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INITIATION HELD FOR NINE PLEDGES

February 14, 1943, was another great day in the history of Phi Kappa Chapter of Alpha Chi Rho, for not only was it another milestone for the Chapter, but also in the lives of nine of our pledge group when the annual second semester initiation was held. Our new brothers are the following:

Don Reno '46, Wilmette	Karl Franson '46, Riverside
William Given '46, Crossville	Thomas Griffith '46, LaGrange
Frank Hill '46, Princeville	Walter Miller '45, Yorkville
Paul Stavenger '46, LaGrange	William Watson '46, Livingston, N.J.
Loren Miller '46, Washington, Ill.	

We are proud to announce the Brother "Curley" Walden, Alpha Chi Rho Executive Secretary, was present for the initiation during one of his regular visits to Phi Kappa. Ralph Ruthenberg '41 dropped in also for the week-end.

On January 18, 1943, "Chuck" Pershina '46 was initiated and immediately left for the Army. He is now stationed at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Maryland.

BITS ABOUT 'EM

Bob Kiester from Garden Prairie and Ernie Johnson from Wayne City, Ill., had the honor of being the first two Phi Kappa men to graduate during the 1942-'43 school year. Graduation exercises were held the last week of January by the University. At the present time Bob is just taking it easy around home until he receives his official orders to report for his Navy V-7 training. Some of the other fellows that dropped out of school at the end of the semester and are now with the fighting forces of Uncle Sam are: Frank Hill, Don Reno, Philip Rose, and Cal Olson. Several others are expected to be called in the very near future. The beginning of the second semester found a couple of very good new boys in the '46 pledge class. They are Jim Frauenhauff and Bob Hunter, the brother of Bill Hunter '43, and both hail from Aurora. This is the first semester in the University for both of these men.

The fact was just made known of the marriage of Earl (Foxy) Fox '44 to Judy Rich '44, which will take place on the 27th of this month. Lots of luck, kids! Talking of surprises, here's another. Wayne Given, newly initiated brother, was married to Virginia Lee Bryant of Crossville, Ill., on February 3. "Ginnielee" was a Tri-Sigma of Southern Illinois Normal University.

Dr. F.W. Tanner '12, graduate of Phi Gamma Chapter at Wesleyan, and present head of the Department of Bacteriology at the University, was a guest at the chapter house recently to talk to the fellows about TB. Brother Tanner has had two sons and a nephew affiliated with the Phi Kappa Chapter.

The latest news from Dick Buckle '42 was that he had been transferred from Sarasota, Fla., to Drew Field at Tampa, Fla.. Fred Isleman has recently entered the Navy Air Corps and is receiving his initial training at Wenatchee, Wash. You can address him in care of Y.M.C.A.-- Room 211, Box 338... Hal Weingartner '39 is doing research work for the National Research Commission here at Illinois. Hal says he is trying to find a new substitute for water, but we know better. Quiet! It's a military secret.

Some of the fellows might be interested to know that Richard Perkins '43, has

BITS ABOUT 'EM (Con't): been transferred from Fort Sheridan to Camp Pendleton, Va. Dick's new address is: 1st Training Battery, 204th Sq. Bn C.A. (AA). A letter was also forthcoming from Jack Benard '40, who is stationed at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Md., Co.C, Hdq. Bn., O.R.T.C. He is a staff sergeant. Mrs. Benard is the former Doris Prouty '40 and was a member of Delta Delta Delta.

All the time the fellows are getting notices to report for Air Corps duty. The most recent departures from the chapter for this branch of the Service include Bill Wright, Carl Mayer, Bruce Pinkstaff, and Dick Johnson. The last time the Army Engineers were over looking over the chapter house in case it should have to be used by the Armed Forces, they were quite well pleased to see that the whole first floor of the Chapter House had tile floors. The remark was dropped (?) that this would make an excellent mess hall. See you all in a "mess" next semester.

The unstable conditions of the present situation have made for many changes in things about the house and the chapter. The election of officers for the coming school year are scheduled for February 22 instead of in March as heretofore. The date of elections was moved up to give the new incoming officers a longer and better chance of getting acquainted with running the house.

Word was received not long ago that Mr. and Mrs. A.T. Smithson Jr. '39 of Riverside became the proud parents of a boy on December 6, 1942. The new arrival is named Thomas Lee.

PLANS FOR THE BUM ARTS BALL. Because of the prevailing conditions and the uncertainty about when some of the fellows will be leaving for the Service, the Annual Bum Arts Ball has been pushed up a few weeks. It is now going to be held on the weekend of February 27. Alumni will undoubtedly remember that the dance is built around some definite theme, and this year it is called the Refugee Romp...so we say to any of our alumni who are looking for an evening of fun--put on your old clothes and drop in. The dance is being supervised by Bill Wright '45, newly appointed social chairman. Plans are also being made to hold a Roller Skating party sometime in the near future at one of the local roller skating rinks. The fellows think that this is a good way to get into condition for the war. . .to us it looks like a case of either kill or cure.

NEWS OF INTRAMURALS: Intramural sports are still maintaining an active part in the life of the Phi Kappas. Basketball is now underway, and some of the fellows who are giving their "all" for Phi Kappa include: Maurie Graves '44, Vernon Guyn '45, Ed Harding '44, Karl Franson '46, Howie Wissel '45, Harry Picknell '46, Dick Kohler '43, Milt Sheffield '43, Ivan Richardson '43, Allan Phillips '43.

