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# What to Do When

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(Chapter officers, alumnae advisers, and province officers.—These dates are for chapters in schools opening in the fall on the regular schedule. **FOR ALL OTHERS**, if it is impossible to comply with dates listed below, please notify the proper person regarding date upon which report may be expected.)

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## OCTOBER

- 1—Pledge Captain places pledge program in mail to national chairman of pledge training, also sends order for hand books to central office.
- 1—Standards chairman places standards program in mail to national chairman of standards.
- 1—Membership chairman sends report to director of membership and Panhellenic and province president.
- 1—(on or before) Treasurer—Two weeks after the opening of the fall term, send revised copy of budget to chairman of budgeting and bookkeeping. Upon receipt of her suggestions, mail three copies of corrected budget to her.
- 10—Treasurer places monthly finance report in mail to chairman of budgeting and bookkeeping and sends chapter's subscription (\$2.00) for *Banta's Greek Exchange* to the central office. Check made payable to the Fraternity.
- 13—Founders' Day.
- 15—Key correspondent places semi-annual chapter news letter for December Key in mail to chapter editor, sends to editor pictures of Phi Beta Kappas, Mortar Boards or election to equivalent honoraries during past school year.
- 15—Corresponding secretary sends revised list of chapter officers to central office, also copies of current rushing rules to the director of membership and Panhellenic, National Panhellenic delegate and province president.
- 30—Registrar sends one copy to the central office of names and school addresses of all active members and one copy to province president; also names and home addresses of new pledges to the central office, and province president. Place order for year's supplies with the central office.

## NOVEMBER

- 1—Treasurer mails check for pledge fees to central office for all fall pledges.
- 7—Treasurer of house corporation sends annual financial report, names and addresses of house board members to central office and chairman of budgeting and bookkeeping.
- 10—Treasurer places monthly finance report in mail to chairman of budgeting and bookkeeping.
- 30—Treasurer sends to central office per capita tax report and per capita tax for each member active

at any time during the first half year, as well as per capita tax for associate members, also check for bonds of treasurer, house and commissary manager.

## DECEMBER

- 1—Scholarship chairman sends to central office, national scholarship chairman and province president a report of the scholastic ratings for the previous year.
- 10—Treasurer places monthly finance report in mail to chairman of budgeting and bookkeeping.

## JANUARY

- 10—Treasurer places monthly finance report in mail to chairman of budgeting and bookkeeping.
- 15—Treasurer places budget comparison report for all departments covering first school term in mail to chairman of budgeting and bookkeeping together with report on budget revisions for new term.

## FEBRUARY

- 10—Treasurer places monthly finance report in mail to chairman of budgeting and bookkeeping.
- 15—Registrar sends to central office one copy of the names and school addresses of active members for second semester and one copy to province president; and names and home addresses of any girls pledged since October report to the central office, province president, and director of membership and Panhellenic.
- 15—Annual election and installation of officers held between February 15 and March 15.
- 15—Registrar sends to central office annual catalog report.
- 15—Key correspondent places semi-annual chapter news letter for April Key in mail to chapter editor.
- 28—Elect or appoint membership chairman and alumna adviser for the next school year, information to be published in April Key. **ACT PROMPTLY.**
- 28—Corresponding Secretary sends name of membership chairman with college and summer address as well as name and address of alumna adviser to central office.

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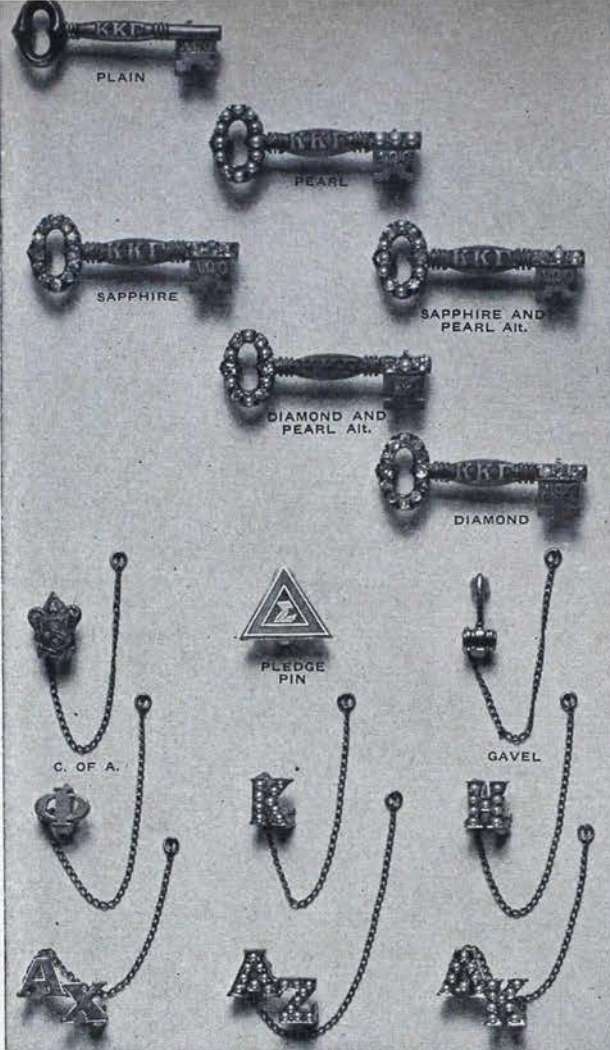
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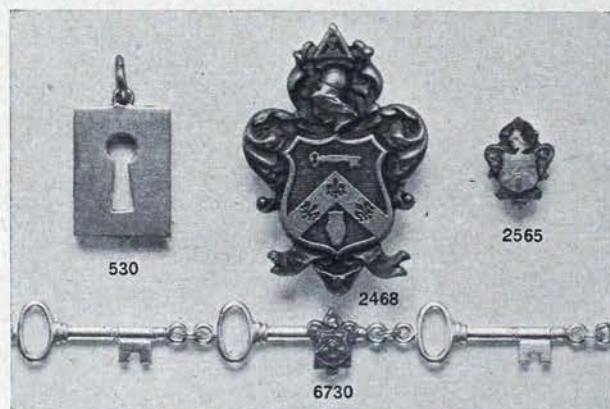
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**Lou Henry Hoover [Mrs. Herbert C.] B H-Stanford**

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This photograph of Mrs. Hoover's portrait was the frontispiece for the April 1933 KEY, at the close of the Hoover administration. Painted by Lydia Emmet, the portrait hangs in the White House, a gift to the nation from the Girl Scouts of America. The artist is an aunt by marriage of Mrs. Robert R. M. Emmet, daughter of Emily Eaton Hepburn (Mrs. A. Barton), B B-St. Lawrence.

# THE EDITOR *Reflects* . . .

UPON THE DOUBLE LOSS suffered by Beta Eta chapter within a few days, early in January, when Lou Henry Hoover (Mrs. Herbert C.) died suddenly in New York the evening of January 7, and Ann Clare Brokaw, senior at Stanford university, was killed in an automobile accident in Palo Alto, January 11.

Wife of the only living ex-President of the United States, Mrs. Hoover was one of the fraternity's most distinguished alumnae. She was the sister of Jean Henry Large (Mrs. Guthrie), B H, and mother-in-law of Margaret Coberly Hoover (Mrs. Allan), Γ Ξ- U.C.L.A. Long ago, in 1909, *THE KEY* reported Mrs. Hoover's attendance at a New York alumnae luncheon, where she was introduced as "the most traveled Kappa," having then been around the world five times. In 1914 *THE KEY* told about Mrs. Hoover in London, where she headed a committee which aided American women in need caused by the beginning of the other war in Europe. By 1929 she was "the Lady of the White House"; and in 1933 May C. Whiting Westermann (Mrs. Theodore), Σ- Nebraska, wrote for *THE KEY* an account of the Senate reception in the White House to which she and Emily Eaton Hepburn (Mrs. A. Barton), B B-St. Lawrence, had been invited. It was characteristic of Mrs. Hoover that while she never relinquished the close personal Kappa friendships of her undergraduate days, and made new Kappa friends, as a woman in public life she devoted her efforts to the Girl Scouts of America in the finest tradition of fair and unselfish leadership, to which the fraternity seeks to train its members in service to the nation and to humanity.

Just such a leader for the future in a world which sadly needs such leadership was lost in the death of Ann Brokaw. Daughter of Congressional Representative Clare Boothe Luce, Ann was majoring in political science and international relations at Stanford. A personage in her own right on the Stanford campus, and among those who knew her elsewhere, she gave promise of

a very brilliant, and a very useful life.

Kappa Kappa Gamma cherishes the example of a life as abundantly fulfilled as that of Mrs. Hoover, and the inspiration of youth as purposeful as Ann Brokaw's.

*THE KEY*, for the fraternity, extends sympathy to Beta Eta chapter and to the families of Mrs. Hoover and Ann Clare Brokaw.

UPON COINCIDENCE in Kappa experiences which, from time to time, have made us think that we ought to run an editorial Kappa diary in *THE KEY* to share the continuing contacts which bring us enriching associations.

We have thought of this as we have read recent expressions of pleasure and appreciation from other Kappas whom war has sent to strange places where new Kappa friendships have made them feel more at home, through interests all Kappas have in common. Global war has brought many others to know people "from away." Erstwhile strangers become friends, and understanding develops between them. So, perhaps, out of such understanding will come truer brotherhood around the world after the war.

We have been thinking of all this again since the sudden death of Mrs. Hoover. As a young wife Mrs. Hoover went with her husband to China, where their courage and helpfulness were outstanding during the stormy days of the Boxer Rebellion.

Mrs. Hoover, dignified, scholarly and reserved, was her husband's staunch companion through the years of the other war when Americans "Hooverized" and the Hoover Commission for Relief in Belgium fed civilian war victims in a great demonstration of American brotherliness. Never a conspicuous public figure herself, Mrs. Hoover lived to see the dedication of the magnificent building housing the 5,000,000-volume Hoover Library of War, Revolution and Peace on the Stanford campus. At Stanford's 50th commencement in June, 1941, of which the library dedication was a part, Mrs. Hoover was chosen as the first woman

speaker at a Stanford commencement.

Those who know the story of her college years know that it was partly through her membership in Kappa Kappa Gamma that Lou Henry met the young engineer who became her husband. The evening before her death, beginning one of those chains of coincidence, we had been reminded of that college legend while reading *The Adelphean* of  $\Delta \Pi$ , in which a Columbus, Ohio, newspaper columnist reported a dinner at this sorority's Ohio State chapter house, and his idea for a "nice movie story" in which one of the girls would fall in love with a young man "who seemingly is working his way through college but who develops to be a millionaire."

The following afternoon at a reception we were given news of Mrs. Hoover from a friend who, with her husband, had recently dined with the Hoovers in New York. The reception itself was being given for another Kappa, Harriet Day Bricker (Mrs. John), B N-Ohio State, a classmate of Clara O. Pierce. As we came down the receiving line and Mrs. Bricker noted our little golden key, her greeting became in that split-second of recognition a true Kappa handclasp.

Mrs. Bricker was honor guest at the reception because her husband, present Governor of Ohio, had that day in Detroit made the speech which declared him to be a candidate for the office of President of the United States. That evening in New York, Lou Henry Hoover died.

**U**PON JUSTIFICATIONS for the Greek-letter system which have developed through the war effort, however unexpectedly, and even unintentionally.

The firm and unwavering faith of its own leaders in the college fraternity as a training ground for leadership has been justified by the hundreds of Greek-letter men and women in the uniforms of the armed services. Many are officers and leaders. They are using, consciously or not, techniques and skills in human relations learned in college fraternity chapter life, in those small, integrated groups we look upon as miniature democracies, as laboratories in good group living.

Even rushing, that problem child of the

college Greeks, has made a contribution. Last summer a fraternity woman, an officer recruiting for one of the women's services, told us that she had found her experience in rushing invaluable. Recruiting for one of the services is simply rushing under another name: rushing *for* a particular service instead of *against* another Greek group. (Perhaps that patriotic emphasis on *for*, rather than *against*, is an attitude which in turn could be applied to fraternity rushing, with happy results.)

The former president of K A  $\Theta$ , Mrs. Donald B. Sinclair, now Commander Sinclair, director of the Women's Royal Canadian Naval Service, first Canadian woman to head the "Canadian WRENS," has done a great service to all college Greeks in a statement reported in the *Montreal Standard* and reprinted in the November, 1943, *Kappa Alpha Theta*, as follows: "Her greatest training for her present job, she says, came from her presidency of the K A  $\Theta$  fraternity, which has a membership of more than 27,000 women in Canada and the United States. Travelling throughout the Dominion and the States, Mrs. Sinclair saw the problems of discipline and coördination involved in an organization that was split into many units. To some extent, she says, those same problems must be met in the WRENS."

Cheers for Mrs. Sinclair!

On the material side, the men especially have aided immeasurably toward solving the big problem of housing Army and Navy training units on college campuses, as in earlier years the housing of their own members by Greek-letter groups was a recognized aid to college administrations. The big fraternity houses which have sometimes been targets of attack have become exceedingly useful as "barracks" and "ships." The Greeks have unhesitatingly turned over their property to the service of their country, though their chapters face decimation and disintegration. To be sure, the men are glad to have their houses rented and in use, but their motive is not based on a desire to collect rentals.

Cheers for the Greek brothers, who know that the spirit of fraternity is not dependent upon the four walls of a house alone.

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# Lou Henry Hoover . . .

## "Knew So Much About So Many Things "And Most of All, She Knew People"

By Evelyn Wight Allan (Mrs. Mansfield), B B-St. Lawrence, a. B H-Stanford,  
Grand President of Kappa Kappa Gamma, 1890-1892

LOU HENRY, Stanford '98, was a sophomore when I went to Stanford to do graduate work in the fall of '95. That year she had her little sister, Jean, with her for the study of the violin and, fortunately for me, she could not therefore live in the dormitory. At the little gray house on the campus, known then as the Babcock house, where I found "room and board," I found—Lou Henry! There began our friendship, broken only by her death, January 7, 1944.

Born in Waterloo, Iowa, Lou had had the experience of living in Texas, then in California, both in Los Angeles and in Monterey, as the family moved in search of the best climate for her mother's health. Mr. Henry loved outdoor life and from her earliest years had made Lou his companion in exploits. It was, therefore, a veteran hiker, camper, fisherman and horse woman, who taught me, a "tenderfoot," to walk 20 miles a day, to sleep in the open, to ride a bronco, to fish a trout stream. Those Friday night camping trips with the Geology club, or the Zoology club! Or a night on King's mountain when Dr. David Starr Jordan might come, and some of the professors who had climbed the Matterhorn with him, and could be counted upon to spin their interesting yarns around the camp fire! Such precious experiences would never have been mine without Lou Henry. Dr. Jordan was right when he said it was an intimate and rewarding relationship when the youth of the university coincided with the youth of her students.

When the rains set in, we had our "hops," as we called our informal dances, and our Junior Prom, too. Lou Henry, her dances all taken in advance, was as much at ease in her ball gown as she was in her rubber boots in a trout stream or astride her spirited horse.

Her interests were as varied as her ac-

complishments. Through her personal acquaintance with "Old Monterey," she made that romantic period of Spanish California "come alive" again; in vacation days she had spent enough time in her father's bank to understand the intricacies of banking; and I have seen pieces of furniture made entirely by her own hands. In fact, I had never met a girl near my own age who knew so much about so many things. And most of all, she knew people. When on a walking trip, we might stop at a lonely Portuguese dairy ranch, she could make the Portuguese woman understand that we wanted milk, and she happily held the baby while the milk was being brought. Somehow, even without language, Lou Henry could always establish a sympathetic understanding with the people she met. The smile left in that woman's eyes, I have seen through the years in many other eyes that have looked into Lou Henry's blue depths of kindness and understanding.

Our university was highly specialized in those early days, even in the freshman year; students matriculating in departments such as geology, mining, etc. Lou knew she was going to Stanford, but the choice of a major subject was the problem of her high school days. Latin and history held her interest, though science attracted her more and mathematics had proved most fascinating. It happened that the address at her high school graduation was given by Dr. Branner, the head of Stanford's department of geology and mining. Thereupon her decision was made; geology would be her major science. She was not influenced, as some people have thought, by her acquaintance with the young engineer, Herbert Hoover. It was after her matriculation that they met in a laboratory where they both worked.

**H**ERBERT HOOVER had graduated when I arrived at Stanford and was starting off to the gold mines of Australia not, however, without coming to the campus to say goodbye to his major professor and Lou Henry. I shall never forget my first impression of his forthrightness and his keen blue eyes. For the next three years while she was finishing her course at Stanford he was ranging the desert, hundreds of miles from any habitation. Mails from the coastal cities of Australia were months in reaching the United States, so letters were infrequent and unsatisfactory. When an opportunity came for him to go to China he sent the following cable: "Going to China via San Francisco. Will you go with me?" A new postmistress, thinking Lou Henry must be a man, posted the message on the bulletin board to the amusement of friends who enjoyed such a novel proposal of marriage.

Lou Henry and Herbert Hoover had in common their deep interest in geology and mining. They had also a liking for travel into far places, and a desire to understand people who lived and thought on planes different from their own. On reaching China she began to study the Chinese language, she made long caravan journeys into the interior of that strange land; she accompanied her husband also into the tropical wilds of Burma, into the deserts of Australia. And wherever their mining interests took them, she managed somehow

to make their stopping places feel like home.

