

THE BETA-ETA NEWS

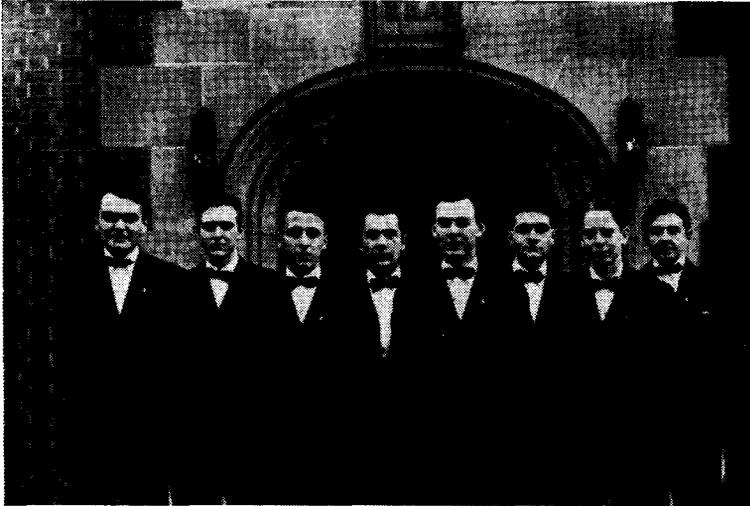
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Presenting Our New Pledges



FOUNDERS' DAY ON MARCH 1 was a memorable occasion for these Pi Kappa Alpha Neophytes, for they were initiated into the fraternity at this time. Left to right we have: Ed Eveland, George Sinclair, Dick O'Hair, Dick Walton, Al Bohlen, Jim Coe, Al Bonnet.

Enjoy Radio Dance During February

"Gaters" and "hep-cats" again jived in the ballroom of the chapter house (living room with all the furniture removed) during February, while others swung and swayed to the music of the top dance orchestras of the United States. Yep. That's right. It was a swell radio dance.

New additions were made to the record collection of the chapter, since the price of admission was one record. Several tried to crash the gate with records that were already the property of the house, but Erdie, porter and bouncer deluxe, caught the culprits in the act. After the dance, pledges and members serenaded several houses before calling it an evening.

A perfect weekend, with the Freshman Frolic Friday night, and a radio dance at the house Saturday night, was climaxed by a dinner Sunday, which was featured by rolls and dates—not the kind that grow on trees).

Set Homecoming Date As October 10

With Ray Eliot at the helm as head coach, the Illinois football team is anticipating spring practice and the 1942 schedule. The dope is that it will really be a "new deal" in Illini football.

Following is the complete schedule for next fall:

Sept. 26—South Dakota here

Oct. 3—Butler here

Oct. 10—Minnesota here

(Homecoming)

Oct. 17—Iowa at Iowa City

Oct. 24—Notre Dame here

Oct. 31—Michigan at Ann Arbor

Nov. 7—Northwestern there

Nov. 14—Ohio State here

(Dads' Day)

Homecoming on October 10 is the first season that the event has been held in October in at least the last 10 years.

Howie Quick '37 is teaching at the McClure school, in Western Springs, Ill., but makes his home in Dixon.

Initiation Held For Eight Pledges On Founders Day

NEW MEN BOLSTER CHAPTER RANKS AT CRUCIAL TIME

The Pi Kappa Alpha Founders Day on March 1 proved an impressive occasion for eight chapter pledges, who were inducted into the fraternity at this time.

Several town alumni were present for the ceremonies and the banquet which followed. The fraternity is one of the few campus groups that can hold its annual spring initiation together with a Founders Day ceremony.

Meet These Men

We'd like to have you meet our new members. They are:

George Sinclair '44, Chicago.

Al Bohlen '44, Virden.

Bob Edie, '44, Tuscola.

James Coe '45, Peoria.

Ed Eveland '45, Peoria.

Richard O'Hair '44, Paris.

Richard F. Walton '45, Fairfield.

Alvern Bonnett '44, Tuscola.

