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## NEWS FROM PHI KAPPA FIGHTING MEN!!

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S/Sgt. Leland W. Hagman '42 with the Air Transport Command, writes:

"This fella has been a GI since May 12, 1942 and still going strong. I have been overseas since sometime in March, 1943. I am now in the Hawaiian Islands, and have managed to spend a good amount of time at Waiiki and in Honolulu. The only thing I miss is the change of seasons and datable material (being as how I am one of those single people--so far). At present I am awaiting a call for Aviation Cadet (engineering ground crew) and have hopes of going to school within the next few months.

"I have met James Lierman '39. We came face to face on the island of Oahu. Larry is now a captain in the Field Artillery and looks as handsome and healthy as ever. Ed (Pierre) Schmidt '41 is a SK 1st class in the USCGR and is stationed someplace in the Pacific.....

"I was certainly glad to receive the last issue of the chapter news and am happy to know that the publication still remains active what with all of we fellows engaged by Uncle Sam....."

Thanks, Lee, for the compliments and addresses. We're only sorry that strict (and how!) censorship regulations prevent us from printing nearly all overseas army and navy addresses.

Hagman's home address is 7450 North Seeley Ave., Chicago.

Lt. Norman L. Rice '26 USNR, stationed at the U.S. Naval Air Station, Grosse Ile, Mich., reports a new daughter, Susan Mather Rice, born on January 16, 1944.

Lt. John W. Hanson '41½ with the Army Engineers in England, writes:

"My wife (Joy Dee Douglass--AIPi-Ill.), and I spent an extended honeymoon from our wedding day, July 17, 1942 to July, 1943, when I hit the high seas. We hit 16 states in the Service of Uncle Sam before I left.

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## ASTP AT ILLINOIS FACES BIG OUT!

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Authorization by the War department to reduce the nation's ASTP to 30,000 April 1 will take over 2,100 army men now in training at the U. of I. Slightly more than 500 at most would remain here, it is estimated.

In its newest move to send men into combat duty, the War Department has authorized those men in the advanced engineering group, the 17-year olds who are in the reserves, and the advanced medical and dental personnel to remain in the schools. Since there are no advanced medical or dental men on the Champaign-Urbana campus of the U. of I., only 300 advanced engineers and the 143 reserves are concerned with the announcement.

Previously a cut in ASTP personnel for the current term, bringing the total enrollment down under 3,000, forced the army to vacate 15 houses previously used as barracks. Because of its nearness to the military center of the campus, the Alpha Chi Rho house is still occupied, but fraternity representatives have agreed to pro-rate the total income received by the University for rental purposes to include houses previously occupied, but now vacant. As we go to press, there are 15 in this category. How the drastic cut in the ASTP will finally effect Alpha Chi Rho cannot be said with any definiteness at this time!

On the heels of the above news regarding the curtailment of the ASTP comes word that only 4,451 civilian students have registered for the second semester now underway at Illinois.

This is slightly more than one-half of the civilian enrollment of a year ago and represents a further drop from that of last fall when there were 5,103 civilians enrolled.

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THANKS FOR PHI KAPPA NEWS SUBSCRIPTIONS

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In all that 30,000 miles of married travel the only Alpha Chi Rho on the trail was Lt. Charles Wade who we saw at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

"We Americans over here (London) are keeping the pubs running until we can get back home where we belong."

Lt. E. Louis Scheidenhelm is with the Army Air Force Material Command, Propeller Lab., Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio, as experimental engineer. He writes that Lt. Richard E. Kohler '43 was married Dec. 29, 1943 to Miss Jeanne Grandgeorge, Tri-Delt '45 of Somonauk, Ill.

Lt. (j.g.) Arthur Blair Stark '37 is with a ship of the YMS class attached to the Atlantic Fleet after serving 14 months in the Caribbean as executive officer and commanding officer of two minesweepers. Stark was married to Margaret Plummer in the Little Church Around the Corner, New York City on Jan. 12, 1944. The new Mrs. Stark is from Rochester, Minn., and graduated from Northwestern in 1943 where she is a member of Kappa Alpha Theta.

Lt. (j.g.) Frederick A. Reisner '33, USNR, is living at 37 12th Avenue, San Mateo, California. He writes:

ARE YOU HELPING TO 'PAY THE FREIGHT' ON THE PHI KAPPA NEWS THIS YEAR?

As we've already told you THE PHI KAPPA NEWS is 'on its own' this year, and it can be published only as long as alumni subscriptions are received to pay the cost of getting it out. So far, these subscriptions have been sufficient, but what of the future?

To alumni who have yet to send in a subscription for the 1943-'44 school year, we want to say that the future of THE PHI KAPPA NEWS is up to you! On your support depends whether or not we can continue to send to alumni in the Armed Forces the news they so badly want to hear.

It's worth a couple of bucks, isn't it? We think so, and it's easy to help out! Just attach your check or greenbacks to the enclosed subscription blank and mail to PHI KAPPA NEWS SUBSCRIPTION FUND, Box 713, Station A, Champaign, Ill., in the handy envelope. And-----thanks a million!

Morgan Ochsenchlager '31 tells us that Eddie Banker '30 should finish his boot training at Great Lakes around Feb. 17th, 1944, and so we hope this address for Banker: Company 2018, Great Lakes Naval Training Station, Great Lakes, Ill., will still reach him.

Fred Wilson '40 is a second lieutenant in the Army Air Force and is now flying B-25s in LaJunta, Colo. He reports: "Saw Gillan and Brown in Chicago in November. They looked great. Got married December 27, 1943 to Miss Grace Lewis of LaJunta." Home address: 825 Reba Place, Evanston, Ill.