Perhaps life in the treaty ports of Asia was the most cosmopolitan experience a woman of that day could have. At any rate the contact with that life helped to make their London home, their California home—and the White House a veritable crossroads of the world. In the company of great minds, Mrs. Hoover was a notable person in her own right, though she never forced her opinions upon others.

She followed scholarly pursuits all her life. With Mr. Hoover she had translated and interpreted *Agricola De Re Metallica*, the mining authority of the Middle Ages, while kept at home with her young children.

**W**ITH THE facts of her later life the world is familiar, but little is known of its deeper currents. As a mother she commanded my greatest admiration. What a mother of boys she was! Two fine men have had the high privilege of calling her mother. Six grandchildren have sustained an irreparable loss, the youngest happily named Lou Henry Hoover.

Our fraternity is proud to have the name of Lou Henry among the initiates of Beta Eta in the spring of 1896.

The whole nation is proud of the nobility and the graciousness of one of the most revered of our "First Ladies."

## "Those of Us Who Lived with Lou in the Chapter"

**W**E ARE PROUD indeed to express for Beta Eta chapter our admiration and love for Lou Henry Hoover, who was initiated at Ida Wehner's home, May 9, 1896. We recall that the former Kappa grand president, Lucy Evelyn Wight, was present that evening. It was she who first interested Lou in Kappa; this was the beginning of their lasting friendship. Later, Evelyn Wight Allan became the first dean of women at Stanford university—the Stanford where Lou was educated, and where she maintained for 25 years an attractive home—the "Hoover residence," where both fac-

ulty and students found a warm welcome by a gracious hostess.

Those of us who lived with Lou in the chapter, remember well her merry laugh and enthusiasms. She gave in all things the best she had. Immediately, our Kappa group felt the many benefits of her friendly, gracious and wise personality. She was young and gay with high ideals and always unselfish. Many times within our knowledge did Lou actively assist Beta Eta, when we were building a new chapter house. Not the least of her good deeds was to

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# Lou Henry Hoover Moulded Conditions for Better Future

**S**IMPLICITY was the note of the service, January 14, in the Stanford Memorial church, Palo Alto, at which old friends and neighbors gathered to pay homage to the memory of their beloved Lou Henry Hoover. The beautiful church was undecorated except for greens massed before the benches at the side of the chancel which screened Mr. Hoover and members of the family from view.

Stanford Chaplain D. Elton Trueblood, in his brief remarks which opened the service, said, "We are gathered here not in sorrow, but in rejoicing that this great and fine woman was given to us and to the world." The few minutes of complete silence which followed gave to the whole an atmosphere of the Quaker faith to which Mrs. Hoover subscribed. The university choir sang "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind," by the Quaker poet Whittier, and Elizabeth Peirce Kincade, daughter of one of the university's first professors, played a violin solo, Schubert's "Litany," of which Mrs. Hoover was especially fond.

Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur, chancellor of the university, and a friend of 50 years' standing, spoke of the life and work of Lou Henry Hoover. "Our country" he said, "was built from almost nothing to its present state by American women as much as by American men. Throughout our whole pioneer background, the explorer, hunter and trapper were soon followed by settlers and their vigorous, patient, industrious, intelligent, home-building, home-loving and God-fearing women. These women took conditions as they found them and moulded them for a better future. Above all, they sought for the right conditions for their children."

"Lou Henry Hoover was such a woman. She could have fitted equally well into any stage of our American development from the log cabin with its loopholes for a rifle to the most modern dwelling in the largest of our modern cities."

"A chain of circumstances brought her into marriage with one of the great world figures of this period and took her all over the world. Her experiences varied from

being under fire in Tientsin to entertaining the great scientists, statesmen, authors and government officials of this and other countries in her own home and at the White House. Wherever she went she made a home for her husband and children. . . .

"Lou Henry could deal as understandingly and sympathetically with a gardener as with the head of a world conference. Her mind was scientific, her training good, her mental discipline excellent. These qualities were invaluable to her husband. She was capable of sustained work, and needed to be so in order to keep up with her family job."

"Here in her home community Lou Henry Hoover had a unique position. She was known to all, and loved by all who knew her."

"Just a few weeks ago she went east, full of life and vigor and radiating friendship. It is hard for us to realize that she is not to be with us again. With our sorrow goes the feeling that she went as she would have liked—with her work largely done, without suffering, and near the one she loved beyond all others."

"Here at Stanford we join in deep sympathy for the family, in deep appreciation of all that she has meant to so many of us and to her university. We are grateful that her gracious personality has been a part of Stanford's history. Although she no longer moves among us as our neighbor, Lou Henry has not left us; she still lives in our hearts. The thought of her will remain forever dear to us and to those who follow us."

"There is no finer example of how to live than was given to us by Lou Henry Hoover."

Private burial at Alta Mesa cemetery followed the service, which ended with a 15-minute program of sacred music from the carillon in the Hoover tower. Out of respect to Mrs. Hoover's memory, the flag at the Veterans' building was at half staff throughout the afternoon.

[EDITOR'S NOTE: THE KEY acknowledges with appreciation the assistance of Elizabeth Voris Lawry (Mrs. G. V.), I-Akron, a. B. H., editor, 1905-1906; grand treasurer, 1906-1908, in reporting the service and forwarding the tribute.]



PHOTOGRAPHED in San Francisco the day before the tragic accident which caused her death, Ann Clare Brokaw, B H-Stanford, right, is shown with her mother, Congressional Representative Clare Boothe Luce.

## Ann Clare Brokaw, B H-Stanford

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By Sally Breuner, B H-Stanford

**Y**OU HAVE asked us to tell all of you about Ann Clare Brokaw as we knew her. We would rather just send you what information we can, because it is hard for any one of us to write about Ann. One might remember long talks on her bed at night, another symphonies and Strauss waltzes; many have a vivid impression of a slim, poignant person; and on and on. As many things as 30 of us remember, as many times we miss her. So we can't write about her and speak for all of us and all of Stanford and everyone who knew her.

She was majoring in political science and

was going to graduate in June, a year ahead of time. But in spite of her heavy course her grades were well over a B average. After she graduated she planned on doing China Relief or being a part of the war reoccupation somewhere. She spoke French beautifully. She was an alive and stimulating girl, poised, far-seeing, intelligent, interested in everything: art, philosophy, music, world events, people.

We would rather not go on. It would be better to say nothing really than something incomplete. We can only say that we miss

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Army Wife . . .

## Saw Jap Attack on Pearl Harbor: Christened Billings' Namesake Ship

By Kathleen O'Donnell O'Brien (Mrs. James D.) B Φ-Montana

**T**HE BOTTLE BROKE with a beautiful splash! Champagne was all over me and the ship; and the S.S. *Frederick Billings*, a 10,500-ton cargo vessel of the Liberty Fleet, slid down the ways of one of the Kaiser shipyards into the Columbia river at Portland, Oregon.

It was an exciting moment in my life, but the greatest thrill was to know that the ship was properly christened. In the chaotic days prior to our actual arrival in Portland horrible thoughts kept going through my head. "Will I hit the ship?" "Will the bottle break?" In such critical times as these I could not have an evil omen follow in the wake of a single precious ship.

But to enjoy fully with me the actual launching I must tell you of those hectic days that preceded it.

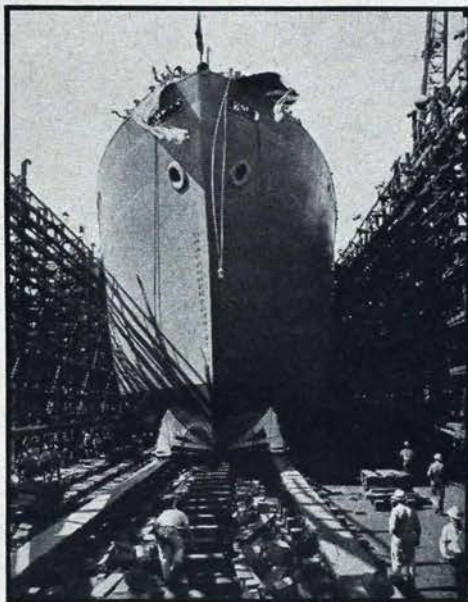
My father, Mr. I. D. O'Donnell, is a Montana pioneer, and in those early days of the new west he was a friend and associate of Frederick Billings. The latter was one of the early presidents of the Northern Pacific railway and the man for whom the city of Billings is named. When a ship was to be named for Frederick Billings, the Northern Pacific railway and the mayor of Billings asked Father to represent the Billings family and this city at the launching. In asking him to go I was invited to accompany him and christen the ship.

The invitation came to us on a Saturday, the ship was to be launched the following Wednesday and we were to leave Billings on the Monday night. What a week-end!

I made a hasty inventory of my wardrobe. Fortunately I had done some fall shopping, so that a hat which would not detract from the launching was my only crying need. I called 15 women to come care for my three young daughters and the family home. All were previously engaged. I bought hats and

took them back! I had my hair, face and nails done and went back to the beauty shop three times; for in the rush I could never wait for nail polish to dry, and smeared the same nail all three times.

My eldest daughter, Terry, had been in-



THE "S.S. *Frederick Billings*" slid down the ways at a Kaiser shipyard into the Columbia River.

vited to accompany me, but I had decided not to take her. Then on the Monday night at 9:30 a Northern Pacific official called from Portland to say that if I was to bring her she was to be the flower girl at the christening. I told him at the beginning of the conversation that I was not bringing her and before I said goodby told him I would! As I hung up the receiver I realized that the only pair of shoes the child had were at the cobbler for the night. I called a friend and arranged to borrow a pair of

her daughter's slippers—and then at that late hour found that a ticket and reservation for her could not be obtained for the 4 A.M. train which we were taking. So with a bleak heart I sent a wire to Portland that she would not be with me. Terry had long since gone to bed, so I consoled myself that, anyway, she knew nothing about all this.

I finally did my own packing and after midnight was ready to take a nap on the living room davenport until train time. At 2:30 A.M. I was awakened to find every light on downstairs, and as I rushed into the library to see what in the world had happened, there stood little Terry in night clothes and bare feet writing me a note.

Over her shoulder I read, "Dear Momie, I could pack my bag in a hurry. I want to go with you so badly. I am afraid I can not take good enuf care of Suzie and Carol. . . ." In getting her comforted and back to bed I awakened my two-year-old Suzie, so 3 o'clock found me back in bed with both of them . . . and wondering if I would be right there when the train arrived!

But the trip to Portland was delightful, and after 24 hours' sleep Father and I got off the train feeling very pert, rested and excited.

**A** GORGEOUS arrangement of flowers from the Oregon Shipbuilding corporation greeted me in my hotel room. Mr. Frank J. Berry, a Northern Pacific official, came to discuss plans, and his wife, who was to be my matron of honor, called to decide the important question (to us women) of clothes.

At noon a car from the Maritime Commission called for us, and with Mrs. Berry and the little Portland flower girl we went to the Oregon Shipbuilding corporation yards. There some 40 guests of the Northern Pacific were gathered. Many of them were former Montana people and several had known me as a child.

Victory corsages of war stamps were pinned on Mrs. Berry and me, and then Mr. John Bower, general manager of the yards, took me aside and told me how to be a sponsor.

He said, "Now imagine this door is the

ship. Hold on to it firmly with your left hand. In your right hand is the champagne bottle. The ship is held by steel rivets which are burned away one at a time. The announcer will say, 'They are burning on number one rivet, on number two rivet, etc.' On number three rivet I will put the microphone over in front of you and you say your christening speech. On number four rivet be prepared to swing though the ship may not move until number five rivet. However, with your hand on the ship, you can not possibly miss, for you will feel the lurch as it starts down the ways."

Certainly that all sounded simple!

As the one o'clock whistle blew, the ceremony began. Captain Walter C. Hascheck, who was going to take this ship to sea, was present on the platform. He was a real old salt. When I asked him if there was anything especially he wanted me to say when I christened his ship, he commented, "Just wish her good luck!" It seemed very fitting to have him and his chief engineer there to see their ship given its name.

A quartet of men, employes of the yard, sang. Mr. Berry gave the principal address. The Episcopal Bishop of Oregon said a very lovely and moving prayer. The flower girl presented Mrs. Berry and me with huge bouquets of American Beauty roses, and then came The Moment!

Mr. Bower stood right beside me for moral support—and I think to grab the bottle and break it against the ship in case I did not. I heard the announcer say, "They are burning on number one rivet." I raised my bottle shoulder high and Mr. Bower told me I had better rest it back on the railing for it would get mighty heavy. So I put it down again.

Number two rivet went, and on number three the microphone was swung over in front of my face and I said, "I christen thee the *Frederick Billings*. May God bless this ship, its captain and its crew." On number four rivet up went my bottle again, but the ship did not move. Number five rivet was burned away and I heard the announcer say, "Our sponsor seems a bit nervous, see the bottle shake." Well, I was sure I was holding that bottle as steady as could be (and still think he was passing idle remarks



**AT THE LAUNCHING** of the "S.S. Frederick Billings," I. D. O'Donnell, left, Montana pioneer, of Billings, Montana, represented the Billings family. His daughter, Kathleen O'Donnell O'Brien (Mrs. James D.), B ♀-Montana, christened the ship, which Captain Walter C. Hascheck, right, commands.

to fill in the time!); but instinctively I started to turn my head to look at it myself, and then I thought, "Heavens, the ship might jump out of my hand while I am looking back." So I got my eyes back on the job again.

"They are burning number six rivet," exclaimed the announcer. Still no lurch and then just as he was about to say, "Number seven rivet," I heard the plop, felt the ship move, swung with all my might and wham! the bottle burst and the *Frederick Billings* was racing down the ways.

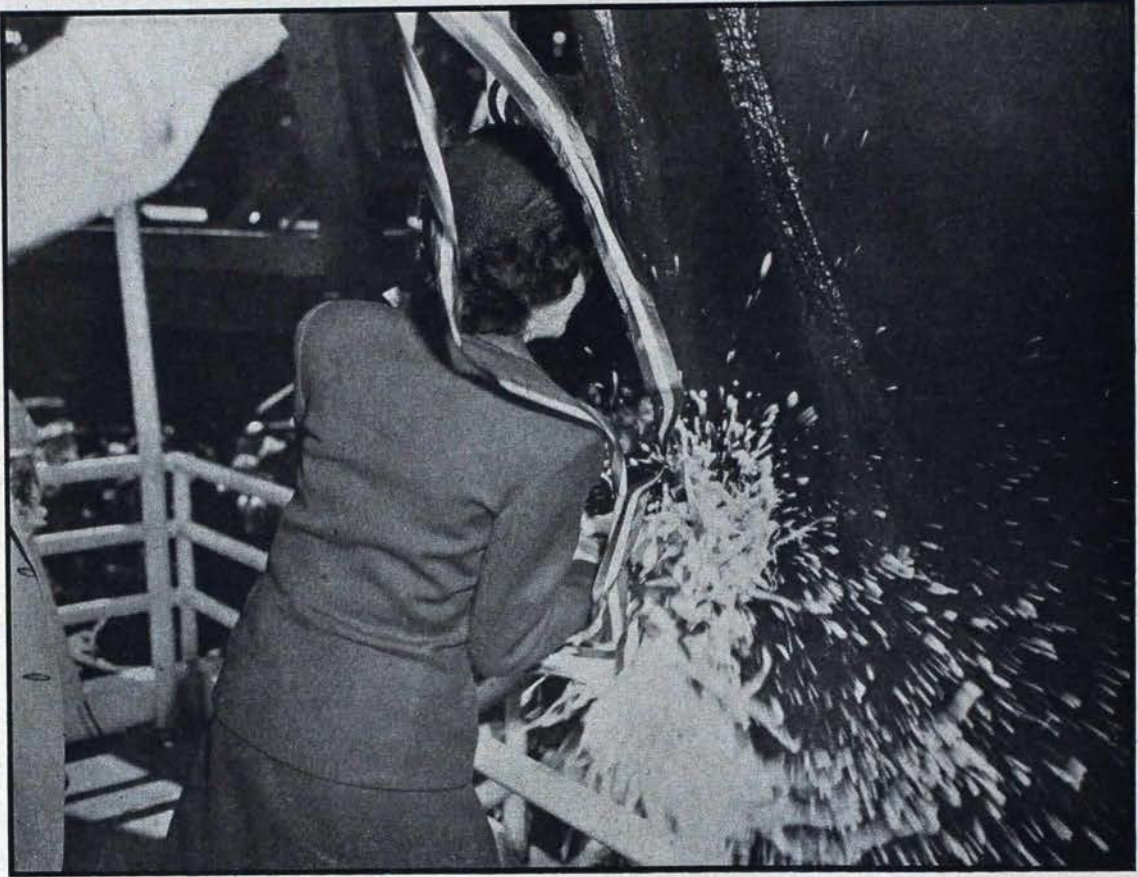
Immediately following the launching a delicious luncheon was served to us and the other guests. During this I was given a christening gift, a stunning and unusual sterling cigarette box. In the bottom covered by a glass partition were the broken pieces

of the champagne bottle with which I had done the christening. It is indeed a treasure which will become an O'Brien heirloom. And since returning home a beautiful leather-bound album has come containing copies of the pictures that were taken that day.

Not that I need all these concrete mementos to help me remember this very thrilling interlude in my wartime life.