The addition of these men bolsters our manpower at a time when it is essential to have a large chapter personnel. Rushing at the house is continuing, and Beta-Eta will participate in the all-campus rushing day sponsored by the Interfraternity Council on March 22. Alumni are urged to let us know of men who could be invited to this Open House.

Semester Cut

The chapter is rapidly adjusting itself to war-time conditions. Some of the members are planning to attend the two 6-weeks summer sessions and gain a full semester's credit. Final examinations have been eliminated and Easter recess cut out to shorten the present term so that Commencement will come about June 1.

It is practically certain, however, that there will be no Student Army Training Corps such as was established in 1918. The results at that time were not happy for fraternities.

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Contributions and news of brothers are solicited at all times. Address communications to the chapter house, 303 East Armory Avenue, Champaign, Illinois.

Beta Eta Blast

Special to the Beta-Eta Blast—Dick Knowles '42 hung his pin on Barbara Smaus, Kappa Alpha Theta, recently, on his second date with her. Wow!

All of the girls whom Jack Oliver '42½ has been dating have really been making the "dirt" column of the local campus periodicals. They are all taking pins. Both of them.

All quiet on the Beta-Kap front. Louie Pinderski '44 and Pledge Jack Putman gave up trying to root "the 'ol nag," the White Horse party, home in local campus politics.

Radio dance really a big success. More and more eight o'clocks are being cut, now that the government has stepped in on the time situation.

And speaking of daylight saving, there are no more water-fights since it does no good to turn out the lights. It is still light enough for "Baldy" Mumford to fine the participants. And he does.

"Bud" Britton '42 has that dreamy Northwestern Kappa Delt look in his eyes. Almost as bad as Brother Knowles.

Brother Jobson '43?, the only man in the Big Ten who never won a fencing bout, finally broke his record by defeating a Northwestern sophomore in a match. Incidentally, it was the first time his opponent had ever fenced—in a match.

Nuff, if not too much, said. Until next time, thirty.

Roland S. (Peg) Wachob '29 writes of his marriage last August 12 to Sarah L. Apgar. Peg mentions that he is still coaching all sports at Westport high and won Class "C" County Championship football for the fifth straight year and also the state Class "C" title three out of the last four years. Wachob can be reached at his home at 7 Greens Farms Road in Westport, Conn.

Harry Taylor Reports From Pearl Harbor; Braves Machine Gun Bullets In Attack

Our thanks to Mr. H. J. Taylor, father of Harry Taylor '39, for sending us excerpts from two letters written by Harry from Hawaii after December 7. Harry is stationed at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, and is a Second Lieutenant serving with the 98th C.A. (AA).

Mr. Taylor writes:

"His first letter written December 10 (3 days after the attack and received by us just two days before Christmas, thus making the family Christmas Day a very happy one) read in part, quote:

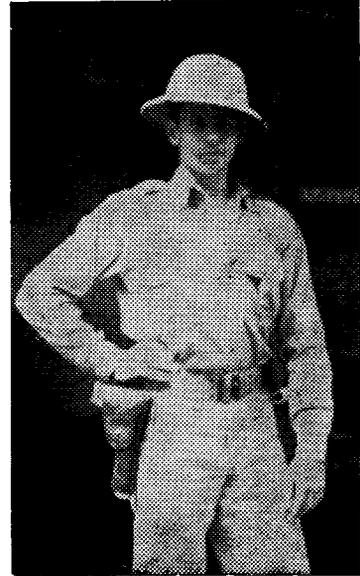
"Well as you all know the Japs paid us a visit Sunday morning—disturbing myself and all my brother Militarists out of a perfect Sunday morning sleeping session. Everything is rather quieting down now, in fact, the "Slant-Eyed" boys haven't returned since the second attack late Sunday night, but we were waiting for them that time and gave them such a hot reception they did not linger long over the Islands. We are on a strict war footing now and it may be some time before you receive this letter, but as you gather I am all together and feeling good as ever—but from now on consider no news good news.