THANKS FOR SUBSCRIPTIONS: Helping to make this issue of THE PHI KAPPA NEWS possible are the following loyal alumni, who have sent in their subscriptions: Ens. W.M.Tanner '41, Gail Smith '39½, W.T.Stephens '20, Second Lt. R.A. D'Ambrosio, Swede Johnson '33, A.E.Jenner '29, Clarence Baughman '22, Robert E. Taylor '42, A. Blair Stark '37, Howard Steinmann '42, Richard C. Horton '32, H.R.Patterson '14, Guy C. Fulton '16, William L. Broom '22, Carroll W. Brown '43, Everett W. Brown '29, Fred W. Isleman '44, William M. Feldman '32, R.D. Malcolmson '42, Kent Davis '30, Norman Deno Jr. '42.

It is more important than ever, in these days of decreasing chapter enrollment that alumni help us in publishing THE PHI KAPPA NEWS, by sending in their subscriptions. We'll be glad to hear from you.

GET NEW ADDRESSES: New addresses have been received for the following: John H. Collins '26, Berkeley St., Colonial Parkway, Pa.; John E. DeTurk '42, 350 N. Dickens, Chicago; John R. Gillespie '28, 6921 N. Ottawa, Chicago; Joe Holty '33, 115 Calumet Ave.; Aurora; John B. McLaughlin '28, Box 187, Berwyn, Ill.; Dr. Robert W. Meals '20, 7720 Lexington, Hollywood, Calif.; Harold J. Ruggles '23, 16815 Oak View Dr., Encino, Calif.; Andrew D. Sprouse '25, 1204 Columbus Circle, Janesville, Wis.; Roy J. Wood '30, 7519 Wellington Way, St. Louis, Mo.; Joseph A. Gallentine '32, 807 Indiana Ave. Mendota, Ill.; Jerry Nelson '34, to 3805 Garfield, N.W., Washington, D. C.

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Roy C. Nyberg '40 has been promoted to first lieutenant, according to the Public Relations office at Tinker Field, Oklahoma City, Okla., where he is now on duty. He is assistant liaison officer at the field which was recently established to maintain and repair aircraft and train air depot groups.

Lt. A. M. Wharfield '30, former editor of THE GARNET & WHITE is now "somewhere in Africa." Address: A.P.O. 512, O-272698 Force Headquarters, c-o Postmaster, New York City. Al is working with radio broadcasters and even doing some broadcasting of his own.

Johnny Patton '42 writes from Camp McCoy, Wis., where he is with Co. 37, Barracks 2503. Home address: 316 North Elm St., Centralia, Ill.

Carroll Brown '43 is with Hq. Co., 810th Tank Destroyer Bn., Camp Hood, Texas. Home address: 318 Sangamon, Rantoul, Ill.

Kent G. Davis '30 writes: "My subscription is enclosed for The Phi Kappa News. I am now attached to the sea plane division of Naval Transport, Alameda Naval Air Station in California. Shortly I'll be helping push the Coronados to far parts. What a change after teaching cadets to solo a training plane of 220 horsepower to four engines putting out some thousands of horsepower. I'd be glad to get a letter or letters from any of the classes around '30." Davis is with Squadron VR-2, Naval Air Station, Alameda, Calif.

Robert Malcolmson '42 is a Naval officer on shore duty with the U.S.N.R. at the Midshipman's School, New York City. Permanent: 225 Lawton Road, Riverside, Calif. "Damn glad I was at Phi Kappa for 3½ years," he writes.

Ensign Blair Stark '37, U.S.N.R., writes: "I was delighted to get The Phi Kappa News, Christmas Edition, forwarded to Puerto Rico from Sycamore, Ill..... wonder if you'd publish that I am serving on a minesweeper in the Caribbean Sea. I was interested to see the items about Doc Burgy, Hank Parke, and Wells Tanner. Wells wrote me a week ago from the U.S.S. Wichita, which is now in the Pacific. We roomed together at Midshipman's School in Chicago last spring." Blair can be addressed at Box L, Section Base, 10th Naval District, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Incidentally, on January 27, Wells Tanner wrote: "Your Christmas issue just rolled in yesterday...my new address is as follows: U.S.S. Wichita, c-o Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, Calif."

Second Lt. R.A.D. Ambrosio is with 43rd Armored Regt., Camp Campbell, Ky.

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Howie Steinmann '42 sent his questionnaire from Milwaukee, Wis., where he can be reached at 528 N. 19th St., Apt. 311. Howie is a PFC, Candidates Class for Commission, U.S. Marine Corp. Reserve, and in the meantime is studying at Marquette University.

Gail (Alfie) Smith '39½ is program director for Radio Station WSRR, 270 Atlantic Street, Stanford, Conn. He writes: "It certainly was swell to hear from you all. I thought for a while that you had forgotten me. Incidentally, in your Christmas issue you forgot to mention that Benny Smith '20 is back in Uncle Sam's services again. Break the word gently to the boys that I am now a married man. I'm an exception for a gal who was going to be drafted into the WAAC's." The Smith home is in Darien, Conn., on Searles Lane.

OAKLEY S. DORION '43--EDITOR

Please send your PHI KAPPA NEWS subscription and "Who's Who" data sheet to the editor at the chapter house, 311 East Armory Avenue in Champaign. We'll be glad to hear from you!