**A**ND now the editor of *THE KEY* has asked me to tell a bit of my "past." The latter seems much more important to me than my "present."

Like many of you I am a duration widow, in a duration home, waiting for a soldier to come back. My daily life is filled with face scrubbings, curl twistings, shoe tieings,



**"THE BOTTLE BROKE with a beautiful splash!"** As Kathleen O'Donnell O'Brien swung at the burning of the lucky seventh rivet.

pants pinnings, nose blowings of my three little girls, ages two-and-a-half, five, and nine, while their father, Colonel James D. O'Brien, commands an Infantry regiment in the Pacific. Incidentally he has just been awarded the Legion of Merit for "exceptionally meritorious service," and we are all very proud of him.

In other days we lived on Army posts in the Philippines, Georgia, Wyoming, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Hawaii. We were stationed in the latter place when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor and our own post of Schofield Barracks. Refusing to believe it was actually war, the children and I, the baby on my hip and her morning bottle still in my other hand, stood out on a drill field to better see the "show." Not until machine gun bullets whizzed over our heads and I realized

it was live tracer ammunition that was singing by did I yield to my husband's frantic telephone appeal to take the children and go to the concrete barracks that were being hastily used to house non-combatants.

Then on two hours' notice Christmas morning we were told to pack what we could and be ready to sail for the States at noon. The first convoy to bring reinforcements to the Islands was going back loaded with evacuéés.

So leaving Santa's toys under the poinsettia blossoms that decorated our fireplace (there were no Christmas trees that year), the children and I left for the Mainland. Returning to my family home in Billings in 40 below zero weather, we hurriedly bought winter clothes and settled down to wait until the war is over and we can once again follow a peace-time Army.

## Kappas Repatriated on "Gripsholm"

Two Kappas came home as repatriates on the "second *Gripsholm*" last December: Shelley Smith Mydans (Mrs. Carl), B H-Stanford, and Margaret A. Frame, B F-Wooster.

As a staff member of *Life*, for which her husband is a photographer, Shelley Mydans has already published several articles, illustrated by her husband's photographs, which Kappas may have seen in *Life*. The Mydans were first interned in the Philippines and then taken to the Chapei Civil Assembly Center in Shanghai, where Miss Frame, for years in China as a missionary, was also an internee.

"I am putting aside your request for a word or two on the necessity of an all-out war effort," Mrs. Mydans wrote to the editor in mid-December. "Certainly all Kappas—indeed all Americans—must put their hearts and lives into this present struggle."

When her plans are less indefinite, Mrs. Mydans has promised to write more fully.

Shortly before Christmas Miss Frame sent a mimeographed letter to American friends. The repatriates have been warned against fatigue, and in a letter to the editor Miss Frame wrote that she was "dazed by America." However, she has given permission for THE KEY to reprint a paragraph or two from her general letter.

By the summer of 1942 Americans in Shanghai had been obliged to wear red arm bands wherever they went. In February, 1943, the Americans were interned in the Chapei center to which they refer as "the camp."

"We were allowed to send ahead a bed or cot, bedding and two pieces of baggage and then take what we could carry on the day we went," says her letter. "... We had two buildings formerly part of a Chinese

university for our use. The kitchen was equipped with great kettles and the thousand people were served from the one kitchen. Men took on the heavier tasks of firing, cooking and preparing the fish or beef. Women prepared the vegetables for cooking. Men and women spent hours cleaning the rice and cracked wheat. We were blessed with ingenious men who kept our rather inadequate plumbing working fairly well. . . . An executive committee elected by ourselves worked constantly with the Japanese commandant to secure all sorts of concessions, including the materials for the showers, a canteen, where we might buy very limited extra supplies, and extra foods purchased with our own 'comfort allowance' conveyed to us by the American government through the Swiss. This latter allowance began in June and was the equivalent of about \$12 a month. . . .

"Of course our camp quickly organized an infirmary for our sick, schools for our children, adult classes of great variety for those who had the energy for them, softball tournaments, variety shows, choruses, splendid church services. You can guess that Americans would organize their life along tolerable lines."

Only about one-third of the Chapei camp was repatriated, joining repatriates from other camps in China, Japan, Indo-China and the Philippines on board the *Teia Maru* for the voyage to Goa, where the exchange to the *Gripsholm* was made.

In urgent need of weeks of rest, the repatriates will presently join their experience to the efforts of their fellow-Americans, never forgetting the compatriots left behind them in the internment camps across the Pacific.



### Uncle Sam Approves of College Women for the Marine Corps

From a public relations officer in the Marine Corps Women's Reserve: "Because we find in procurement and in the training process that follows that our best women Marines are those with a college educational background, we are especially anxious to find more and more of them for the Service."

## Report from Washington . . .

# HEADLINE FIGURES BECOME REAL PEOPLE

*By Ellen de Bary Turner, Γ Ω-Denison,  
One of four 1943 Κ Κ Γ Graduate Fellowship Winners*

WASHINGTON drew me toward itself as if it were a magnet. It was fine to be able to read what was going on in the newspapers, magazines or the *Congressional Record*. But that wasn't enough. I wanted to be able to see it—all at once, if I could—and take part in it, a dynamic phase of it, if I could.

It is not miraculous that these wishes have come to pass. But it is rewarding, promising, fulfilling.

I have set myself down in the middle of Washington along with 49 other recent college graduates who couldn't stay away from the place where "decisions are being made." The National Institute of Public Affairs gives us an excellent framework within which we can study government and administration as it is. The National Institute is a privately endowed agency which directs a practical educational program for college graduates chosen from all over the country for their interest in public affairs.

When one has all of the federal government for his laboratory here in Washington and comes with the announced purpose of "studying the administration of public affairs," he finds himself caught in the midst of a huge, dynamic institution. One can not call our government a machine, there are too many human personalities involved. One cannot call it a movement because there are parts of this "institution" which have become stabilized. But through our democratic processes it has grown and expanded until now there is need for re-examination of every phase of our government, legislative, administrative, judicial, and political.

It is the viewpoint of those of us who are taking part in this government internship program and of the staff of the Institute, that "servants of the people" must see public affairs "in toto." They must know the

relationship of the specific job each is doing to the whole job. Successful and practical administration requires this. We cannot afford to have dried-up, narrow bureaucracy. During this internship period therefore, we are free to observe all that we can:—Congress in action, both on the floor of the House and Senate and in committee sessions. We are urged (though few need any urging) to attend hearings of the War Labor Board or to be present at the Supreme Court when decisions are read on the first Monday of each month.

I heard Bernard Baruch advise senators on manpower at a session of the Military Affairs Committee. The day the Fulbright Resolution was passed another intern and I literally hung our heads over the railing of the visitors' gallery and counted the votes along with Sam Rayburn, Speaker of the House. General Giraud, when he was here, whisked in and out of Blair House just around the corner from our dining room at Brookings Institution.

The interns were the guests of Mrs. Roosevelt at the White House one afternoon late in July. We had an opportunity to discuss with her the problem she was most concerned about: the morale of our fighting men, especially the wounded who have done their jobs and are now hospitalized. On another occasion we visited Eugene Meyer, editor and publisher of the *Washington Post*, in his spacious office overlooking Pennsylvania avenue. As the evening progressed (Mr. Paul Appleby, Under-Secretary of Agriculture, and Barnet Nover of the *Post* editorial staff talked with us), we saw more clearly the relationship of the press to government and public opinion, all subtly interconnected.

All these occasions have been the reality behind that intangible something which made me want to be "on the scene." But

there is not only the reward of having fulfilled a fond but vague dream. There is the added significance of events in having the personalities in public life become live, real people. There is an opportunity to establish a background and a frame of reference in the field of public affairs.

**I** HAVE ONLY written of one phase of this Washington interlude. If I am to complete the picture, I must add that all interns have individual projects which take our eight-hour working days to accomplish.

After one month's general orientation, speaking with men in significant positions in bureaus and agencies representing all phases of the federal government, each graduate chooses to be placed in the branch of the government which is best equipped to give him the information and practical experience he wants. This choice is based on long-term objectives which may lead to a life-time career in an administrative phase of the government—budgeting, personnel, public relations or management. For others who are more interested in a program itself, say foreign relief and rehabilitation, social security, or labor relations, their "placement" will create the opportunity to learn the subject matter by working as assistants to specialists in that field.

My interest in social legislation and administration led me to choose the Farm Security Administration in the Department of Agriculture for my own laboratory work. I have been exploring the merits of their program for the

rehabilitation of low-income farm families, tenants, sharecroppers and wage laborers. I am doing this because I am convinced that our own nation should be a proving ground for what must eventually happen in lands now being devastated and drained of human as well as natural resources. The years to come must bring with them *proof* from this nation that there can and will be freedom from want and fear. All of us can be working on that now. I know I am going to.

**W**ARTIME Washington? It is busy, yes. But stories have been exaggerated. The new and lovely housing developments have alleviated considerably the problem of finding a place to stay. You can get a bus or trolley on almost every street corner. There are rush hours, but they occur in any wartime city. Many restaurants have been converted into cafeterias so that service is quicker. Any waiting there might be in line in a restaurant or cafeteria simply means there is a little more time to read the paper or visit with your guest.

Washington isn't the casual southern city it has been, but it has adjusted itself admirably to its new population. People should cease to compare Washington with what this fair capital used to be. Instead compare her with any wartime city of today—Detroit, San Francisco or Seattle, and she will seem considerably calm and well collected.

If you are thinking of coming to Washington, don't let the stories you have heard keep you away. That is, if you're coming to do a real job!



## She Plans Meals Somewhere in England

**L**AST FALL Frances Hafner, U M-Oregon State, had a V-mail letter from Lieutenant Delores DeLong, U M, somewhere in England.

Lieutenant DeLong was graduated in dietetics from Oregon State in 1938, had a student internship in dietetics at Peter Bent Brigham hospital in Boston, worked in a veterans' hospital in the middle west and then went to Fort Lewis, Washington. When nurses and dietitians in Army hospitals were given commissions, she became a second lieutenant.

"We have a very satisfactory spot here," she

wrote of her work in England. "Nothing happens, but I have lots of fun in little ways.

"It isn't a bad set-up, though not like steam-heated brick buildings. We conserve on heat to the extent that laundry likes to never dry. The patients stay in bed to keep warm, which is good for them.

"I have all American food to work with, and a grand crew of our men for cooks. We have movies three times a week and go to dances all over the place in convoys. My job is fine so far, so you see I'm quite happy."



LAST FALL when Margaret Speaks, B N-Ohio State, concert and radio soprano, gave a program for the Indiana State Teachers convention, Mu chapter honored her with an informal tea at its Butler university chapter house. Seated are Miss Speaks and Elizabeth Bogert Schofield (Mrs. Everett), M, president of Kappa Kappa Gamma. Standing, from the left, are Bernice Havens Brayton (Mrs. John), Γ Δ-Purdue, Indianapolis alumnae president; Jean Brannon, Mu chapter president, and Mary Ann Scholl Elliott (Mrs. Harry E.), I-De-Pauw, vice-president of Delta province.

# Council Corner . . .

## Chapter Programs Keep Balance in Wartime

*By Ruth Kadel Seacrest (Mrs. Joe W.), Σ-Nebraska, Director of Chapter Programs*

**M**ANY MEMBERS have asked just what is meant by chapter programs and chapter program planning. Chapter programs and chapter organization are so closely related that it is difficult to speak of one without mentioning the other.

We always have had chapter programs, which mean standards, pledge training, scholarship, music, and vocational guidance. We have had general fraternity chairmen for these various departments to assist and guide the active chairmen in planning and conducting their programs. At the Sun Valley convention in the summer of 1940 a director of chapter programs was added to the council members. It is the duty and responsibility of that officer to work with the fraternity chairmen in endeavoring to coördinate the various departments so that a well-rounded and adequate program will result, and duplication of time and effort within the chapter will be avoided.

Since 1940 the director of chapter programs and the fraternity chairmen have tried to meet together in the spring or summer, either at convention or at council session, and re-evaluate the programs and needs of the active chapters for the coming school year. Outlines and suggestions have been prepared and sent out all together for the first meeting in the fall so that the girls could adapt these suggestions to their own needs in preparing a complete program for the school year.

The plan has worked very well. In looking over the various chapter reports it is encouraging to find how many chapters now, as a matter of course, plan a good program and carry it out. It has been most interesting to watch the progress and note the ingenuity and careful thought used in planning for each department just what would fit the individual chapter's needs. In chapters where the pledge-active meetings have been carried out with carefully

chosen subjects, the results seem to have been most successful. The timely and philosophical subjects chosen denote a trend toward more serious thinking. It is gratifying too, to see how some chapters have included war efforts in their planned programs.

Certainly there was never a time when careful planning was more necessary. Unnatural conditions on campuses and in chapter houses, tense nerves, extracurricular activities, speeded-up courses, and even the less varied diet which is apt to result from rationing; all these factors tend to create restlessness, and make a smooth running chapter house more difficult to maintain. Never was there a time when well-kept house rules were more important. An extra effort must be made to keep standards and morale at a high level. We want our boys to come home to as clean and decent and happy a world as we can possibly make for them.

In spite of all the difficulties and handicaps, my confidence in the college age girls of today leads me to feel sure they can do this. I am impressed with their seriousness of purpose. I am also impressed with the value of good alumnae advisers at this time. On campuses with accelerated programs, the rapid turn-over of officers creates such a difficult situation that the assistance of the alumnae advisers becomes more necessary than ever.

It is not our intent to lay down hard and fast rules in chapter program planning. Our desire is merely to assist the girls themselves in establishing a plan of living by which they may develop into upright, responsible and clear-thinking young women, so that they may find their place in the difficult conditions they will encounter when they have graduated.

The all-time purpose of chapter pro-

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## One-Curator Museum . . .

# NATURAL HISTORY HOBBY GAINS FAME

By Jessie Bane Stephenson (Mrs. Bertram S.), B Δ-Michigan

**W**HEN Kappas come marching home again, with uniforms laid aside and wartime schedules gone with them, hobbies can flourish again. They're as old as Eve, and hobbies often grow to avocations and on to professions. Olive Gunnison has made a



**OLIVE MASON GUNNISON** (Mrs. Raymond M.), B B-St. Lawrence, has just plopped something into a bottle to add to the amazing collections in her one-woman museum of natural history housed on her farm at Pawling, New York

name for herself in the New York areas through just such things.

She was Olive Mason among the Kappa graduates of St. Lawrence university in 1912, and later married Raymond Gunnison, St. Lawrence '09, one of 17 Gunnisons there, nine of whom were Betas and seven Kappas, which sets some sort of record, if any of you collect records. The name Gunnison is almost synonymous with St. Lawrence. An uncle, Almon Gunnison, was president for many years, and its chapel honors his name. Raymond Gunnison now serves as a trustee, and is president of the Reuben H. Donnelley corporation in New York, having come there from the vice-presidency of the *Brooklyn Daily Eagle*.

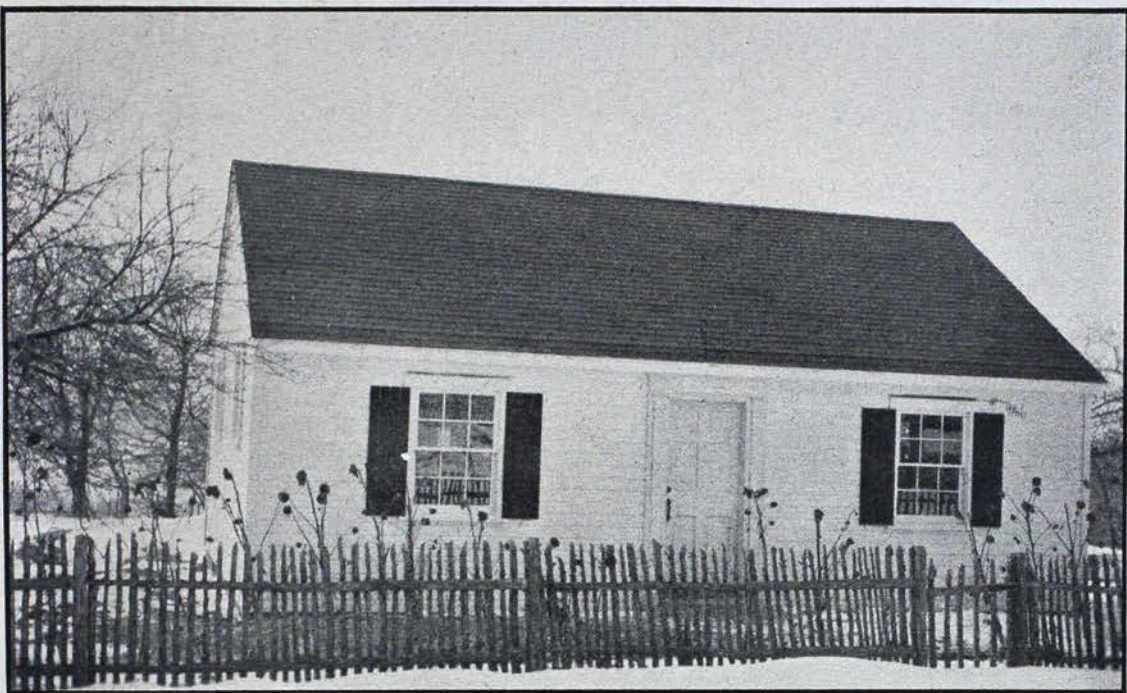
"Collector" should have been Olive's middle name. As long as she can remember she says she has been plopping things into bottles. Many results of this have reached

their present and ever-growing culmination at the 200-acre farm on Quaker Hill near Pawling, New York. They call it Quaker Acres. The large, old house filled with carefully gathered antiques, another of her hobbies, sets atop one of the highest of the Berkshire foothills with long vistas of low-lying mountain chains and the Catskills beyond.