Has Close Shave

The closest shave I had was in my own room Sunday morning. I was awakened by a terrific machine-gunning around our area—I couldn't imagine what it was—but being optimistic I thought it to be an aerial target practice. I became a little concerned when the lead started hitting the roof of my quarters, just about that time our Major (Major Mitchell) bounded into my room asking what all the racket was—I jumped out of bed and still in my Hawaiian pajamas went outdoors just in time to see a flock of dive bombers "peel" off. I started to admire the show until I saw grey-colored "attachments" leave the planes—clouds of smoke evolved and I realized that this was no war game but an attack—the objective being Wheeler Field—newest air field in Hawaii. The Major and I dressed quickly and ran to headquarters—planes were strafing the grounds and barracks.

Planes Were Black

"The planes were painted black but we could plainly recognize the Jap insignia on the wings of the planes, an orange sphere on each



LT. HARRY TAYLOR '39

wing—that's how low the Japs were flying. We reached headquarters safely and from there I could see black clouds of smoke raising from Pearl Harbor and Hickam Field. Well, the next several hours were maddening. I succeeded in saving all our searchlight equipment, scattering them under trees and such camouflage as I could find. The closest bomb landed about a block away. The Japs attempted to get two large water tanks of the barracks but missed. The repercussion from those "eggs" were tremendous.

"We had no casualties in our regiment but the Air Corps at Wheeler Field had it tough. What gripes us is the fact that those lads did not have a fighting chance to defend themselves—large numbers were killed in their barracks, and beds."

"In conclusion Harry mentioned he was on night duty from 5:00 p. m. to 6 a. m. with his A.A. guns all ready for the "Yellow Boys."

"In Harry's second letter written on December 21, and received at our home about January 4th, he mentioned that 'General Emmons had just taken charge of the Army in Hawaii and that the wheels of progress were turning faster than ever.' The Army throughout the Islands was on a constant vigil, but that our boys were ready. The morale on the Islands was excellent."

We Like Alumni To Send Letters; How About You?

(Editor's note: We are always anxious to get letters from our alumni, and appreciate the correspondence which arrived at the chapter house after the December issue of The Beta Eta News. Here are some of the letters received:)

James O. Hey '40 writes from Dixon: "For information of any concerned, Dean and myself became partners with our father last year under the name Hey Brothers Ice Cream Company. We cover one-third of Illinois and so far have done very well. Dean was class of '34."

Jim lives in Dixon at 823 N. Dixon Ave. He was married in '39 to Maxine Campbell.

Walter J. P. Gibbs '30 sends this note: "The Beta Eta News is swell. Keep it coming. I wish you would work out some way of putting out a 'Directory of Beta Eta' edition, showing the present whereabouts of Illinois Pi K. A. members. Regards to all."

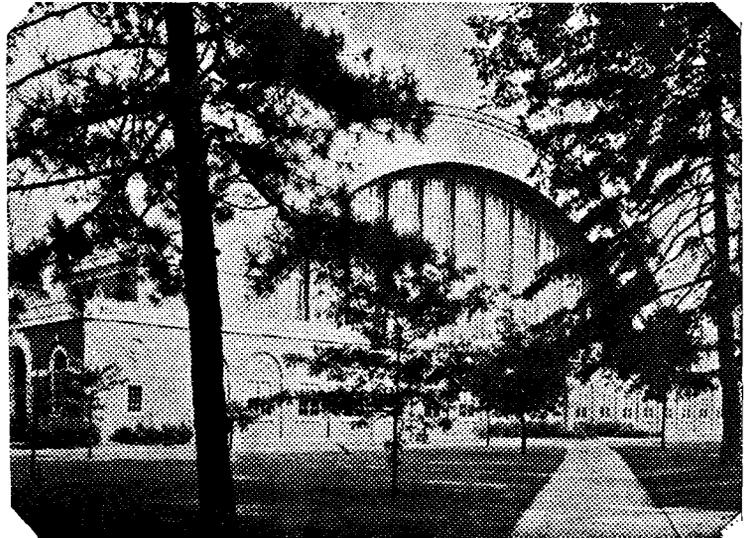
Walt is an assistant district engineer of the Sanitary District of Rockford, with offices at 3300 Kishwaukee St. He is married and has a son, Walter J. P. Jr., who was 2 years old on Washington's birthday this year. The Gibbs home is in Rockford at 2303 Melrose St. In regard to the chapter directory—the project is being discussed and a directory will be published as soon as feasible.

