

# Merry Christmas



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### Are You Lonesome For Alpha Chi Rho Songs?

How about listening to a medley of Alpha Chi Rho songs as only Phi Kappa men can sing them?

The singing at the chapter under the capable leadership of our President, Bud Schmidt '42, has become so good that we have decided to make a recording of the songs you used to sing in your undergraduate days.

The chapter is planning on including the following songs on two sides of a 12-inch record: "Sweet-heart song," "Evening Song," "Oft in My Dreams," "Amici," "Hail Alpha Chi," "Drinking Song," and "Hail to the Orange." John Lewis '45 is soloist.

What we would like to know now is how alumni feel about this idea. How many would be willing to purchase a record if it could be secured at cost, which will be about \$1.95.

The recording will be made next spring about Sachem Sing time when all our voices will be in good shape and the harmony will be nigh unto perfect.

We are not asking for orders now, but we would like to know how many would be interested. Send us your thoughts on a letter or card and let's see if we can't put this over in a big way!

Our thanks to William L. Broom '22 for his subscription to The Phi Kappa News. Brother Broom is in the home furnishings business (William S. Broom and Company) at 304-08 W. Jefferson street in Effingham, Ill.

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Dick Grenley '27 is keeping busy these days in the production department of Babcock and Wilcox Company of Barberton, Ohio. The Grenley family lives in Akron, Ohio, at 1119 Delia avenue, said family including son Donald, 10, and Mrs. Grenley, the former Alice Avery, Illinois Alpha Phi.

## This 'N Thata About Phi Kappa

You can see the fun we're having at the Alpha Chi Rho house these days by looking at the pictures on the back page. When our two Illio photographers, Phil Rose '45 and Al Phillips '43, aren't out "shooting" for the yearbook, they find time to do a little candid work at the chapter house.

The pledges didn't have the courage to have a "walkout," so they hid in the dorm one Monday night. They couldn't fake a walkout on us so we had a "lockout." Then they haunted us from the Psi U house next door.

Romance has taken the house by storm. Even the Engineering students are finding time for entertainment with the fairer sex. Ed Harding '44 is dating at Evans Hall; Bill Wright '45, seen at the Formal with a queen from AOPi; Bill Greenwood '43 takes his surveying tools out in the country to ZTA.

The AdPi's are currently leading the sororities on campus in our affections. Granay Davis '43 is going to try and hang his pin again on Louise Weiss, after getting her mother's approval. Milt Sheffield '43 is also dating steady(?) over there. Johnny Hanson '41½ who is currently having "heart" trouble, dates Joy Douglas for consolation.

Then Bob Brown, ex-president, is down here almost every week-end visiting his pin girl, Julie Sheckler, Pi Phi. Tom Jack '44 finally hung his pin on Peggy Falk of Decatur. According to recent reports, Al Schneider '41 no longer has his pin on Ruth Rolfhing, Gamma Phi.

Bob Taylor '42, is now the proud possessor of a Phi Beta Kappa key. Homecoming was really a sad affair this year. It rained for two days before the game so we couldn't put up our decorations because they were painted with water paint. When it finally did stop raining it got so windy that they would blow down as soon as we would get them up. Anyway we all had a good time. Despite the terrible weather we had a sizeable turnout of alumni.

Dads' Day as far as Phi Kappa was concerned was a complete success. While the football team didn't impress the Dads the fellows here at the chapter house did. After the banquet we all gathered around the piano and sang Alpha Chi Rho songs. Then we were entertained by a solo by John Lewis '45, who incidentally is in the opera, "Car-

### Hold Christmas Dance On December 5th

Christmas is just around the corner and with it comes the swish and swirl of social events.

This year, as in the past, we had a great Winter Formal.

This function is currently one of our outstanding dances, and Charlie Perkins '42 made certain that this year was no exception. The dance was held on Friday, December 5th, at the chapter house, with Johnny Coombs providing the music.

The usual Christmas tree was present, and the rooms were decorated with boughs of evergreens. (Needless to say, mistletoe was present also.)

This year we did not have our usual Christmas Serenade, but substituted a regular serenade in its place. The fellows were getting a little low on cigarettes, and the sororities are very liberal with the "smokes" after a serenade. We had practiced diligently on our songs so that we were in good voice for the melody jaunt and from the cigarettes we received, we must have been pretty good.

men," as is John Leslie '44.

Bill Hoffman '44 had such a good time over the Thanksgiving holidays that he decided to marry Bette Jane Gifford. Congratulations Bill, and we'll sure miss you.

Our rushing has been carried on very successfully and we have pledged two more men since the last issue. They are: John Ahlers '44, of Centralia, and Bob Kiester '43, of Garden City, Illinois. Johnny went to Centralia Junior College last year. Bob has been secretary for the band for two years.