From its west porches colorful gardens lead down to a museum of natural history, built two years ago. Every bit of the collecting, preserving, even the taxidermy-ing of these specimens, is her own work. Her guest book contains many well-known names, including her neighbors, Governor Dewey, Lowell Thomas, and former Ambassador Hugh Gibson. Ex-President Hoover considers it the finest private collection in this country, because it includes every branch of natural history, and all of the exhibits are so scientifically and informingly labeled. Even the most uninterested visitor must learn something there.

There are already more than 5,000 mineral, shell, butterfly, fossil, insect, biological and botanical specimens and a number of Indian artifacts displayed delightfully in carefully-lighted glass cases. One corner houses a cabinet equipped with fluorescent light where certain minerals, which seem ordinary-looking rocks, through this excitation glow with colors vivid beyond description. Filing cases hold an ever-growing herbarium of 2,000 specimens beautifully mounted. This museum stands open to the public a large part of the year and has many groups of visitors.

Olive's gardens express another hobby in which she has gone far, receiving many flower show prizes. In 1934 she carried away the greatest number of awards in the garden club section of the National Flower Show at Grand Central palace in New York. The first terrarium ever exhibited in



THE MUSEUM *a hobby built at Quaker Acres, Quaker Hill, Pawling, New York*

a glass bottle, 16-gallon size, was hers, shown there in 1932. She has been columnist, magazine writer, lecturer, broadcaster; is now Pawling's Garden club president; and her former Scarsdale home was regularly a center of Westchester Kappa activities.

A daughter Alice was a Kappa pledge,

but her death occurred before initiation. There are a son, a daughter and four grandchildren, including twins who trail her happily, like two small shadows, all over the farm. She rides, swims and manages the annual horse show on the hill.

Olive Gunnison has a lot of answers for anybody's idle moments.



### Former Wyoming Graduate Counselor Remains Jap Prisoner

**A**MONG the thousands of Americans who are still prisoners of the Japanese in the Orient is Dorothy Graham Fee (Mrs. Elton), Σ-Nebraska, who is interned with her husband and their small daughters at Santo Tomas, the university outside Manila used as a prison camp. Judith Belle, the younger of the little girls, was born in Manila last August, the Fees having been permitted to leave the camp five months before the baby was born. However, the family is again in the camp. The older daughter, Marcia, was separated until December, 1942, from her parents, who had left her on the island of Cebu while they made a trip to Manila, where they were trapped by the outbreak of the war, December 7, 1941. Dorothy's mother-in-law obtained information about the

family last December from repatriates who had just come back on the *Gripsholm* and had seen the Fees at Santo Tomas before they left. According to these reports the Fees are well. An income, which they use for clothing and food to supplement the two meals a day in camp, has been arranged for them, although they did not receive packages sent to them via the *Gripsholm* on her first trip. The Fees have not received any messages from his mother, but last December Mrs. Pearl Fee had a letter from her son, written a year before. . . . After her graduation from the University of Nebraska, Dorothy was a graduate counselor (then known as a co-organizer) at Gamma Omicron at the University of Wyoming, 1932-1933.

# Day Nursery Performs Wartime Community Service . . .

**B**ECAUSE there were wartime problems relating to the care of young children in the last war, a day nursery was established in Decatur, Illinois, in 1917.

This meant that Decatur was better prepared than many other communities to look after the youngsters of working mothers



*Maurice Seymour*

**ELIZABETH SNIDER SIMMONS (Mrs. E. L.),** H-Wisconsin, heads Decatur Day Nursery board in caring for the children of working mothers.

when these women went into the present war industries. But it has also meant enlarging the nursery.

Within the past year the nursery's eight-member board, headed by Elizabeth Snider Simmons (Mrs. E. L.), H-Wisconsin, has supervised the remodeling of a handsome old 12-room residence in Decatur, into which the nursery moved last fall. The project is entirely supported by the Decatur Community Chest. Half of the \$12,000 cost of remodeling the house was furnished by the Decatur war fund and half by contributions from local industries which benefit from the nursery's care of their

employees' children. Many firms and individuals in Decatur contributed time and material gifts to the new nursery, which houses 108 little boys and girls every day.

Prize room in the nursery is the spacious second floor playroom decorated to look like the inside of a circus tent, with a huge clown standing on the mantel and a big elephant painted on the opposite wall. Slides and jungle gyms appropriately fill this tent room.

Supervising the nursery-age tots is another Kappa, Evelyn Hammer, M-Butler, who took her degree in child psychology. Mrs. Howard V. Millard is executive director of the nursery, which is open from 6:30 A.M. to 7 P.M. for children from two years old to 12 years. Older children attend a



**EVELYN HAMMER, M-Butler,** looks after the tiniest tots.

nearby school, but return for the hot lunch at noon and after school hours. High school girls are junior aides and Girl Scouts give some volunteer time to earn a special service award.

# "Vamos a Comer" in Chile . . .

## FROM CAZUELA TO AGUITA CALIENTE

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THERE was a knock at my door. The small boy of the household opened it a little and said, "Vamos a comer."

"Let us eat" is welcome in any language, in any country. The fruits, vegetables and meats are much the same there as in the United States, but often the method of preparing the dishes is different. Thus meal-time has held its surprises for me.

First of all it was necessary to become accustomed to eating at somewhat different hours, since "once" or tea comes at five o'clock and dinner at nine o'clock.

As in many countries breakfast consists of coffee, a roll or bread and butter. And do I dare say that there are three big lumps of sugar in that cup of coffee? In middle and higher class families breakfast is served in bed. However, not caring for this, I have the maid serve me in the dining room.

At noon we have our main meal. It is possible for members of many families to be together at noon because a large number of stores close for at least two hours, giving the men time to come home. Our meal usually consists of four courses, although I was told it was customary among the higher classes to have more. For us, a typical meal consists of a cold dish for the first course, such as lentils with a dressing of lemon juice, oil and salt. The second course may be a soup or *cazuela*. *Cazuela* is like a soup with a piece of meat, a boiled potato and sometimes a piece of carrot in it. This may be followed by *porotos*, a type of bean, a combination of rice and peas or meat with a boiled potato. For dessert we may have fruit if it is in season or, in winter especially, a *dulce*. Occasionally we have tea at the end of the meal, but more often *agüita caliente*. And what are *dulces* and *agüita caliente*? *Agüita caliente* is made from leaves of a plant such as lemon verbena, boldo, mint or from orange or lemon peel. Over one of these hot water is poured.

To be really Chilean one must add melted sugar which gives the drink the color of strong tea.

We have had several kinds of *dulces*, *dulce de castañas*, chestnuts; *de membrillo*, quince; *de manzanas*, apples; and *de alcayota*. They tell me it takes many days to make these properly. Most of our *dulces* are soft solids in consistency and very smooth, but that made from *alcayota* is very stringy. The *alcayota* looks something like a watermelon, but is very fibrous. It is good only for *dulces*.

While speaking of desserts, *manjar blanco* should be mentioned. It is very rich, being a semi-solid made of sugar and milk. We have many compotes or stewed fruits, the *huesillos* or dried peaches being my favorite.

My first experience with *picarones* was in a café. I had seen these in the windows. They looked just like small doughnuts. Having been longing for doughnuts, I stopped to try them. The girl put six on a plate and disappeared. Later the *picarones* were brought in covered with a hot syrup of melted *chancaca*, unrefined Peruvian sugar which tastes a little like molasses. The *picarones*, though not doughnuts, were very good and they tasted more like waffles. We have now had them for dessert several times.

I believe one cannot mention food in Chile without saying something about *empanadas*, a type of meat pie. One sees them everywhere. They may be made of chicken or other type of meat, either baked or fried. Besides the chopped meat there are olives, raisins, hard boiled eggs and seasoning. All this is thoroughly mixed and surrounded by a rather hard pastry. We have very good *empanadas* where I am staying, but I wonder about some that are made along the street or in the park during the "Dieciocho" celebration, the Chilean Independence day.

I watched one woman who was making *empanadas* in the Parque Cousiño, working the dough with her hands on a make-shift breadboard with flies and dust all around. The dough was very gray in places. She was cooking the *empanadas* over a stove made of an old gasoline tin.

I HAVE often heard of marine algae being used for food in some countries, but had never eaten any. One noon we had a dish of diced potatoes and something dark which tasted like iodine. The rest of the family watched me try this, then laughed and asked how I liked it. It was *luche*, a special kind of alga. At other times we have *cochayuyo*, a thicker, more spongy alga. This is often fried in a batter and served with tomato sauce.

On another occasion when eating alone I was served something which was blackish and seasoned very much like *empanadas*. On the plate beside it was a boiled potato.

During the conversation at dinner a few days later someone asked, "Do you find it possible to eat the blood of turkey?"

"I have never had any," I replied.

"Oh yes, you have. Do you remember the blackish food served with a boiled potato? That was blood of turkey."

If I had known, would it have been possible to eat it? I have wondered.

From time to time we have very fine fish instead of other meat, the *corvina* and *congrío* being especially good. Then too, there are shell fish. These sea foods are very expensive, so we do not have them as often as one might suppose.

"Once" ordinarily consists of fruit, bread, and assorted crackers many of which we would call cookies, and tea. On special occasions when there are guests or when one's Saint's day, or *onomástico*, is being celebrated, the tea is very elaborate. The first *onomástico* celebration I witnessed was on the day of San Enrique, because there are two Enriques in our household. All day there was a festive air. The doorbell and telephone rang most of the time as friends sent flowers, telegrams, or called to offer their best wishes and congratulations. Late in the afternoon relatives and some friends were invited for "once." The table was

loaded with sweets. Besides the usual food was *torta*, *bizcochuelo*, turkey sandwiches, rich grape wine and candy. *Bizcochuelo* is made only of eggs and flour. It is lighter and finer grained than our syrup sponge cake.

The *onomástico* is the most important celebration in the year. However, the children celebrated their birthdays as well. The birthday party was very much like one of ours. Even coca-cola was included, which is new in Chile.

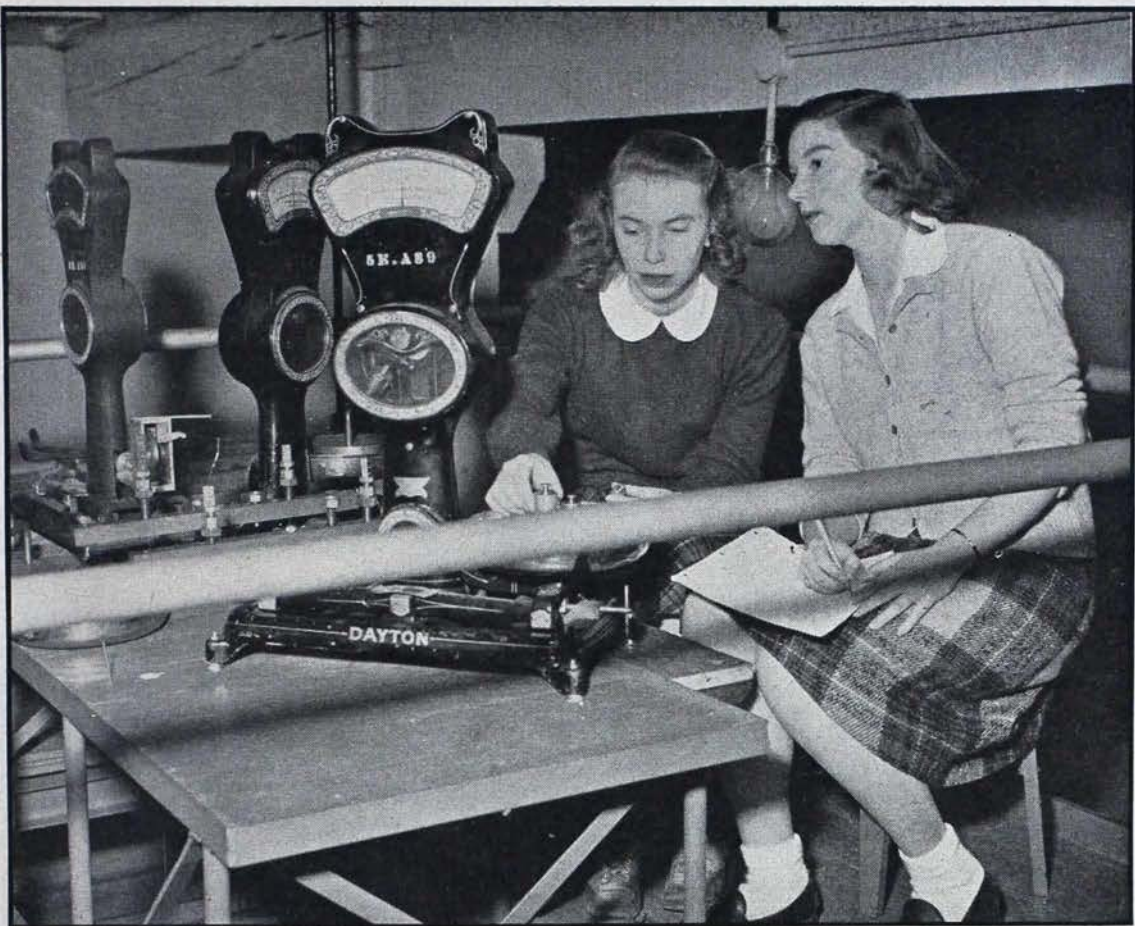
The evening meal is very much like the noon meal, though sometimes lighter. The first course is cold, often a salad, if lettuce and radishes are in season. This is followed by soup and afterwards *budin de zanahoria* or *tortilla de espinacas*. The *budin* is a sort of carrot soufflé and the *tortilla* is like an omelet with chopped spinach. Sometimes the soup is omitted and meat is served for the third course. Dessert and *agüita* conclude the meal.

Before coming to Chile I had heard about the excellent Chilean wine. Red wine is served with meals at noon and night, and sometimes at "once." On the special occasions much richer wines are served.

THE places where food is sold are also of interest. Besides the many small stores there are markets and *ferías*. *Ferías* are found on certain days of the week in different parts of the city. Early one Sunday morning I joined the crowd of people hurrying up the street just to see where they were going. They carried every type of shopping bag imaginable. Their destination was the *feria* not far from our house. There I saw a long line of high two-wheeled carts on one side of the street for several blocks and on the opposite side the little stands loaded with food. The *feria* was arranged in sections according to what type of food was for sale, vegetables in one place, fruit in another. The street was dusty and the black flies plentiful. None of the food was covered.

On a larger scale is the Vega near the Estación Mapocho. It is quite a sight in the early morning. I was told that only tourists found it of interest, and was warned

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WITH ANOTHER CURTISS CADETTE, Jane Fay, B N-Ohio State, right, takes lift, drag and roll readings in the balance room over the wind tunnel test chamber in a course in aerodynamics at the University of Minnesota. Last February the Curtiss-Wright Corporation pioneered in opening the engineering profession to women by inaugurating a training program which offers a young woman trainee a 10-month streamlined course in subjects specifically related to aeronautical problems of the aircraft industry. Five of the leading American engineering schools have been chosen as training centers, at which the trainee receives at Curtiss-Wright expense tuition, room, board and a weekly salary of \$10 for incidentals. Upon completion of her training, the fledgling engineer is assigned to a position in one of the Curtiss-Wright plants of the airplane division, where fighter planes, dive bombers, training planes, transport and cargo ships are produced.

## War Has Made Her an Aeronautical Engineer . . .

*By Jane Fay, B N-Ohio State*

WHEN I start to work at the Curtiss-Wright plant in Columbus, it is going to be hard to realize that I am really an aeronautical engineer.

When I filled out my application for the Curtiss-Wright Cadette program last February, I had many hopes, but not much confidence that I would be accepted. My

background for a course in aeronautical engineering seemed insufficient: high school mathematics, physics and engineering drawing at Ohio State university. I was the proudest and most excited girl in Columbus when my acceptance arrived from the Curtiss-Wright corporation.

I need not have worried about my lack

of college mathematics. We started with simple arithmetic, reviewed algebra and trigonometry; and now we are doing problems in analytical geometry and calculus with ease. Our instructors have been very patient, have helped us over the hard places. Most of them had never taught a class of girls before, and I think they were surprised to find that girls can be as efficient with a slide rule and a compass as men. We have studied mechanics, aerodynamics and engineering drawing. We even had a course in shop and learned to work on a lathe and a drill press. After our vacation last July our courses were more technical: strength of materials, airplane design, airplane production, and still plenty of drawing.

When I first came to the University of Minnesota, I was prepared for 10 months

of hard, intensive study. It is true that aeronautical engineering is a difficult course, including subjects with which most girls are not familiar; but it is a fascinating one. Nor has it been "all work and no play," for all the recreational and social activities on the campus are available for us.

It has been fun here at the University of Minnesota. It is fun to know and to live in Shevlin hall with 100 girls from every part of the country. It is fun to test steel columns and rivets in the materials laboratory or to test an airplane model in the wind tunnel. In fact, it is fun to be an engineer.