Praise for The Beta Eta News comes from National Editor K. D. Pulcifer '18, who writes: "The Beta Eta News came the other day and was read thoroughly from front to back, as usual. You might be interested in knowing that I happen to be the 'daddy' of the Beta Eta News, having started it in 1917, so that it is now 23 years old. I enclose my \$1 to keep it going. With best wishes to your chapter."

A welcome letter with news of alumni was received early last month from **Howie Hartman '34**.

"The Christmas issue of The Beta Eta News has just been forwarded to me. As the address listed is over

Center of U. of I. War Effort



THE UNIVERSITY ARMORY, pictured above, once the largest building in the world without center supports, is the center of the campus war effort. A large contingent of R.O.T.C. advanced corps students are being trained to soon become U. S. Army Officers.

three years old, I am enclosing a 'Who's Who' slip to correct it.

"A few more corrections are that Donald B. (Moose) Glorieux '35 has not been with Faitoute Iron and Steel for years, but is with the Rheem Manufacturing Company of New Jersey as purchasing agent. Cliff Anderson is not in Chicago, but in parts unknown with the U. S. Army.

"Outside of that, glad to hear from the chapter again. Sorry we were unable to return for Homecoming last year, but hope to make it in '42.

"Enclosed find the requested \$1. If you note any Beta Eta alumni on the list as now residing in Milwaukee, let me know, won't you?

"I have heard that the chapter is in fine shape and want to congratulate you all. In the trying times to come the strong chapters will become stronger, the weak ones will disappear. Keep up the good work so that Pi Kappa Alpha will continue as the best house on campus."

Howie, former Chapter S.M.C. is credit manager of the Mueller Furnace Company at 2005 W. Oklahoma Ave., Milwaukee. He and Mrs. Hartman, the former Frances Caldwell, Illinois Chi Omega, live in Malwaukee at 1742 N. Prospect Ave. Mrs. Hartman is national president of the Wives and Mothers Auxiliary of Pi Kappa Alpha.

Your Subscription Really Helps Now

Thanks to many loyal Beta Eta alumni for sending us their subscriptions to The Beta Eta News since the last issue. We are proud to enroll in our "Hall of Fame" the following:

James K. Naseef '32, Harold W. Storer '26, John W. Griffith '22, E. A. Selsing '26, Joe Carpenter '38, Lloyd E. Shafter '41, John D. Steely '25, David A. Warford '20, Shelby M. Harrison '40, L. K. McNeal '31, William E. Armes '36, Walter J. P. Gibbs '30, Roland (Peg) Wachob '29, Louis Head Jr. '40, James O. Hey '40, Peter J. Janis '33, Joseph Kinch Jr. '41, H. Neil Jones '37, and S. C. Nelson '34.

We're always glad to get Beta Eta News subscriptions for we definitely depend on them to help finance our publication. For your convenience, we have enclosed a self addressed business reply envelope which needs no postage. Just attach your check for \$1 or dollar bill to the enclosed subscription blank and mail to the editor in the handy envelope—what could be more simple? Don't forget, we are paying the 'freight' on your letter.

We'll surely appreciate hearing from you.

News From Brothers Everywhere

Editor's note: News continues to reach us of alumni in the U. S. Armed Forces. We are doing our best to keep up with this information, and will appreciate help from our alumni readers in the Service in keeping us posted as to their whereabouts (so far as censorship will permit).

J. R. Woodfill '31 is now at the Signal Corps school at Fort Monmouth, Red Bank, N. J. Before taking up arms for Uncle Sam Woody was connected with the Northern Indiana Public Service company at Hammond, Ind.

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Lloyd E. Shafter '41, formerly of Chatsworth, Ill., is now at the naval training station, Pensacola, Fla. Address him there thusly: [REDACTED]

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Here's news about chapter alumni who are in the motion picture business:

Joseph G. (Carp) Carpenter is manager of the Strand and Majestic theatres of East Moline, Ill., where he lives at [REDACTED]. "Carp" was married in June of 1940 to Dorothy E. Hunter.

