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NEWS FROM PHI KAPPA MEN STILL IN UNIFORM

Howard K. Steinmann '42, c/o Theo. Bayrhofer, Monroe, Wisc., Lt., USMCR, wrote Nov. 14:

"Still in the same occupation that I've been in for the past 4 years. However, I have hopes of being a 'civilian' again before long. Ever since I was Jima I've been making 'The Rounds' of naval hospitals and am at last out and on my way to Parris Island, S.C. I have to report in on Dec. 1 and hope I'll get inactive duty at that time.

"I've points to spare so if luck is with me I should be 'out' shortly. At present I am home on a 21-day leave. My wife and son have been making their home with her parents ever since I left for overseas in 1944."

S 1/c John H. Rothgeb '34 is currently at U.S.N. Weather Station No. 131, EPO, San Francisco, Calif. He has been in the service since April, 1944, but only left for overseas duty on New Caledonia in September 1945. The Rothgeb's have a daughter, Jane, a year old on November 28. Home address is: 75 N. Griggs, St. Paul, Minn.

Lt. Comdr. Clark F. Palmer '29 hopes to be out of the Navy sometime this year. Home address is 7138 Constance Ave., Chicago 49, Ill. Clark tells us that a son born last June evens things out and it makes two boys and two girls.

Lt. (jg) A.F. (Flip) Phillips '45, USNR, 610 N. Spring St., LaGrange, Ill., sent this note on Nov. 14:

"Sailing tonight for New Caledonia, thence to New Zealand for duty on a special assignment. With everyone getting out right now, this sounds all turned around; however I'm not complaining as I asked for it and don't expect to be gone for 18 months when I took a tour in the ETO.

"Married an army nurse that I met in a hospital in France, a great gal, but a true Rebel. Dorion will never believe it.

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MANY ALUMNI COME BACK TO WITNESS CHARTER PRESENTATION ON NOV. 17.

Phi Kappa's charter presentation was a big success! A fine turkey dinner was served at the house and two very fine speeches were given by Dean Fred Turner and Prof. Sleeter Bull. It was an inspiring sight to see the Brothers gathered around the long tables for the first time since the chapter closed in 1943.

'Curley' Walden was on hand to give the assembled brothers and pledges a fine talk and to present the charter. After the dinner there was the usual amount of news handed about when the alumni get together after such a long time.

Among those present were: Stan Hanssen '16; Phil Turner '27; 'Ike' Curtiss, Phi Chi '22; Denood Fisher; Cliff Barnes, Dick Horton '32; Jay Trost; 'Dee' Webb '23; 'Doc' Bachman '38; Stan B. Hanssen '43; John Lewis '45; Frank Hill '45; Fred Ilseman '44; Carroll Brown '40.

UNDERGRADUATE CHAPTER TO BE OPERATING FULL STRENGTH SECOND SEMESTER!

Phi Kappa will be in full swing for the opening of the second semester in February. (Registration is Feb. 25 and 26). Plans are being made for additional pledging and for the hiring of a cook. Among the returning brothers will be John Smithson, John Lewis, Bob Horton, and Postulant Dick Love. All these boys are returning veterans.

Contracts have been let for making some needed major repairs around the house and everything will be 'ship-shape' for the spring semester.

NEW PLEDGES ADDED. Two more names have recently been added to the growing Phi Kappa pledge class. They are Otto Ripple, Ag '48, and Bob Kelly, Commerce '48. 'Rip' is from Maywood, while Bob hails from Vandalia. We have, as we go to press in early January, a chapter of 22 men.

Incidentally, the pledges ran their legs off and came in with a second-place trophy

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NEWS OF ALUMNI IN UNIFORM, CONTINUED.....

"So much for my dull existence and I have to go pack. Good luck for the first post war year of Phi Kappa."