It has been an experience I would not have missed; and a wonderful opportunity to enter a profession which is not only interesting, but has so many possibilities for the future.



## How Are These War Jobs for Something Different?

**Parachute repair:** Ruth Bellman Wolf (Mrs. Frank), B M-Colorado

"I am doing war work . . . in parachute repair section of an immense air base. . . . Planes come here, are repaired, loaded and leave again in short order. Although governed by military officers, the work is kept going by civilian personnel. Women are doing a wonderful job when manpower is wanting. They do repair work on delicate instruments, engines, radios, kits, nursing, office clerking and shipping.

"After several weeks of schooling one enters parachute repair where parachutes are unpacked, mended, inspected, aired and counted out and in. Every 12 days stock is aired, i.e., hung up on great hooks and spread out. They are as beautiful and white as wedding gowns. They must be perfect or else one of our fliers may lose his life.

"Doubtless many of our Kappas have come in close contact with war activity. Now that I have many friends and relatives

in the Air Corps and see what a lot women can do to help, I do not understand how any of us can sit idly by and merely hope for peace."

**Marine draftsman:** Anne Morgan Voorheis (Mrs. Temple S.), IIA-California

"I am a marine draftsman or draftsmanette, as I have heard it said! I am employed in the office for the maintenance and repair of the Army Transport Service. In short, I draw ships; draw plans for the conversion of cargoes into transports.

"The work is most interesting and I pass this on to any Kappa who might be interested in this type of work."

**Airport traffic controller, assistant:** Kathryn B. Hadley, M-Butler

"My war work consists of being employed by the Civil Aeronautics Administration, Department of Commerce. I am an assistant traffic airport controller operating at the Chicago airport. Every six months there is a base transfer, unless reassigned."

## CENTER SOLVES WARTIME JOB PROBLEMS

*By Chase Going Woodhouse, Consultant, Women's Advisory Committee, War Manpower Commission; Managing Director, Institute of Women's Professional Relations; Economics Professor, Connecticut College for Women*

[EDITOR'S NOTE: Mrs. Woodhouse's article has been cleared through the United States Employment Service and the Office for Emergency Management, War Manpower Commission. Kappas who attended the 1941 NPC in New York will remember Mrs. Woodhouse as speaker at the final luncheon meeting. . . . Another Kappa, Dorothy Roberts Hoffman (Mrs. Corbit S.), B T-Syracuse, has taken over for Mrs. Shryock at the Women's University club since this article was written. Mrs. Shryock is now state director for the Pennsylvania Federation for Planned Parenthood.]

THE PHILADELPHIA War Job Information Center has been a willing and efficient guinea pig in the development of ways and means of finding women with specialized training for specific vacancies and of fitting women with unorthodox or generalized training into jobs which need to be done if the war is to progress at maximum speed.

The idea developed early in the spring of 1942 when the National Roster of Scientific and Specialized Personnel, now a division of the War Manpower Commission, in spite of the thousands of highly trained men on its registers, saw that the personnel shortage problem already acute in some areas like engineering and physics would have to be met in part, at least, by recruiting college women.

Here was a call for women with college backgrounds, some of whom had never worked, some of whom had graduated from college a number of years ago, gone into a job, worked a few years, married, and had never since thought of a job. There were thousands of girls getting out of college. Their deans and appointment officers wanted information. They knew the national story, but what of the local situation?

Here then was the problem. Women were needed. The call was national, but the jobs were local. The women who had to be called were not looking for jobs. After

years of depression it was hard for any but those in the front lines of the manpower struggle to think in terms of manpower shortages. Married women for a decade had been urged, sometimes even threatened by legislatures, to return to their homes or to stay there. Now those with any specialized training were desperately needed. How to make them realize that the situation was so different!

Newspaper stories, yes. But how many college women, married to relatively well-to-do men, reading that a million women are needed, ever thought "that means me." Here was a gauntlet thrown down before the educated women and especially challenging those in women's organizations.

Philadelphia has a strong college women's group in the Women's University club, a branch of the American Association of University Women. For years it has been prominent in civic affairs and has made an enviable place for itself in the respect of the community. Industrial demands were growing in the Philadelphia area. Important government agencies were located there. What more logical place could there be for working out plans for an attack on this one specialized phase of the war manpower situation—the college-trained woman!

The first question, and a vital one, had to be answered. Did the community feel the need for trained women? Would community leaders, organizations and industry be interested in developing a center for recruiting such women? The only way to find an answer was to ask the question. This was done at a meeting called by the consultant for the women's division of the National Roster of Scientific and Specialized Personnel at Temple university, May 19, 1942. It was attended by representa-

tives of 26 colleges and universities and of the city and state departments of education; by representatives of 11 large industries engaged primarily in war work and of two retail establishments, of three large women's organizations and of a number of government agencies including the United States Employment Office; U. S. Civil Service Commission; Engineering, Science, Management War Training; and the Social Security Board.

The idea of a War Job Information Center was outlined. There was no doubt as to the opinion of the meeting. It was felt very decidedly that it was high time to begin the active recruitment of college women and that a center to which they could go for information on jobs and on training and from which they could be referred to possible openings was essential. The representative of the USES stated that the present staffing of his offices could not provide the counseling services which women of this type would require.

SO THE War Job Information Center was established in the Women's University club in the Warwick hotel, an excellent corner, ground floor locations. Mrs. Richard H. Shryock, an active member, B A-Pennsylvania, past grand president of Kappa Kappa Gamma, took over the duties of director. She was assisted by a representative citizens' committee under the chairmanship of John A. Stevenson, president, the Penn Mutual Life Insurance company. This committee has been concerned with broad general policies, in interesting the public in the work of the Center, and in developing channels of publicity. It was made very clear that the Center was concerned only with women who had college training or its equivalent and who were ready to take paid jobs.

The operating committee which meets most regularly twice a month includes the director, three representatives of the colleges and universities, a representative of USES, of U. S. Civil Service and of ESMWT, and three representatives of industry and of industrial associations. From time to time representatives of the National Roster and of the War Department from Washington, officers from the Army Signal

Corps, the Quartermaster Corps, the Navy Yard, the Frankfort Arsenal, and various personnel managers from industry have met with the operating committee to discuss ways and means of meeting specific needs.

So much for machinery. What of procedure? The first step was a hard one. Mrs. Shryock recruited a corps of 16 interviewers from the membership of the Women's University club. They went to the USES for training in the filling out of interview forms and to obtain a general knowledge of procedures and the labor market situation. There were "professional volunteers" on the job at the Center at regular hours, with the director "on duty always."

As women came in looking for jobs or information they were sorted out. Some were immediately qualified for vacancies listed in the U. S. Civil Service. They were referred directly to the Civil Service office where a designated staff member received them and took over further action in regard to placing them. Those ready for jobs in war industries were helped in filling out the USES registration cards. These cards were sent to the USES and the women called as orders for the type of work they were prepared to do came in. This saved much running back and forth and time of both the candidate for a job and USES.

Women who needed specialized help of physical, mental, or vocational tests were sent to the Trainee Acceptance Center, while those ready for specialized training were sent to ESMWT.

With each of these agencies the Center has most cordial working arrangements. The U. S. Civil Service, Third Regional Office, for example, prepared and has continued to publish bi-monthly a bulletin on war service opportunities in the Civil Service available to college and university students and graduates. This bulletin has been of great value to the colleges as well as to the Center.

One very fine job done by the Center has been its work with the personnel offices of various industries. In accordance with arrangements made with the USES of the War Manpower Commission, a representative of the Center has made regular visits to these offices, learned the needs of the various plants, and has been able to suggest

women who might fill certain jobs. Many of these women did not have orthodox training for specific jobs, but often a person knowing the job and knowing a woman could see where the two could be made to fit. This work has been of special value, for even today the magazines carry stories of women who want to work in the war effort but who can't find a niche. Here the Center has a job of real significance. What Dr. Carmichael, director of the National Roster of Scientific and Specialized Personnel, said December 13, 1942, is still true: "There is no real demand for women in the professions. It has to be stimulated."

**T**HE PHILADELPHIA War Job Information Center opened September 8, 1942. By the end of the year over 600 women had been interviewed, by early spring the number was well over 1,000. Others came in for information of various types on jobs and on training. Many were registered in ESMWT courses; others were listed with the USES, the U. S. Civil Service Commission, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the National Roster of Scientific and Specialized Personnel or referred to the various branches of the Army and Navy, the National Red Cross, various state bureaus, social agencies, and personnel managers in industry and retail establishments and offices.

There were 54 women referred to the Child Day Care centers when they were first established. These were mostly women with good general background but no specialized training. At the other end of the training scale in the first three months the Center found 4 draftsmen, 2 chemists, 2 computers, 1 radio technician, and even 1 engineer—all badly needed and rare personnel! It referred 32 women to the WAVES and 18 to the WAC. A selected list of names of 25 women highly qualified in languages was prepared for Navy Intelligence. And 9 women went from the Center to the assembly lines. Events move so quickly it is hard to remember that in October 1942 assembly line jobs were still pioneer territory for college women.

The Center has moved rapidly on from those beginnings. It has proven that it has a service

to perform in coordinating and disseminating information relative to training and job opportunities. The applicant is saved much time and energy. She visits one office rather than a half dozen. Also the Center is equipped to handle the special problems of its clients.

The Center has been a source of up-to-the-minute information for the college placement offices. It has helped in the steps being taken to bring the National Roster of Scientific and Specialized Personnel and the services of the USES for professionally qualified applicants on the one hand, and the college placement offices and the college and university graduates on the other, closer together.

Perhaps the greatest task of the Center has been in finding a place in this great war effort for the well-trained and qualified woman who lacks recent work experience or orthodox work experience. In the words of the director: "Unfortunately, those women are not wanted, either in industry or by the government, often because of their age—sometimes because of their sex. Some have been willing to take courses which would fit them into the immediate war effort. The names of others are filed in a reserve pool . . . recently two aircraft factories have notified us that they are willing and anxious to take college women; one has extended the age limit to 55, the other to 60. We were happy to take out of our reserve pool the names of 37 women workers we feel could meet the requirements."

The Philadelphia War Job Information Center is no longer an experiment. With the approval of the War Manpower Commission it supplements the work of government agencies in meeting wartime needs in recruiting women with specialized training or with a background for specialized training, coordinating and disseminating information on jobs and on training, selling to industry and to government agencies women with unorthodox training; breaking down traditions regarding age and sex qualifications for certain jobs; watching for lacks in training which our colleges might remedy; cooperating in building up the register of the National Roster of Scientific and Specialized Personnel on which should be found the names of all women with specialized training in the sciences, language, and social science fields; and also cooperating in the development of services to professional groups by the USES.

# Service Honor Roll . . .

## *More Kappas with the Armed Forces*

### WACs

Lieutenant Margaret A. Clark, Φ-Boston  
Lieutenant Virginia Lee, X-Minnesota  
Lieutenant Kathryne A. Borg, B Φ-Montana  
Jean Frost, B Θ-Oklahoma, in England  
Susan Anne Chalmers, Γ Ω-Denison

### WAVES

Ensign Isabel Brenner, Γ K-William and Mary  
Ensign Doris Fuhs, Γ P-Allegheny  
Ensign Susan Erwin, B Π-Washington  
Frances M. Kittle, K-Hillsdale  
Jenny Helen Taylor, B T-West Virginia  
Frances L. Moore, Θ-Missouri  
Phyllis Virginia Burt, Φ-Boston  
Frances Norma Dean, Φ-Boston  
Phyllis Edith Dockeray, Γ Ξ-UCLA  
Anna Grier, ΔΔ-Monmouth  
Myra Jane Rodgers, E-Illinois Wesleyan  
Jane Wilson, ΠΔ-California

### USMCWR (MARINES)

Lieutenant Mary Agnes Donegan, B Σ-Adelphi  
Lieutenant Nancy Winn Roeder, Γ I-Washington  
University  
Lieutenant Louise Elliott, Γ Γ-Whitman  
Lieutenant Alice Fraser MacDonald, X-Minnesota  
Lieutenant Dorathea S. Freseman, Γ Ψ-Maryland

### WAAF

Ann Craft, Σ-Nebraska  
Annabel Shaum, Σ-Nebraska

### ARMY NURSE CORPS

Lieutenant Elizabeth Louise Wolfe, Γ Ψ-Maryland  
Lieutenant Mary Margaret Carr Pochodowicz (Mrs.  
Stanley), Γ Δ-Kansas State

### USA MEDICAL CORPS

Lieutenant Jane Matthews Day (Mrs. Robert C.),  
Γ Π-Alabama, Public Health Service  
Lieutenant Jane Eunice Conkey, H-Wisconsin

### AMERICAN RED CROSS

Mary Matilda Albright, B T-West Virginia  
Lois Webster, B Δ-Illinois  
Elizabeth Ann Chitwood, B T-West Virginia, over-  
seas  
Dorothy Rose Ward, B Z-Iowa, overseas  
Patricia Neale, B Ω-Oregon, overseas  
H. Margaret Lea, B N-Ohio State, overseas

### CWAC

Marnie Grant, Γ Σ-Manitoba  
Shirley Edmond, Γ Σ-Manitoba



### THE KEY Rates Service Flag Star

**P**ARAPHRASING Nathan Hale, the editor regrets that she has but one KEY staff member to give for her country. That being the case, THE KEY is proud to have a representative in the women's services: Betty Brush, B Ξ-Texas, who has joined the WAVES. Last heard from at press time, Betty was an S2c, had just finished her boot training at Hunter college and was waiting orders to a service school. Due to this patriotic brush-off and the resultant woman-power shortage on THE KEY staff, to simplify matters, chapter KEY correspondents have been requested to send their chapter letters for the April KEY to THE KEY editor, Helen Bower, 15500 Wildemere avenue, Detroit 21, Michigan, by February 15. By fall it is assumed that a new chapter editor will have been appointed.

## Salty Stuff . . .

### MCWR IS "YO, MAC" FOR G.I. JOSEPHINES

*By Clare A. Frederick, 2nd Lieutenant, USMC (WR), B Z-Iowa*

**T**HE KEY's Service Honor Roll is always a feature of great interest to me, and the first page to which I hastily turn as soon as I receive the magazine. The Marine Corps Women's Reserve, being a part of the Marine Corps proper, takes its action seriously also.

During the 10 months that I have been a procurement officer for the MCWR, as we appear in abbreviation, I have spent some working time in Massachusetts; Washington, D.C.; Dallas, Texas; Atlanta, Georgia; Santa Fe and Albuquerque, New Mexico; Houston and San Antonio, Texas; New Orleans, Louisiana; Mobile, Alabama; Memphis, Tennessee, and so on. I'm taking flying lessons during my euphemistically titled "spare time" too, and my pilot's log looks like a page from a Cook's tour. It's nice and friendly, though, what with all the different instructors finding friends and acquaintances in my little black book.

With all this junketing about, the *Service Honor Roll* serves to keep me up with which of my Kappa friends have most recently given in to that urge to do their bit in uniform—which way, incidentally, the girls in uniform are fully convinced is the finest and most satisfying way for those of us who can.

How I wish we could all get together now—Kappas everywhere, uniformed and civilian! I know we'd all have wonderful tales to tell, humorous and serious, of the lives we're leading, the new responsibilities we're learning to accept. Since that's an obvious impossibility, I'd like to jot down here a few of the things that have been of interest to me in the MCWR. You may find them amusing or worthwhile. And this way is probably better than that big Kappa meeting anyway, for while I majored in speech at the University of Iowa, and received my M.A. in it at Texas State College for Women, I've known Kappas in many

places, and I'm not too sure of my chances of being heard in a large gathering of these energetic and articulate gals!

My good luck at getting into the Corps was followed immediately by my being chosen one of the first 19 procurement officers. Our task was that of going out to the 19 different procurement offices of the Ma-



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**LIEUTENANT CLARE A. FREDERICK,**  
**USMCWR, B Z-Iowa, keeps things from**  
**getting snafued.**

rine Corps in the United States and opening them up for the enlistment of women. That was back in February 1943—the 15th, to be exact; and I shall never forget the day I arrived at my first station, Dallas, Texas. I was tired from a long train trip, but excited to the point where the news photographer who greeted me as I stepped off the train had to ask me to pop my eyes back into my head before he could operate his equipment! Well, it was almost that bad.

Even more thrilling was reporting in the prescribed military manner to my commanding officer, who, by the way, greeted me with a most un-military but heart-warming smile and put me at ease at once. He led me to what was to be my office, with one hand handed me a gargantuan sheaf of "inquiries" which had been pouring in ever since the first word leaked out to the public that there would soon be women in the Marine Corps; and with the other hand, he gestured distractedly at the waiting room, jam-packed with would-be enlistees. I didn't even have my war-bonnet off when the mob started streaming in! No wonder my commanding officer had been so glad to see me! What could mere males do with these petticoats wild to be Marines?

**F**OR SEVEN months in Dallas I rivaled the beaver in industriousness (no virtue—I had to—that's how the Marine Corps operates); made many valued friends; began to get some picture of the real Marine Corps (an awe-inspiring procedure, and one which makes little chills run up and down the spine with the thought, "... and I am part of *this!*!"); and all in all was feeling pretty "salty." Our office was blessed with a "Top" (a First Sergeant to you of the uninitiated laity) who'd had 16 years in the Marine Corps, and couldn't comprehend a language that substituted "wall" for the correct "bulkhead"—or, "bed," when even the rawest recruit will murmur "sack"—or, "money" for "moola," "candy" for "pogie bait," "thing" for "Gizmo," and so on down the list of a no-longer bewildering new vocabulary.

