area, among which are "Rough Diamonds," "Morocco," "Atta Boy."