Maj. Al Wharfield '30 has been named as chief of the Radio branch, War Dept., Bureau of Public Relations. A veteran of two years overseas, Al holds the Legion of Merit awarded him for outstanding contributions to communications in the Mediterranean Theatre. As radio officer to Gen. Eisenhower in London in 1942, he worked on plans for the radio coverage and communications facilities

Lt. J.P. Callmer '41, USNR, P.I.C., Navy Yard, Washington, D.C.

NEWS FROM EVERYWHERE ABOUT PHI KAPPA ALUMNI

George D. Rumsfeld, '26, 318 S. Ave., Glencoe, Ill., writes:

"Arrived in the States and was detached from the U.S.S. Hollandia the end of September. Drove with the family to Grand Canyon, Mexico City, New Orleans, Memphis and Chicago. Now living at the above address on army cots--awaiting furniture from Califor-

OH! BROTHER! CAN WE HAVE YOUR 1945-'46 PHI KAPPA NEWS SUBSCRIPTION NOW ?

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It's easy to send in a subscription--merely attach currency or check to the enclosed blank with your name and address and mail in our regular PHI KAPPA NEWS envelope on which we pay the postage for you! Our address is still: Box 713, Station A, Champaign, Ill.

of the North African invasion.

In August, 1943, Al was made press communications officer for the Mediterranean Theatre. His field press communications system there formed a pattern for coverage of the Normandy and following invasions. Al returned to the States as officer in charge of the overseas section of the Radio Branch in March, 1944. Address: Apt. 302, 2820 Devonshire Pl., Washington, D.C.

Lt.(jg) Bob Holty '37, DC USNR, is still in the South Pacific, we understand. Home address is 6306 S. Artesian Ave., Chicago 29 Ill. His Gamma Phi wife, Mary Limerick Holty and children Mike and Susan are awaiting his return there.

Here are some recently received military addresses:

T/4 Maurice E. Graves '45, Hq. and Srv. Btry 677th Gli. F.A. Bn., APO 333, Ft. Bragg, N.C.

Lt. Comdr. Philip King Lantz, USNR, is at the Federal Bldg., New Orleans, La.

Maj. Robert D. Critton, Box 81, Hill Field Utah.

A. E. Lytle, RT 3/c, Comm. Unit 423, Navy 3923, c/o EPO, Frisco.

Capt. Roy J. Wood '30, 705 Westwood Dr., Clayton 5, Mo.

nia. Re-entered the real estate business with Baird and Warner. I'm in Winnetka, Ill. and enjoying civilian life again."

D.J. Nacht '39, 1304 N. St. Louis Ave., Chicago 51, Ill., wrote Dec. 12: "Just beginning terminal leave which ends in mid-February at which time comes inactive duty status in the naval reserve. Future as vague as that of the U.N.O. Reconversion from coral, coconuts and heat rash to icicles, most difficult. Still single and looking for prospects--for a job of course!"

Frank R. Schunk '28, 2149 Giddings St., Chicago 25, Ill., sends this news:

"A Phi Kappa Reunion was held at my home in October to welcome Lt. Comdr. Kent Davis '30 who was in from California for a visit. Lt. Comdr. Clark Palmer '30, Bill Henkel '30, Dan Vittum '28, Ira Sweeney '28, Marsh Sweeney '25 were present and we had a grand session. Kent showed some colored films he had taken of his travels in Australia and the South Pacific."

"Here's to success for Phi Kappa in this first year of its rebirth", writes Herbert R. Behr '16, 1516 Norwood St., Chicago 26, Ill., secretary and chief engineer for the

Cline Electric Mfg. Co., Chicago.

J.P. Greener '41, 6153 S. Albany Ave., Chicago 29, Ill., writes: "Recently left the Western Electric Co., to become sales engineer for the National Insulations Co. I'd sure like to hear about 'or from Blair Stark '37 and A.E. McCormack '41."

Kent G. Davis '30, 695 Ensenada Ave., Berkeley 6, Calif., is aeronautical inspector for the civil aeronautics administration. He writes:

"Am on terminal leave from the navy and at the termination of it go back to my former position as inspector with the CAA. I'm to be stationed at the Oakland airport to take up where I left off when the navy called me to active duty in January of 1941."