Well, as I say, I was feeling pretty salty and settled when I was suddenly awakened to the fact that the only constant thing in the Marine Corps is change by orders. The first transferred me to Atlanta, Georgia, where I was to be stationed at procurement division headquarters.

"Well!" I thought, slinging my gear into my seabags (I'm still salty, you see—that's for "stuff and junk into my luggage"), "that has a nice sound—."

That's about all I had time to say, for with true Marine timing, the Corps had

allowed me approximately 45 minutes in which to rush home, turn all dresser drawers upside down into my luggage and lunge for the train. I made it, needless to say, and have been loving Atlanta, the work, and the people ever since.

While here, I've had the long-hoped for opportunity to visit Camp Lejeune, at New River, North Carolina, our huge Marine training base on the coast—(and you'll believe it's huge, once you've tried walking about a bit there!). I had missed Lejeune because 'way back there when I was a "boot," our training centers for women were at Smith, Holyoke, and Hunter colleges; so I greatly wanted a peep at the rugged Marine style of turning a petticoat into a Real Gyrene. It's an impressive and interesting sight, and makes one realize that all the Marine tradition of thorough training and crack performance has been carried over into the Women's Reserve.

**B**ESIDES this, and somewhat on the lighter side, there's assuredly a great day coming for the male who heretofore has had to take his Sally, Jane, or Joan without too much emphasis on her skill as a housekeeper. You might not think that the rough and tough Marine Corps is a finishing-school training in home economics for its women members, but probably more good housekeepers will emerge from their Marine training than come out of the housekeeping schools of the nation. The G.I. Josephines of the Marine Corps learn to make up their bunks with mitred corners, turning the top sheet down to a good even six inches, folding the soft G.I. green blanket "just-so," tucking the end of the pillowcase in so that it becomes a neat, compact bundle. They learn good housekeeping to the tune of white-glove inspections—and believe me, white gloves turn gray at even the smell of dirt!

Those corners that even a self-respecting housewife might neglect once in a while? The white gloves *never* forget them—nor the officer's hand inside. Bugaboo dresser drawers? Gear is stowed in piles neat enough to delight the heart of any file clerk! Closets all snafued? (That "snafu" is pretty salty—it means "Situation Normal,

All Fouled Up.") Hangers all face the same way. Clothes have the same zeal, and when not in use are buttoned. The Marine Corps may make its men tough, but it makes its women good housekeepers—or else! And with it all comes a comradeship, a spirit that simply can't be equalled elsewhere—and I'll bet my most prized and beautiful Marine Corps button on that!

Soon I'll be heading back to Texas, to be

stationed at El Paso this time, and knowing the Marine Corps, I know the duty will be "Yo, Mac!" (and that's for "simply swell, friend!"). Hope I'll be meeting some more Kappa sisters soon, both in and out of uniform—and, of course, since I'm still a procurement officer, I can't help slipping in the hope that I'll soon be seeing many more of you in Marine Greens!



Official U. S. Marine Corps Photo

**GOLF CHAMPION PATTY BERG**, X-Minnesota, has had some proud moments on the greens and fairways of the nation's golf courses. But no moment was prouder than this one when, clad in the forest green uniform of the Marine Corps Women's Reserve, she received the gold bars of a second lieutenant in the traditional bar pinning ceremony the night before she was graduated from the Seventh Officer Candidates' Class at Camp Lejeune, New River, North Carolina. Private First Class Rose Veterito, right, is shown pinning a bar on the new lieutenant's shoulder.

## Rootin', Tootin' Recruiting . . .

# ARE WE WOMEN, LITTLE WIMMEN OR MICE?

By Helen Bower, B Δ-Michigan, Editor

THE EDITOR luffed and luffed, in a nice patriotic way.

The December KEY, which just squeaked through to most of its readers in the last days of December, thereby making an honest woman of us, in all but the out-lying precincts, got one of the quickest rises in our decade-and-more of editing. (We won't stop to tell about how manpower shortage and stuff and things hold up magazine publication these days. We won't even ask indulgence, because we are kind of on the stubborn side and will keep on being determined as possible, with the good Banta brand of coöperation, to get this here now February KEY out in February (29 days this year) and so on for the duration of our duration.)

"Fine thing!!!" fine-thinged one of our warmest friends and severest critics, who wears the stripes of a lieutenant in the W-V(S), USNR, which seems to be the official way to write WAVES. She is a Kappa from a chapter in a middle-western university, we will add, cagily, not to get too personal or give away any military and naval secrets.

"I open up the new KEY and what do I find in the article entitled 'Which Job Shall I Take?' 'Join the WAC,' but no mention of the fine Women's Reserve of the U. S. Navy. I can see no other way to remedy that but by giving us a full page in the next issue. I am enclosing an article written by a mere male but which I think is most effective so long as girls seem to depend so on their opinion. Thought you might be interested in not just reading it but putting it in THE KEY."

She goes on to say that she doesn't believe civilians have any idea how many girls are prevented from joining the women's services just because some lad says the boys don't want them to. She says this is

really detrimental to enlistment and doesn't speak well for any of us.

Seriously now we, as a civilian, *didn't* have any idea that any American male of whatever age would go around giving his girl or the girls any such line. We didn't have any idea that if an American male did talk such guff any girl who thought for herself would pay it any mind. Personally, we have been screaming ever since Pearl Harbor because we are having to sit out our second war, having been too young for the last one (in which there were none of these splendid women's services) and never mind about us and *this* war. If we're not in one of those uniforms, at least it's not because some gent has said he doesn't want us to join up.

As far as that "Join the WAC" sentence in the December KEY is concerned, it was in an article written by a Kappa who works for the War Department, as our W-V(S), USNR, lieutenant very well knows. About that she was only kidding.

The rest is trigger-quick action on her part, on behalf of all the women's services. While we're presenting this with what we fondly hope is the light touch, we're just as concerned about it as she is, and as eager to do what we can, such as suggesting that the girls pin back the ears of any lads who try to keep them from enlisting, and pin their own ears shut against any such talk.

We don't know who this "mere male" is who has been patriotically willing to write the following pep talk. But we'll accept him as sponsored and applaud him for his effort to counteract what some others have evidently been saying. THE KEY's columns are his; and may a lot of KEY readers run, not walk, to the nearest recruiting office of the service of their choice to help out "their old Uncle," who needs them. If we all don't help Uncle Sam in this jam, and we don't

mean jam session, those smooth-talking, we-don't-want-you-to-volunteer lads may find themselves in a lot worse trouble than they

have ever imagined.

So, as the mere male heads this: "What's the matter, girls?"

## What's the Matter, Girls?

FOR A CENTURY and more American women have been demanding their rights, and now they have most of them. But they haven't won full equality with men. Men have the right to be drafted in time of war, to be assigned to any service where they are thought to be needed, and to be put into any uniform, whether or not they regard it as becoming. Women haven't that right. If they wish to be WAVES, WACs, SPARS, Marines or Army and Navy nurses, they have to volunteer.

A mere male would suppose they would volunteer so fast that the only difficulty would be to sort them out. He would think they would want to prove that they are just as willing as men to go to some trouble for their country's sake. This is not the case.

Not one of the uniformed services for women has filled its quota. Not one has come near filling it.

The girls in uniform delight the male eye. They are splendid workers in offices, lab-

oratories, on flying fields, as storekeepers and supervisors. They have behaved admirably, on duty and off. They seem to like the service life. The normal amount of wholesome romance has blessed them, as it does young women in plain clothes.

Yet their sisters continue to slight the services. A great many men who should have been and could have been released to fight have had to continue doing non-combatant chores.—There weren't enough women to replace them.

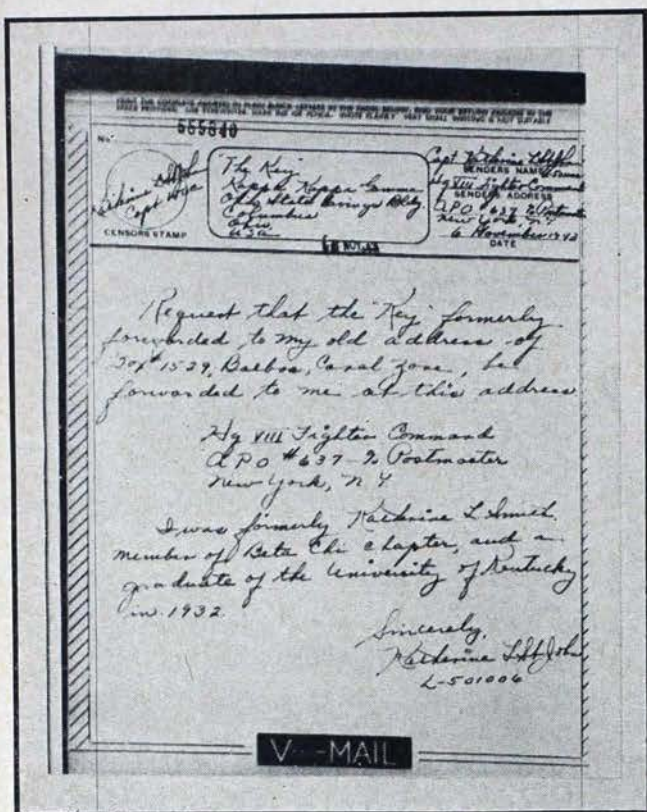
The mere male wonders what is the trouble. He can't believe that there is anything wrong with our young women. He has always admired them and intends to continue doing so.

Perhaps they just don't realize what is going on and how badly they are needed. A visit to a recruiting center—and there is one within easy reach—would enlighten them. Their old Uncle is in difficulties. He has work for his nieces as well as for his nephews.



AT AN AIR BASE for American servicemen in Canada an article in the base newspaper recently applauded the smiling courage of Dorothy Baker Metcalf (Mrs. John), X-Minnesota, Red Cross assistant who works at the base service center and spends an hour each day cheering the sick in the base hospital. The point is that Dorothy's husband, an ensign in the Navy, was taken prisoner by the Japanese at the fall of Corregidor in May, 1942. Dorothy, who had belonged to the American Red Cross motor corps, applied for overseas duty after the fall of Corregidor. She was sent to San Francisco, then to a Navy hospital in Seattle, then to the Red Cross school in Washington, D.C., for training, after which she was assigned to the Canadian base.





## THE KEY Gets More V-Mail

OUR FIRST V-mail change of address," reported central office, forwarding this letter from Captain Katherine L. St. John, WAC, B X-Kentucky, overseas. Central office wishes all Kappas thought notification of change of address was this important. "It would save us a lot of work," central office added, wistfully. For her part the editor is pleased as Punch to think that Captain St. John wants her copy of THE KEY to follow her to war. We hope this issue catches up to her and lets her know what a good example she is to all Kappas, in and out of the armed services.

## SPARring Partners

FROM the law, Kappa's council and the real estate business came these Kappas who were photographed while exchanging congratulations on completion of their SPAR officer training at the Coast Guard Academy, New London, Connecticut, last fall. At the left is Lieutenant (j.g.) Harriet L. French, B Y-West Virginia, former director of chapter organization; at right, Ensign Laura Frances Lawrence, Δ B-Duke. Ensign Lawrence, formerly a realtor in Norfolk, Virginia, was the first sister of a Coast Guard Academy graduate to have been commissioned in the SPARS. Her brother is Lieutenant Commander William J. Lawrence, USCG 1935, now in Coast Guard Aviation. Lieutenant French, a member of the National Association of Women Lawyers, is the sister-in-law of Lieutenant-Colonel Paul Clark.



Official Photograph U. S. Coast Guard Academy  
New London, Connecticut

SPARS French and Lawrence

# Marine Landed: Found Situation Well in Hand

By *Harriette Silver Scott (Mrs. Clifford J.), Γ P-Allegheny,*  
*Manager, Boyd Hearthstone*

**O**ur Kappa alumnae club house in Winter Park has been a busy place this autumn with guests coming and going since the middle of November.

One guest of especial interest to the whole fraternity was Anne Delp, a Kappa from the University of Pittsburgh, now a lieutenant in the Marine corps. Lieutenant Delp is a recruiting officer for the Marines, with headquarters in both Orlando and Miami, flying to Miami Tuesdays and flying back again to Orlando Fridays. She came to Boyd Hearthstone and stayed until she found suitable rooms in Orlando. She was a delightful guest and the fraternity may well be proud of her.

Another guest of interest to Kappas everywhere is Mrs. Virginia Wobber, a niece of Miss Elizabeth Arden. Mrs. Wobber is in charge of publicity for Miss Arden and helped to establish the beautiful and luxurious Elizabeth Arden powder rooms in our service women's centers, a project in which our fraternity has pioneered since the United States entered the war.

Mrs. Wobber has been at Boyd Hearthstone for the past month and was expecting her husband to join her here for the holidays. Miss Arden herself spent more than 10 days in January at the Heartstone with Mrs. Wobber.

In January the house welcomed a new-comer, Mrs. Anne DeWolfe Mack, a Kappa from Cornell, who is arriving with her sister to remain until spring.

While the house is filled to capacity changes sometimes occur, so anyone wishing to stay at Boyd Hearthstone should write at once to Mrs. Clifford J. Scott, 800 Interlachen avenue, Winter Park, Florida.



**LIEUTENANT ANNE DELP, USMCWR, Γ E-Pittsburgh, found Boyd Hearthstone a housing help on recruiting assignment.**



## Fraternity to Install New Chapter

Delta Xi chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma is to be installed at the Carnegie Institute of Technology, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, February 17, 1944.



**ALICE ANNE LONGLEY ROBERTS** (Mrs. Frank H.), I-DePauw

## True to Blue-and-Blue and (Navy) Blue

**N**AVY WIVES are the fraternity's field secretaries these wartime days. Both are wives of lieutenants (j.g.), and both dash madly for the coast when their ships come into port. Both husbands have been in the south Pacific, where recently they met for the first time.

Alice Anne Longley Roberts (Mrs. Frank H.), I-DePauw, shares chapter visiting field schedules with Martha May Galleher Cox (Mrs. L. E.). After her graduation from DePauw, Alice Anne was graduate counselor for Delta Nu chapter at Massachusetts State college, where she took graduate work in psychology.

Otherwise Alice Anne is on the reticent side about herself. But she hopes some day that both lieutenants will be in their home port at the same time, so that she can meet Marty's husband, "Bud" Cox.



**ARRIVED** safely in England, where they have been assigned as hospital recreation workers for the American Red Cross, are Erma Shuham, left, and her sister, Margaret Shuham, both of Γ Γ Whitman. Until they joined the Red Cross staff, they were school teachers, Erma in Berkeley, California, and previously in Vancouver; and Margaret in Vancouver.

## "Red Crossers" Are Home Folks to the 'Boys' in England

THROUGH THE kindness of her mother, Mrs. Arvid L. Frank, of Tucson, Arizona, THE KEY has received excerpts from letters written to her parents by Marjorie Spencer Frank, Y-Northwestern, Red Cross recreation director at an Aero club somewhere in England.

"A Red Cross field director is in charge and two Red Cross girls constitute the American staff," reported Marjorie, in a letter before Christmas. "The rest are British volunteer and paid workers.

"The club has reading rooms, game room, dance floor, snack bar and large kitchen. The snack bar opens at 4 o'clock and stays open until 11 o'clock, closing time. I live in a building very near. They are putting in a stove for me today. You'd laugh to see me fill my canteen with boiling water every night and use it for a hot water bottle. There are all sorts of tricks you get on to.

"We eat with the officers and I think I must have gained five pounds already. It's the best food in England, they say, and of course I nibble all day on the wonderful pastries they make here for the boys.

"These clubs serve a wonderful purpose, because there is so little for the boys to do. The Red Cross Service clubs take care of them while on leave and we take care of them on their post. As I see it, we work mostly with the Special Service officers to bring some entertainment and feeling of home to our boys. The other night I had 200 of them playing bingo, and I had 20 cakes for prizes. They loved the cakes and seemed to enjoy the bingo greatly.

"Honestly, speaking of the 'boys,' you'd get a big kick out of them. They are so downright hungry for companionship of American girls, and of course all Red Crossers represent just that, that they can't do enough for us. Here are some of the things I received just this week from different G. I.s: can of pineapple (they haven't seen pineapple here in four years), two fresh eggs, bottle of cough medicine, a fruit cake, new stove put in my room, electrical extensions in my room, wool scarf, jar of preserves, etc., etc."

Another letter, interpreted by her family to mean that enemy raiders had bombed

the post, reported that Marjorie had gone to London on a business trip, that the club was being redecorated and that she and a new Red Cross girl with her at the club had been staying with an English family. It concluded with the news that they were "fine and well. They call us the 'Glory



MARJORIE FRANK, Y-Northwestern

Girls," obviously a tribute to their conduct under the circumstances, whatever they were.

AFTER Christmas Marjorie wrote of the holiday festivities.

"Well, we have had the most wonderful Christmas!

"Christmas Eve we had free cokes and cookies for the boys and an impromptu show. The place was mobbed and everyone seemed to have a good time. Christmas Day Ruth and I in two large army trucks drove 14 miles to get the orphans for our party. They were expecting us and so thrilled. We had 38 little girls and two boys and the matron. We came back to the Officers' club where the men were waiting for the

children. Each child had two to six adopted daddies who took her in to dinner.