In Chicago, here are new addresses for the following alumni: John E. Cullerton '37 at 832 Leland avenue; Bruce W. Kipp at 316 North Pine; Harold B. Miller '36, at 1130 North Shore avenue; Robert R. Phillips '39, at 9223 S. Ada; John P. Severin '29, at 9154 S. Lowe avenue.

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Charles R. Leaverton '30 has moved from Dallas to Fort Worth, Texas, where he lives at 4134 Lancaster street.

## Water Polo Team Starts New Year With 6 to 0 Win

The twice-division champion Intramural water polo machine, in its opening H2O polo game of the season, blitzkrieged its way to an initial victory.

Reminiscent of past teams the boys triumphed handily 6 to 0 over Acacia, and in the process uncovered a successor to the "Mighty Rufe" Ruthenberg '41, in the crafty Fred Moore '44½. Our new human fish practically ripped the nets while flinging in three goals from all positions, including the difficult reverse position. Assisting Moore in the scoring column were the veterans Dick Buckle '42 and Earl Fox '44, who made up the other three goals.

Although not goal scoring heroes, Brothers Schmidt '42, Hunter '43, Jack '44, and Postulant Howie Wisel '45 were equally effective in producing the success.

Our scouts have reported that both the Phi Psis and Phi Deltas have strong outfits that we will have to meet later. Barring misfortunes, we should be able to squeeze out victories over both in closely fought battles to gain the division championship and give us another crack at the University title. With our continued voluminous balcony support, we expect the necessary inspiration to keep us in the winning column.

Although our basketball season does not start until next semester, several of the cagers are already raring to get out on the courts. We will see many new faces with the addition of Postulants John Persohn '45, John Ahlers '44, John Lewis '45, and Howie Wisel '45, all with brilliant high school records in their wake. These prospects, along with last year's regulars, Fred Ilseman '44, Earl Fox '44, Ivan Richardson '43, and Dick Buckle '42, should make quite a formidable squad. Many other lesser knowns will be out for positions, which will keep everyone on their toes.

Phil Lantz '32 is now vice-president and secretary of Sta-Rite Ginie Lou, Inc., in Shelbyville, Ill., where the Lantz home is located at 2413 North Walnut. Phil, a former Phi Kappa News editor, was married in June of '40 to Josephine Yantis, Colorado University Kappa.

## News About Alumni Everywhere

A busy man is Wayne Morgan '32, who teaches in the junior high school at Mt. Vernon and runs a printing and publishing business. The Morgan residence is in Mt. Vernon at 705 S. 22nd street. He has two children, Peggy Ann, five, and Albert Wayne, three years old.

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John W. Hilbert is industrial surgeon for the Studebaker Corporation and numerous insurance companies at South Bend, Ind., where he lives on Route 2, (Box 253). Brother Hilbert has three children, Jean Ada, 21; Mardell, 15; Jacqueline, 13 years old.

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Thanks to Ralph (Rufe) Ruthenberg '41 for sending us his "Who's Who" data sheet. He is working for Du Pont as a chemist at the Kankakee Ordnance Works in Joliet, and is living at home at 7131 Stanley avenue in Berwyn.

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Gail Smith (Mischlich) '39 is announcer and dramatic director for station WSRR with studios at 270 Atlantic street in Stamford, Conn. "Alfie" lives in Darien, Conn., on St. Nicholas Road. Gail writes: "It is a real thrill to read and hear that Phi Kappa is still going strong. There was a hell of a lot of work done to make Illinois Alpha Chi Rho a top notch fraternity, and we younger grads are proud and envious of the fine work you are doing."

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James D. Lierman is now living in Auburn, N. Y., at 65 South street, Apt. 307. He is connected with the firm of Johnson and Johnson and was formerly in Syracuse, N. Y.

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George T. Austin '36 is completing work for his Ph.D. at Purdue University, now teaching classes in the chemistry of explosives. George lives in West Lafayette, Ind., at 519 State street. Previous to accepting his faculty post at Purdue, George was an engineer with Socony-Vacuum Oil company in Augusta, Kans.

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Check these new addresses for alumni received this fall: Howard W. Cobby '17 now lives in Minneapolis, Minn., at 2400 Harriett. Merle Myers '36 now gets his mail at Buda, Ill., having moved there from Rock Island. Warren W. Wilson '29 now lives in Moline, Ill., at 945 24th street.

Cyril S. Linder '16 formerly with the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company at Elwood, Ind., is now living in Tarrentum, Pa., at 1139 Park street.

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Raymond Visser '34, who formerly lived in Park Ridge, Ill., has moved to Inglewood, Calif., at 237 West Lime street.

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Louis T. Dwyer '30, connected with the Louis T. Dwyer Paper Company of Chicago, has a new residence address at 219 N. Second avenue in Maywood.

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Charles S. Owen '22 is rounding out 18 years with Chapell Ice Cream Company of Chicago. The Owen home is in Skokie (Niles Center) at 4830 Elm street. Brother Chuck has two sons, Charles, eight; and Donald, four years old.