Rufus P. Austin '25, 107 Madison St., Hagerstown, Ind., assistant sales manager Perfect Circle Co., writes that Bill Benzies Jr. '27 of Baraboo, Wisc., dropped in to see him in October. "It was encouraging to see how well some of our classmates are looking and doing after 20 years," Austin adds.

Frank J. Randall '18, Route 1, Aurora, Ill., writes:

"Live on the old home farm NW of Aurora. Manage same, hiring a married farm hand to operate the farm. I'm on the farm only long enough to eat, sleep and tell the hired man what to do the following day. The rest of the time I can be found in my office in the Farm Bureau Building, Geneva, Ill., having charge of farm labor in Kane county and serving on the Kane county War Board.

"My 20-year old boy, Ted, is in the AAF stationed at Columbus, Miss. My youngest boy, 19, Frank John Jr., is in the QM Corps stationed on Iwo Jima, South Pacific. After being discharged from the service, one will enter U. of I. College of Agriculture and the other will probably take up Aeronautical and automotive engineering."

Dick Buckle '42, 719 Austin St., Evanston Ill., reported on Nov. 13, 1945 that he wanted us to have his address and that he was lining up a job.

J.E. (Joe) Vaile '28, 1220 Cleveland, Route 4, Fayetteville, Ark., writes: "My congratulations to the Resident Chapter on the return of the charter and their new pledge class. It will be impossible for me to be with you on Nov. 17 but will be thinking of you and hope that there will be a

CHAPTER NEWS NOTES, CON'T.....for the library shelves in the annual interfraternity pajama race. This was the first race since the war and was run inside the armory instead of up Fourth Street as was the practice in past years. The boys had to work hard for their win and deserve a lot of credit. The fleet-footed fellows winning for Phi Kappa are Bob Scott, Roger Springer, Bernie Beckman and Tom Wright.

COMING BACK TO SCHOOL? If you are, and the chapter doesn't have your name, please notify Paul Stavenger of your plans IMMEDIATELY. This housing problem is NO JOKE!

JOHN SMITHSON recently became engaged to Gloria Schoulte and they plan to be married in June. Howie Wizzel will be married in February to Maw Domanski. Congratulations, boys!

OUR THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING for their Phi Kappa News subscriptions received since our November issue:

Frank R. Schunk '28; John W. Bryan '40; E.N. (Swede) Johnson '33; Kent G. Davis '30; J.P. Greener '41; Rufus P. Austin '25; Harold J. Taylor; Hale Printup '21; Frank J. Randall '18; J.H. Rothgeb '34; De. E.G. Stevens '24; William Feldman '32; J.E. Vaile '28; Herbert R. Behr '16; Howard R. Moore '36; Capt. Paul B. Geiger '32; Lt. Howard R. Steinmann '42; Lt. A.F. Phillips '45; Clark F. Palmer '29; D. J. Nacht '39; D.W. Vittum '28; Gerald E. Dickson; George Rumsfeld '26.

large turn-out and everyone has a swell time.

"To Marsh Sweeney--Did you get my note last spring?

"I'm back on the job again after being laid up from Oct. 9, 1944 to June 1, 1945. Took on half-time in June, July, and August to get my 'sea-legs' back--since then it has been full-time teaching, research and committee work.

"If Dave Mathews is with you on the 17th, tell him he still holds the honor (if he will excuse this term) to be the one and only AXP to check on us in Fayetteville. Fran (Francis Thomas Vaile, Alpha Phi '26) and I are still sorry we could not entertain the Mathews more heartily than we did."

NEW ADDRESSES have been reported for:

H.W. Coble '17, 4382 Wooddale Ave., Minneapolis, 10, Minn.

D.W. Dorman '30, 843 Suffield Rd., Birmingham, Mich.

Stewart L. Ericson '29, 55 S. Highland Ave., Aurora, Ill.