"Those children had never seen such food, and they ate and ate. After dinner the men gave them candy and gum. Then we brought them over to the club, where we had two trees, cokes, cookies and lots of presents. *Some of the men had even written home for presents for this*

*party.* We played games, had impersonations. Two boys put on a jitterbug dance, and the chaplain presented the matron with £25, which the men had collected. She said that money would run the house for a month. We took some official pictures and finally sent them home at 5 o'clock, tired, happy and loaded with presents, candy, etc. It was a swell day, and Ruth and I felt pretty good about it."



Photograph, courtesy of Denison News Bureau

IN THE state-wide WAC poster contest conducted among art students in Ohio colleges before Christmas, first and second prizes went to two Kappas from Gamma Omega chapter at Denison university. Rose Ann Heidenreich, freshman, left, won the first prize of a \$25 war bond and Patricia Hudson, sophomore, won the second prize of \$10 in war stamps. The Kappas are students in the art course being taught by John Peter Taylor. Third place went to Ohio State and fourth prize, plus two honorable mentions, also went to Denison students. The prize-winning posters will be sent to Washington for display. Ruth Ann is the sister of Phyllis Heidenreich, also  $\Gamma$   $\Omega$ .

### Council Corner

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grams, or of all fraternity planning, be it men's fraternities or women's, cannot be better expressed than it was by Alvan E. Duerr in his article, "A Challenge to Fraternities" as printed in the October issue of *Banta's Greek Exchange*: "What is needed above all, and what cannot be over-emphasized, is a true purpose, a *real* interpretation of the high-sounding phrases which the National Interfraternity Confer-

ence includes in its Principles of Democracy: 'A satisfying personal and national life; a sense of responsibility to self, to college, to country, and to society; the spiritual values of life as the foundation of the truly democratic way of living.' And we would add with greater emphasis friendship and truth, at a time when both are a scarcity on the market of human understanding."



## Army-Navy Chairman . . .

# FINDS SATISFACTIONS IN SERVICE

*By Margaret Baughman Craig (Mrs. Malin, Jr.), Γ K-William and Mary*

A NEW YEAR is here, and may this one be one of more hope, and may there be more homes intact and the world at large less chaotic. If the world situation has settled down, it would mean less work for the Army-Navy chairman. But who likes to work, any way, when one does not have to?

There are many great satisfactions that come from this job. When you can feel that you have helped someone find a friend when she or he is in a strange place, it makes you glow inside and spurs you on to try again. The other day a postcard was received from Honolulu from our alumnae president there in response to a clipper letter asking that she try to get in touch with a Kappa son stationed there. It reads as follows, "Thanks for your letter forwarding the information about Mrs. Garlich's son. It came this afternoon and within five minutes I was talking with him on the phone. He promises to come out to dinner at the first opportunity, and I hope to be able to introduce him to a few single Kappas."

Many requests have been sent out to have Kappa sons shown a little "Kappa hospitality." There have been responses from some similar to the one above and from others not a word, but when you receive one like the above it makes up for all of the inconveniences and time that has to be spent on this work to keep things going.

Around 40 Kappas' names and addresses

have been sent to alumnae groups and Kappas requesting that they look up these sisters. We are only too glad to do this service if we can get the information.

We have had news from many Kappas married to service men in every branch of the service that you have ever heard of, and many I dare say that have missed the newspapers. There are husbands in Iceland, Alaska, South Pacific, England, Italy, India and on many secret missions in all of the seas. There are some that have returned from overseas, but the majority are still plugging along. We hail these brave men and the wives waiting for their return.

There are also many of the Kappa wives who are still with their husbands, or at least are near enough to see them over the weekend. The latter group is luckier for the moment, but their time for farewell will come only too soon and we must look to those who have already said good-bye for our strength. We hail these men who are preparing to go, for they are just as brave and we Kappa wives must not let them down.

How many Kappas we have overseas with different organizations I do not know, but I am sure they are all doing a good job. Three cheers for them and here's to a safe return.

Any news at any time is always acceptable.



Photographs by courtesy of *The Columbus Citizen*

**WHILE KAPPA'S** officers were visibly wearing orchids for the opening of the Columbus Service Women's Center, December 17, 1943, at the Chittenden Hotel, the orchids-to-you department included all the Kappas who had had a share in arranging for the newest of the fraternity's service women's centers. In this picture, from the left, are Frances Davis Evans (Mrs. Richard), B N-Ohio State; Catherine Wilson Nolen (Mrs. Herman C.), H-Wisconsin; Clara O. Pierce, B N, executive secretary, K K Γ; Augusta Menefee Huntington (Mrs. Hugh), B N; Captain Donna M. Werback, WAC; Elizabeth Bogert Schofield (Mrs. Everett), M-Butler, president, K K Γ, and Captain Anne E. Sweeney, WAC.

## Columbus Center . . .

### ADDS TO KAPPA MEMORIES OF HISTORIC HOTEL

**E**ARLY LAST spring a committee composed of Isabel Hatton, as chairman, Nola Dysle Havens and Clara O. Pierce, all B N-Ohio State, met to discuss the need of a service women's center in Columbus. Several hotels were approached about space; and then the chairman suddenly joined the Navy, in the branch known as "WIVES," before any decision had been reached. Nola Havens then took over the chairmanship.

By fall we thought we were fortunate to have an offer of space, which although not entirely satisfactory spurred us on to look further. In October a suitable suite was found in the historic Chittenden hotel, within 10 minutes' walk from the Union station and as close to the shopping center and movies.

The present Chittenden hotel opened its doors in 1894 as one of the first fireproof-

constructed hotels in America, replacing the one erected in 1889 and destroyed by fire. Six years later Kappas attending the 15th national convention, on the Ohio State university campus, celebrated their final banquet at this hotel and were presented with beautiful souvenir spoons, according to the custom of the day. In this same hotel Beta Nu gave many of its social functions for the next two decades, and has many fond memories of this location. In later years newer hotels gained in popularity; but with the scarcity of housing facilities the Chittenden is again regaining its lost fame.

The first of November the work started in earnest. The decorating committee, headed by Marguerite Heiner McKillip, B N, sorted out from the hotel storage room old furniture which had possibilities for renovating. There were weekly meetings in the Kappa central office or on the hotel's mezzanine floor, which houses part of Sarah Bernhardt's collection of paintings and furniture (property of Albert Pick, Jr., president of the Albert Pick Hotel corporation). The plan for the lounge was to carry out the furnishings suitable to the Victorian era. Hotel rooms promised to us were vacated, and the decorating of the walls was begun. Due to the scarcity of materials the color scheme for the draperies and slip covers had to be changed several times. Every available Kappa was pressed into service to sew or paint (even the husband of the chairman), so the lounge was completed in record time.

December 17 was the opening date. By late afternoon everything was in readiness for the reception which was from 5 until 9 p.m. A small ball room opening off our suite had been decorated with Christmas greens for the occasion by Sarah Robinson Parker, B N. Here the members of the reception committee greeted the guests. Members of the press, prominent business men, representatives of Panhellenic and other women's organizations, civic and university officials, as well as Kappas, Kappa husbands and Kappa mothers and fathers were invited. We were particularly honored to have with us the wife of Ohio's governor, Harriet Day Bricker, B N, Elizabeth Bogert

Schofield, M-Butler, president of Kappa Kappa Gamma; Clara O. Pierce, executive secretary, and Elizabeth Arden's Chicago representative, Mrs. Nell Dale. Between 200 and 300 guests came to admire the transformation which had taken place and to find out just what this type of project had to offer.



*THAT now-famous service women's center plaid used in the decorating scheme for all the Elizabeth Arden powder rooms in the coast-to-coast K K I-sponsored centers ruffles the curtains and makes a handsome bow being adjusted by Mrs. Nell Dale, right, Elizabeth Arden representative while Nola Dysle Havens (Mrs. William F.), B N, Columbus Service Women's Center chairman, looks on at the left.*

The approach to the lounge is down a long wide hall. Over the entrance door is the fraternity coat-of-arms in blue and blue, around which is artistically worked "Women's Service Center Sponsored by Kappa Kappa Gamma." A desk, easy chairs, table, mirror and bulletin boards furnish the reception room, which also serves as an office. Opening off the reception room is the lounge. The walls done in soft rose lend a background to green slip-covered furniture, plaid ruffled curtains and flowered chintz used on the chairs and screen. The old furniture has been painted black with gold trim. Off the lounge is the Elizabeth Arden powder room, done in the same plaids used at the other centers, the powder bar in aqua with matching stools. The curtains of plaid are draped back with enormous chartreuse bows (the windows are 13 feet high, which gives an idea of the type of room). In an offset are two cots covered

with aqua and decorated with plaid pillows. The bath, which dates back to the days of early plumbing, catches the feminine eye. Mary Sheldon Long, B N, has made this transformation a real work of art by the decoration of the pink walls with clusters of deep red carnations. The antiquity of the bath tub has been skillfully concealed by the use of a draped aqua curtain.



**LOIS PEEBLES HOFFMAN** (Mrs. Fred W.), B Z-Iowa, personnel director of the Columbus Service Women's Center, plays for some singing by Lieutenant Ruth Hunt, WAC; Spar 3/c Aayrelle Esteppe and Corporal Cathrine Cooke, WAC.

The radio broadcast with Janice Haggerty, B N, as master of ceremonies was an innovation at the opening. Every Friday night Columbus radio listeners can get news of the center on their dials at 7:15 over radio station WCOL.

**S**INCE this lounge is the first and only one for women in the Fifth Service Command, it has created much favorable comment. All branches of the service are represented in this area, and since Columbus is a railroad center we will provide entertainment and relaxation between trains for the score of women forced to spend several hours in this city, as well as those stationed

in this vicinity. A series of informal parties for the week-ends is being planned for the girls and their escorts, and indications are that it will be a popular meeting place.

Credit for the success of the Columbus Center should go to the president of the alumnae association, Frances Davis Evans, B N; chairman, Nola Dysle Havens, B N; vice-chairman, Margaret Carter Spear, B N; treasurer, Elizabeth Zartman, B N; secretary, Anne Farber, B N; corresponding secretary, Katherine Taylor, B N; publicity chairman, Marcia Pembroke Steffan, B N; decorating committee chairman, Marguerite Heiner McKillip, B N; chairman personnel and staffing, Lois Peebles Hoffman, B Z-Iowa; chairman entertainment, Katherine Willson Nolan, H-Wisconsin; office organization, Evelyn Ennes Dunkel, B N, Kathleen Firestone Carruthers, P<sup>A</sup>-Ohio Wesleyan; books and magazines, Edna Pratt Brown, B N; cookies, Virginia Eckelberry Wells, P<sup>A</sup>; candy and cigarettes, Jean Taylor, B N; radio program, Janice Haggerty, B N; chairman sales stamps, Elizabeth Baldwin Burdell, X-Minnesota; flowers, Sarah Robinson Parker, B N. Members of the board of advisers are Harriet Day Bricker, B N; Clara O. Pierce, B N; Eleanor Penniman Boardman, B N; Ruth Bullock Chastang, B N; Elaine Kniseley Mackey, P<sup>A</sup>; Sarah Tritt Rankin, Γ Ω-Denison; Frances Davis Evans, B N; Nola Dysle Havens, B N, and Margaret Carter Spear, B N.

The finance committee did a commendable piece of work. Four classifications of contributors were set up as follows: sponsors, contributors, sustaining and active. Gifts were received from the Mothers' club, Beta Nu chapter and friends, in addition to many members of the alumnae association. Those who worked on the committee are: Elizabeth Baldwin Burdell, X; Mary Bonnet Koebel, B N; Elma Hamilton Ebright, B N; Helene Taft Sanderson, B N; Marjorie Stanley Hoag, B N; Anne Fredericks Owens, B N; Sarah Tritt Rankin, Γ Ω, and Clara O. Pierce, B N.

The staffing of the center is handled by alumnae members, Mothers' club and Beta Nu chapter. Hours are from 12 noon until 9 p.m., except week-ends when the center will be open later hours.



UNCLE SAM'S Aunt Martha in the striped hat is Martha Pankau Hunt (Mrs. R. B.), B T-Syracuse), entertainment chairman for the New York Kappa Service Women's Center in the Biltmore. At the party given recently for 450 enlisted men and women Martha had no trouble drumming up interest in those yummy Elizabeth Arden lipsticks presented to the service women.

## Bouncingest Baby . . .

### BILTMORE CENTER ROUNDS OFF YEAR OF SERVICE

By Elizabeth Stewart Goodwin (Mrs. Bernard), B K-Idaho

THE BABY was one year old January 14, 1944. Its name-tag, hung over a broad stairway beside the flower stall at the Biltmore in New York, says "Service Women's Center, sponsored by Kappa Kappa Gamma." So, it belongs to ALL you Kappas, even if New York alumnae association is the "nurse on duty" most of the time.

It doesn't have blue eyes and blonde hair,

but it has teal blue walls with beige wood-work (except in the officer's lounge and the powder room; these are dusty pink). Its god-mother is Elizabeth Arden, who supplied that same famous powder room and has underwritten several of the Center parties. The Biltmore hotel undoubtedly qualifies as godfather, having given us an entire mezzanine wing.

Virginia Conner, Δ-Akron, stands high on our list of benefactors. Retained by Miss Arden to do the powder room, she became interested in the decoration problem of the Center as a whole. The Biltmore supplied plenty of furniture, but it all came from different parts of the hotel and was not, strictly speaking, a happy symphony of line and color. After lying awake a few nights worrying, Virginia came in with a complete plan of decoration which involved a minimum of expense and has resulted in a completely charming effect throughout the two lounges and enormous reception room.

The Phillip Morris people, too, are right in there pitching, to the tune of thousands of free cigarettes per week.

During the eight months prior to Christ-

mas holidays 27,000 people were entertained at the Center. It is a great tribute to our "offspring" that service women are so eager to show her off to their friends and families. It is not unusual for a girl in uniform to drop in with mother, father and three or four brothers and sisters. "They just arrived in town," she explains, "and I wanted them to see what a nice club you've given us."

Our Kappa child, it is painful to report, is keeping very late hours. The official closing time is 9 P.M., which is most reasonable since the day starts no later than noon on week-days, 11 A.M. Saturdays and 10 A.M. Sunday mornings. But if you think the phones remain unanswered at 9:05 P.M.—no! They're usually picked up by a loyal



ONE OF THE piano-playingest Kappas is Helen Myers, B Θ-Oklahoma, former Theta province president, as convention-going Kappas will remember. Within the "blues" triangle of the piano top Helen is pictured as she played between dances at the New York Kappas' party for officer personnel at the Princeton club last November.

Kappa hostess as late as 11:30!

The reasons for this vary. Perhaps one or more service women are asleep on some Kappa Center sofa and no one has the heart to disturb them. Perhaps there is a girl, or more often girls, waiting around New York to make a midnight train for points north, south or west. Then again, it may be that the late visitors have been looking all day for a room in which to spend the night and that neither they nor Kappa Kappa Gamma can find one. (Yes, there is a hotel shortage in New York, too.) One such night Kappa's historian and our New York alumnae president, Almira Johnson McNaboe (Mrs. James F.), H-Wisconsin, took two service women home with her for the night. We only mention this because there were two. When she just takes one home it doesn't come under the heading of news. Nor do we even pause to note that her electric casserole has been, for almost a year, in the home of a Center visitor who was setting up housekeeping in New York with her service bridegroom. Nor do we even mention her electric iron, on daily duty at the Center.

**M**ATTER of fact, amid all the routine of locating places for service women to live, find entertainment, write letters, make up their faces, meet their friends, etc., nothing is more important than the mending and reconditioning service. The Kappa mending kit has had to be replenished several times with thread, buttons and such. The portable ironing board is often hauled out. Once two WACs arrived, very travel-worn, from Washington. They had a 24-hour leave and were determined to "do" New York. They sat up most of the night in a coach, reported early Sunday at the Center a little abashed. "We're grimy," they said. "We can't go around New York like this." So they were ushered into the Center washroom where they did out their shirts, stockings, underclothes and then held an electric fan over them to make them dry quicker. After a few well-placed strokes with the community iron they departed for an early luncheon, immaculate.

Stockings are on sale at the Center at

cost for those who get caught with a run on Sunday or after store hours.

The Center does a big business in first aid generally and taking things out of eyes in particular. It has been fortunate in having Dr. Mary Crawford,  $\Psi$ -Cornell, in attendance at the most strategic moments.

Monday and Thursday evenings "Tommy" gives free haircuts to service women. He's a hair stylist and this is his contribution to the war effort. The girls in uniform gather in the lounges an hour or two in advance and wait patiently for their turn.

Hard candy, chocolates and caramels provided by the Center disappear at the rate of about 35 to 40 pounds per week-end. But that is not much, considering the attendance on a single Sunday has often topped 700.

We haven't yet had a wedding at the Center, but almost. We've made all the arrangements for one, even to the license, blood tests, witnesses, hotel accommodations. Then the staff on duty polished off with flowers to the newlyweds.

Over the holidays there was "open house"—Christmas day, the Sunday after and on New Year's day. Punch was served and all the service women invited to reach into a large stocking grab-bag of small gifts.