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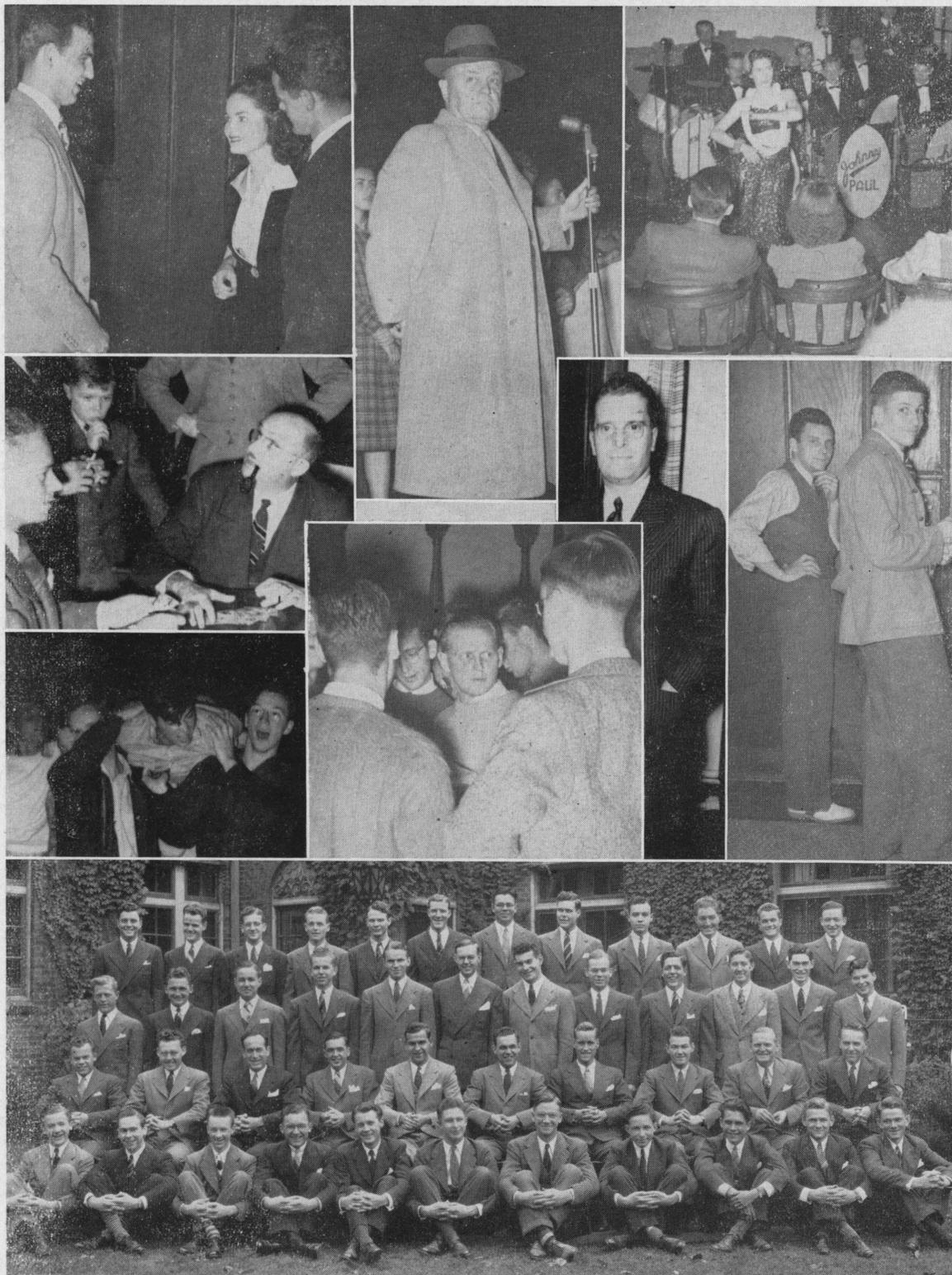
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Alumni are given another opportunity with this issue of The Phi Kappa News to send in their contributions. Give the chapter a Christmas present. It's easy! Just attach your check for \$1 or dollar bill to the enclosed subscription blank and mail to the editor at the chapter house, 311 East Armory, Champaign.



**ALPHA CHI RHO IN PICTURES.** Top row: Bud Schmidt cracking wise at the pledge dance. Center: "Zup" before the Minnesota game. "Hootchy Kootch" at the pledge dance—and very well done, too. Middle row: Alpha Chis past and present. Stan Hanssen '16 and Don Grenley '52. Pin Hanging, no cigars, means the boneyard for Bill Hoffman. Phi Kappa News is out. Left: Marsh Sweeney '25, alumni treasurer; John Ahlers '44, Ivan Richardson '43.