Lt. Ivan L. Richardson '43, one-time chapter rushing chairman, of Donovan, Ill., gift to the armed forces, sends us some much appreciated addresses and news. We're waiting to get that corrected list of addresses when you get back from maneuvers, Ivan! Address him in care of 10th Bn., 4th Regt., F.A.R.T.C., Fort Bragg, N.C.

"I was commissioned in August, 1943, and spent six weeks at the Navy's supply corp. school at Babson Institute, Babson Park, Mass., and in November was transferred as officer in charge of Pier 54, Navy Overseas Freight Terminal, San Francisco. It's down on the waterfront and activity out here is really terrific. Sundays and nights are spent working seeing that ships are loaded with vital supplies to beat the Jap.

"Found out last week thru the Garnet and White that K. J. Davis '30, who is now a Lieutenant Commander, lives right across the Bay and have already talked with him on the phone. He travels between here and Honolulu and on his next trip back we plan a get-together. Am going to try and look up Howie Wessel at San Francisco General Hospital.

"If any of you men come through San Francisco preparatory to embarking for the unknown, somewhere in the Pacific, look me up before sailing."

John T. Smithson '45 is with Second

Company, Armored OCS at Fort Knox, Ky.

A local newspaper has carried the story of the engagement of Barbara Ann Benton to Pfc. Thomas A. Wiley, 1016 W. Clark Street, Champaign. Tom is at present stationed at Camp Haan, Calif., and is acting battalion adjutant. He had completed three years of civil engineering when he entered the service. Barbara Ann is a U. of I. graduate in 1943 and has been doing graduate work in psychology and working in the Personnel Bureau at the University.

New addresses have been received for the following men in uniform:

A/C William W. Wright, Army Air Force, Pampa, Texas.

Charles F. Wade, Amphib. Trn. Base, Bks. A, Norfolk Navy Yard, Portsmouth, Va.

Jerome V. Mueller, 3669995, Co. G, 29th Tng. Bn., Bldg. 2906, MPRTC, Fort Custer, Mich.

Pfc. Robert K. Horton, Battery D, 465th AAA, Auto Wpns Bn., Camp Davis, N.C.

Lt. (j.g.) John R. Gehlbach is now with the Navy Sea-Bees, Battalion No. 60, care Fleet Postoffice, San Francisco, Calif.

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NEWS ABOUT PHI KAPPA ALUMNI  
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We were glad to get a news blank from Chuck Horton '40, a graduate assistant in the Animal Husbandry Department, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York.

Hale Printup '21, western manager for Puck, the Comic weekly, 326 W. Madison St., Chicago, Ill., writes: "No particular news about myself--just a rather hard-working advertising man who doesn't realize how old he is getting until he sees figures indicating class of '44 or '46....surely enjoy the Phi Kappa News."

F. H. (Doc) Bachman, 806 S. Lynn, has been elected president of the Champaign-Urbana chapter of the American Business Club. Doc is connected with Clifford-Jacobs Company.

G. W. Fisher '44, Palmer Sanatorium, Springfield, Ill., writes: "Things are going swell for me and I hope to be home in April at least. I'll probably be pounding the books at EE-25 again next year."

We have been informed of the passing of William J. Gilliland '34 on November 12,

THANKS FOR SUBSCRIPTIONS, CON'T:

Kappa News subscriptions received since January issue:

A. T. Smithson '39, John T. Smithson '45, Joe Holty '33, C.S. (Chuck) Owen '22, Clarence W. Baughman '22, Frank C. O'Brien '30, Lt. John W. Hanson '41½, Lt. E. Louis Scheidenhelm '43, Dr. Elliott Stevens '24, John R. Trost '37, Ira O. Copes Jr. '21, William Benseis Jr. '24, Morgan Ochenschlager '31, Robert J. Christ '20, Ray Gehlbach '40, Frank J. Randall '18, Fred T. Wilson '40, Frank S. Henderson '16, Ralph Hauck '30, G.W. Fisher '44, Frederick A. Reisner '33, John F. Pilgrim '33, Hale Printup '21, Ivan L. Richardson '43, Arthur B. Stark '37, S/Sgt. Leland W. Hagman '41.

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1943. Death was caused by a severe heart attack.

John R. (Jay) Trost '37, 1008 Hinman Avenue, Evanston, Ill., is Director of Services for the National Retail Furniture Assn. He writes: "Still get down Champaign-way every month or two so that 20-month old baby daughter, Judith Alice, can see grandpa and grandma--or rather, vice-versa,

Ray Gehlbach '40, farming at Beason, Ill., wrote that his brother, John, with the Sea-bees, met Ed Schmidt '41 in Australia at a dance. Ray expected to get an army call about March 1.

Frank J. Randall '18 is living on his farm 3½ miles NW of Aurora, but spends all day in his office, Kane County Farm Bureau, Geneva, Ill., in the extension service in charge of farm labor releases. He has a son, Frank John Jr., 17 years old, a senior in high school, who plans to enter the U. of I. next fall in Ag. school.

C. S. (Chuck) Owen '22 is territory supervisor for Sealtest Ice Cream Co., Chicago, and lives at 4830 Elm Street, Skokie, Ill.

Chuck Logan, is now with Station KRNT, Des Moines, Iowa.

New addresses have been received for: L.T. (Bud) Dwyer Jr, '30, 246 Washington Blvd., Oak Park, Ill.; Frank Herbert '41 16 W. Side Square, Macomb, Ill.; W.H. Stewart '33, 409 S. Thomas Ave., Minneapolis.