John L. (Louie) Head '40 is a distribution manager for Metro Goldwyn Mayer with offices at [REDACTED], in Memphis, Tenn. Louie was married in October, 1940, to Polly Anne Parson, Illinois Delta Gamma. The couple are living on [REDACTED], Memphis.

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Ed Smaltz '41, formerly of the metropolis of Fulton, Ill., is now getting mail at [REDACTED]. Another address for Ed is Fairfield, Ohio. Let's hear from you, Ed, with all the news.

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Joseph Kinch Jr. '31 is working as supervisor for Western Electric Co., Inc., in Cicero, and commutes from Oak Park, where he lives at [REDACTED]. Joe was married last July 17 to Jeanette Witort.

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Peter L. Shugart '40 has moved from Decatur to [REDACTED]

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Harold W. Storer '26, who is in insurance work in Chicago, now has offices at [REDACTED]

How About A Directory Of Beta-Eta Alumni?

Would you like to have a directory of Beta-Eta? I'm sure you would. You want to know the location of some of your brothers that you have not heard of for a long time. And if you have just moved, there may be a brother living near you. Would you not like to have this information?

The staff of The Beta-Eta News would like to publish a directory giving this information but is uncertain of the response which it will receive. We would like to do something for the alumni, each and everyone of you, and we feel that this may be a very slight repayment for all of the truly wonderful things which you have done for us. We realize that we can never repay you for everything you have done for us, but we would like to do something to show you we appreciate your aid.

We would like to have your opinions on this directory. If you have the time, we would greatly appreciate any ideas which you may have on this matter.

After moving Call (Provo) Nelson around in our files for the last three or four years, we were glad to get direct word from him when he sent us his "Who's Who" data sheet from Denver, Colo., where he is district field manager for Allied Building Credits, Inc., with offices at 402 Railway Exchange Building. "Provo" is married and lives in Denver, the "Mile-high" city, you know, at [REDACTED]. He has three children: Bonnie Jo, six; and twins, we take it, Robert and Barbara, not yet two years old.

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A new address for **David W. Mitchell '33** is [REDACTED] where Dave is connected with A. D. Mitchell and Son.

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Here's news of two Beta Eta alumni in Houston, Texas: **Alexander P. Sheridan '34** now has his offices at [REDACTED], while **Earl W. Volberding '29** can be addressed at [REDACTED].

Doing his bit in National Defense is **William E. Armes '36**, who is in production planning work for Carnegie Illinois Steel, at the South Works in Chicago. Bill and the Mrs. live in Chicago at [REDACTED]

Bill is the proud papa of a son, James Edward, born on January 4, 1942. Congrats, Bro. and Mrs. Armes.

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Pete Janis (Yanuskus) '33 is branch manager for the C.I.T. Corporation in Carbondale, Ill., where he has his office at [REDACTED]. Pete and family, which includes a daughter, Lucinda, seven, live in Carbondale at [REDACTED].

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In Elgin, **George B. Booth Jr. '39** now gets his mail at [REDACTED]. George is an engineer with the Illinois Division of Highways.

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H. Neil (Buck) Jones '37 writes to us from Grand Rapids, Mich., where he lives at [REDACTED] which is on the same street where another Illini hangs out, famed Patsy Clark, on the faculty of the University of Grand Rapids. [REDACTED]

Buck is selling life insurance for Northwestern Mutual with offices at 614 Association of Commerce Building in Grand Rapids.

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Up in Minneapolis, **Lloyd K. (Mickey) McNeal '31** is district manager of Procter and Gamble Company, with offices at [REDACTED]. The McNeal home is to be found in the Tyrol Hills section of Minneapolis at [REDACTED]. He was married in March of '35 to Alberta Leeper, Illinois Sigma Kappa. "Mickey," who is a Colonel, State of New Mexico, is a member of Minneapolis Civic and Commerce Association and the Association of Manufacturers Representatives of Minneapolis.

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Charles O. Hoopes '23 has a new address in Houston, Texas, at [REDACTED]

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A post office forwarding notice tells us that **John E. Bowman '20** has moved from Belleville, Ill., to [REDACTED]