A party for men and women officers was given November 27 at the Princeton club, under the auspices of the Center and made possible by Elizabeth Arden's generosity. Miss Arden's attendance at the dance was one of the highlights. Earlier, under the same arrangements, a party for 450 enlisted men and women had been given at the Biltmore. Martha Pankau Hunt (Mrs. R. B.), B T-Syracuse, is entertainment chairman—a job that includes both the planning and carry-through on all Center parties.

Just one final word, sisters. It costs money to run the Center, despite our many generous friends. There are terrific phone bills to meet, stationery to be supplied for the service women, lots of incidentals. If you haven't a Kappa "baby" in your own locality to support, you MAY want to make a gift to this hard-working little tot in New York!



*Official Photograph, U. S. Naval Air Station*

*While their husbands learn to be sea-going, these Kappas have organized informally, to be helpful to the Florida community in which they are part of the floating population.*

## Kappa Wives at Pensacola Helped Christmas Seal Sale

*By Harriet Cummer Christensen (Mrs. W. H.), Σ-Nebraska, and  
Jean Walt Tyner (Mrs. George S.), Σ*

ADA HILTON-GREEN RILEY (Mrs. F. W.), Β O-Newcomb, who is the Kappa Army-Navy chairman for Pensacola, Florida, had the inspiration last spring to get together all of the Kappas whose husbands might be located at the Naval Air Training Station. Her plan proved successful, and a group met at her home. So last fall she decided to try again with the idea of some sort of a definite organization.

Thus, October 28, through a notice in the local newspaper, plus word of mouth publicity, she succeeded again in gathering to-

gether about 15 Kappas from all parts of the country at a tea in her own home. We met there again the following week to formulate plans. Mary Taylor Lhamon (Mrs. R. M.), Σ, whose husband is commanding officer of the Naval hospital, was chosen chairman of the group, with Harriet Cummer Christensen (Mrs. W. H.), Σ, as secretary.

It was realized that such a group would not be of a permanent nature, because of the frequent changes in personnel at the station, so no formal alumnae organization

could be started. However, with the nucleus of four permanent Pensacola Kappas, we felt we could get together as an informal group, and devote our talents to whatever project could use our services.

Our first service came at the November meeting, when we were asked by Mrs. George Murray, wife of Rear Admiral Murray, commandant of the Naval Air Station, to assist in the preparation for mailing of the 1943 tuberculosis Christmas seals. There were 13 of us, with about 10 chaplains' wives, who devoted a day to this project. Nina Short Crispell (Mrs. Raymond S.), Γ Δ-Purdue, gave an interesting talk on the history of tuberculosis seals, and the progress made through the sale of seals.

For our December meeting, plans were made for preparing Christmas wreaths for patients' trays, Christmas day, in the Naval hospital. We met the Friday before Christ-

mas at the home of Mrs. Lhamon to cut out the wreaths and cover them with greenery and berries.

Among the members present at Mrs. Murray's, and shown in the group picture, are the following Kappas: Harriet Cummer Christensen (Mrs. W. H.), Σ; Margaret Holder Tolton (Mrs. W. J.), Β Ο; Jean Driver Jansen (Mrs. L. F.), Γ Γ-Whitman College; Mary Taylor Lhamon (Mrs. R. M.), Σ; Dorothy Geary Martin (Mrs. Pratt), Β Ο; Eleanor McMillan Moorhead (Mrs. John A.), Χ-Minnesota; Ada Hilton-Green Riley (Mrs. F. W.), Β Ο; Fauntleroy Caldwell Robinson (Mrs. Grover C.), Γ ΙΙ-Alabama; Jean Walt Tyner (Mrs. George S.), Σ; Margaret Yniestra Van Evera (Mrs. John R.), Γ ΙΙ; Nina Short Crispell (Mrs. Raymond S.), Γ Δ; DeeBet Ritzhaupt, Β Θ-Oklahoma, and Mrs. H. Gail Moore, Β Θ.



## Stars in Kappa Service Flags . . .

Rear Admiral John F. Shafroth, in the Southwest Pacific with Admiral Halsey, is the husband of Helena Marshall Fischer Shafroth, Β Ε-Barnard. Mrs. Shafroth recently became the grandmother of twins, John Shafroth Lutz and Patricia Marshall Lutz.

Lieutenant-Colonel William Lewis, Jr., commanding officer of a bomber group at a western air base, is the husband of Eleanor Wherry Lewis, Δ Η-Utah. Colonel Lewis spent a year in the Southwest Pacific and was one of the two Flying Fortress pilots who brought General MacArthur and his staff from the Philippines to Australia.

Lieutenant-Colonel E. O. G. Kirwan, with the British forces in India, is the husband of Mary Therckelsen Kirwan, Β Η-Stanford. The Kirwans lived for 14 years in Calcutta, but Mrs. Kirwan and her two sons, in college in British Columbia, are home for the duration.

Captain Robert Frederick Fackler, Army Air Force, is the husband of Phyllis Niswonger Fackler, Γ Ω-Denison. Captain Fackler has returned from overseas duty as a pursuit pilot in Africa, where he was awarded the Air medal with three oak leaf clusters, the Distinguished Flying Cross and three French decorations, including the Croix de Guerre.

Lieutenant David C. Affleck, husband of Jane Fowler Affleck, Β ΡΔ-Cincinnati, is in the Philippine Military Prison Camp, No. 2. After having had no word since April, 1942, Mrs. Affleck received two cards from her husband last fall. The Afflecks lived in Cebu, Philippine Islands, from 1934 until 1941, when they returned to the United States on home leave. Mrs. Affleck was refused a passport when her husband went back to the islands in August, 1941. Assistant manager for the Procter and Gamble Trading company, Mr. Affleck was commissioned in the Army after Pearl Harbor. Mrs. Affleck is on the Home Service staff of the Cincinnati chapter, American Red Cross.

Hiram F. Appelget, 25 years old, son of Helen Gallup Appelget (Mrs. Thomas C.), Χ-Minnesota, was reported missing in the Tunisian campaign. Pilot of a medium bomber, his plane was shot down during a raid over an enemy objective. To date nothing has been heard of him or his crew.

# KAPPA KAPPA GAMMA ALUMNAE WAR PROGRAM CHAR

(Continued from October issue of THE KEY)

Association	Army-Navy Chairman	Service Men or Kappa Transfer Blanks used by Association	Hospitality to Kappas or Kappa Relatives in Armed Forces or War Industry	Military or Industrial Location	Group Cooperation with Official Agencies	Membership Percentage Participating in Group Activity	Method	Volunteer or Financial Aid and Financial Aid Source
Denver	Mrs. Francis M. Bain, Jr. 755 Gaylord St., Denver, Colo.	No	Written notes to relative and each boy asking him to contact us. If he does, we have offered hospitality, such as dinner in a home, date, etc.	Yes	USO		Went as group as donors to blood bank. Entertaining service women; helped with Buckley Field radio program and paid for three winners' telephone calls home.	Volunteer gifts from members
Long Beach	Mrs. Maynard A. Wood, 2117 E. Second St., Long Beach, Cal.	Yes	Dinner invitations in Kappa homes; cards to relatives to offer assistance.	Both	Los Angeles area K K F Service Women's Center	25%	Help staff Los Angeles Service Women's Center	Both

## The Editor Reflects

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In making these points, which will never be made unless a Greek calls attention to them, there is no thought of petty credit-seeking. The war must be won. Toward that end all of us will give the skills and possessions at our command.

We simply want to note that the Greek-letter fraternity system has a great deal to give to this defense of democracy and the Four Freedoms; and that its members are contributing to the war effort, distinctively, what has been given them as college Greeks.



## Anne Clare Brokaw

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her, and in continuing to miss her, we feel that the time she spent with us was an inspiration.

### "The Great and Sometimes Terrifying Mystery of Everything About Us"

**F**UNERAL SERVICES for Ann Clare Brokaw were conducted in the Stanford Memorial church, January 14, by Dr. D. Elton Trueblood, with faculty and student friends participating.

Dr. Frederick Spiegelberg, instructor in the School of Humanities at Stanford, read excerpts from a paper written by Ann two weeks before, explaining that he believed they revealed her depth of understanding. She had written:

"It is true that the more we learn, the more

we realize how little we know, for at those times we seem to feel the great and sometimes terrifying mystery of everything about us.

"As things become at first more and more mysterious, then finally, all of a sudden, crystal-clear, unmistakable, thrillingly real, or to be honest, ineffable, we realize that the way (The Tao) lies in broadening our consciousness to the maximum so that it might better grasp the broadest, the most limitless and infinite reality that is God."

### From an Alumna of Beta Eta

"Her tragic death was a great shock to Beta Eta chapter, as well as to all of us who knew her. She was a fine girl, with high ideals and one with a poise beyond her years. Her passing is indeed a great loss to Kappa."

# APP A KAPPA GAMMA ALUMNAE WAR PROGRAM CHART

(Continued from October issue of THE KEY)

Individual Cooperation with Official Agencies	Volunteer Agency Offices held by Membership	Government or Defense Workers	Service Women	Aid to Service Women and Recreational Units for Service Women
US, USO, DAR, Junior ue, nearly all 10 branches of Cross	Mrs. Richard E. Pate, Jr. (Anne Fahnestock, B M), Belle Bonfils Memorial Blood Bank Mrs. Herbert C. Watson (Dorothy Cummings, T N), technician, Colorado General Hospital		Ineva Reilly Meyer, B M, SPAR Vera Corlett, BM, Lt., WAC Sally Davis, B M, Capt., WAC Ruth Ringland, S, WAC Marine Mayer Hecox, B M, WAC	<i>Have foundation plans laid for Kappa Service Women's Center as soon as enough service girls arrive in town to warrant such endeavor</i>
Cross, AWVS, Canteen, CA, War Chest, Nurses' First Aid, etc.	Mary McKinley Rathbun, B F, graduate staff assistant, Red Cross Mary Lou Cary Herbert (Mrs. James K.), B Z, chr. Red Cross at L. A. Port of Embarkation Betsy Taubman (Mrs. George P.), national vice-president, Pro- America Chelsey Final Kramer (Mrs. Harry), vice-chairman, Bay Area Grey Ladies	Helen Mae Smith Thompson (Mrs. J. D.), taught food classes for children in juvenile delinquency program and canning classes for adults un- der government program Margaret V. Richardson Ger- main (Mrs. Parker H.), Doug- las Aircraft Frances Kent Peterson (Mrs. Bartlett), nurse, Cal-ship Helen Cather, Douglas Aircraft		<i>Help run the Los Angeles Area Kappa Service Wom- en's Center</i>

## Lou Henry Hoover

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send to Beta Eta "little sister Jean," now Jean Henry Large (Mrs. Guthrie).

We Kappas were happy when we learned that Lou was to be married to young Bert Hoover—a Stanford graduate, whom she had met when they were both students in geology here.

The day after the marriage, off they went to China, and to adventures. For a time a home was maintained in London, in the Red House where the latch string was always out for Kappas and Stanford friends. Wherever Mr. Hoover's profession called him, Siberia to Burma, Lou's first purpose was to establish a comfortable home for her famous husband and two sons. Her keen and scientifically trained mind made her a congenial and helpful companion. She was always available and always ready. Mean-time she never lost her dynamic interest in people; and her memories of her girlhood

experiences and friends were never dimmed.

Within her heart, Lou loved the out-of-doors and the informal life. However, when honors and great responsibility came to her, she endeared herself to all with whom she came in contact, by her wide outlook, gracious hospitality and untiring interest in humanitarian activities.

Lou Hoover was a true patriot, and she possessed unique, rare attributes of which we Kappas may all be proud. We rejoice that it has been our privilege to have known and loved Lou Henry Hoover.

MARY MERRITT WHITAKER (Mrs. A. C.)  
ETHEL McLELLAN WARD (Mrs. E. V.)  
IDA WEHNER

January 16, 1944  
Stanford University  
California

# CHI CHAPTER . . . Gets on Scholarship Beam

*By Nora Boyd, X-Minnesota*

**Y**EAR before last when the sororities' scholastic ratings for 1941 were published at Minnesota, we Chi Kappas grinned from ear to ear and threw our chests out proudly. We were in second place. This was a nice improvement over 1940, when we were eighth in line.

Then we read Helen Snyder Andres' article in the October 1943 KEY concerning the 19 Kappa chapters which earned scholastic firsts on their campuses. This gave us an added incentive to work harder for first place at Minnesota.

To improve our scholastic standing we attempted a program which had been followed more or less consistently the year that we made such an advance. Besides having our scholarship chairman and her committee stress the importance of scholarship, we are grooving our Big Sister organization and our pledge trainer work along the same line.

We began our improvement campaign by "getting 'em young and training 'em." This campus went on a quota system with regard to rushing last fall and we were limited to 15 pledges. We knew we had to be careful, so we put more emphasis on scholarship as a qualification for pledging than we have ever done before.

Our pledge trainer, Christine Meyerding, gets excellent marks herself and is interested in seeing that the pledges do the same. She has kept before our new members the idea that, now more than ever, sororities are being called upon to prove that they have an excuse for being. She has made the pledges realize that a high scholastic average is an excellent excuse for the existence of any organization. They know, too, that with their coöperation Chi chapter intends to get its collective average up to the top and keep it there.

Mary Jean Greig, chairman of the Big Sisters, has gone at her job systematically. From the active members she has chosen girls whose grades are far above average, girls who are keenly interested in their

school work. Other years this has not been a prime requisite for "Big Sisterhood."

The Big Sisters have been asked to have a discussion with their pledge charges at least every two weeks. The purpose of these talks is to discover which subjects are of particular interest to a pledge and, more important, to discover with which subjects she is having difficulties. At active meeting the Big Sisters report to the chapter on the progress of their individual charges. If a pledge is having trouble with one of her courses an active who knows something about it volunteers, or is drafted, to help her.

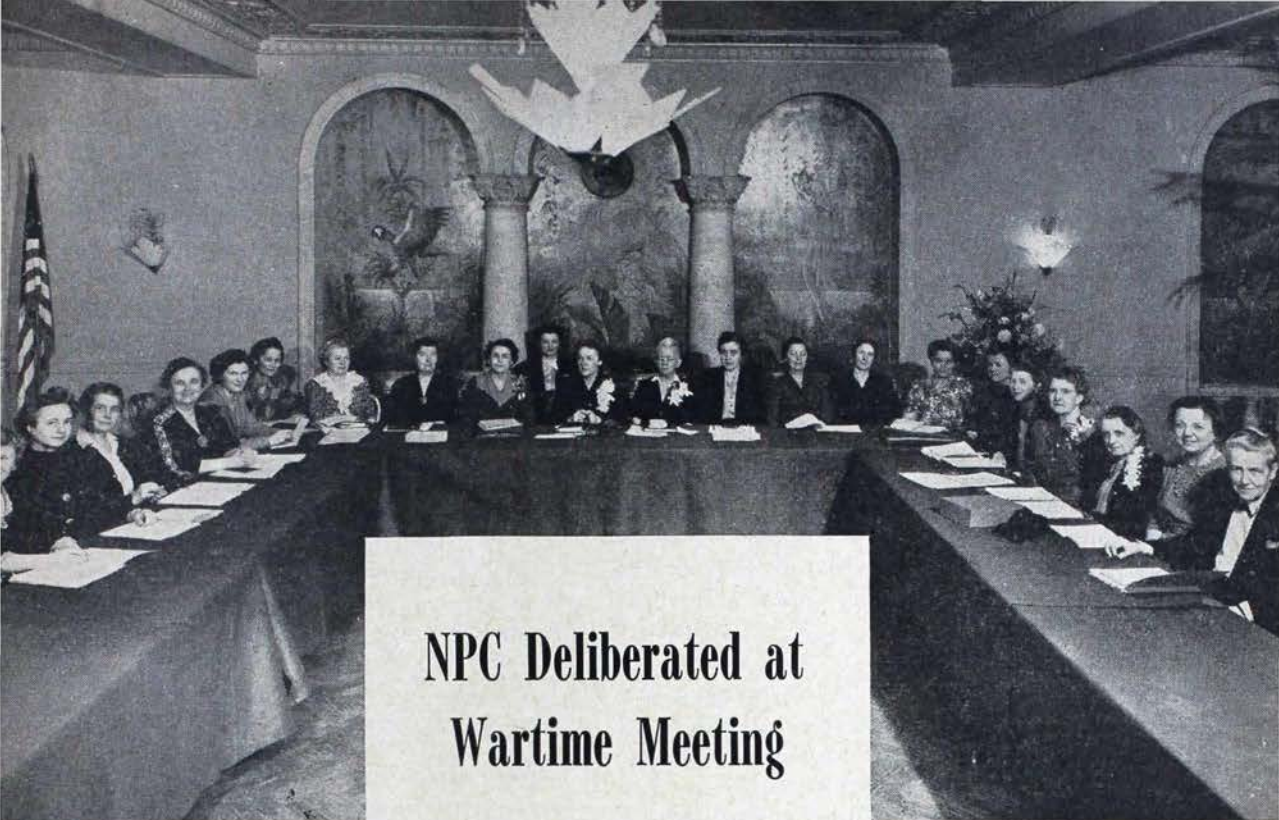
Because the Big Sisters are taking this part of their responsibility more seriously than they have other years the chapter as a whole has been able to keep in closer contact with the progress of the pledges.

**W**E REALIZE that the program we are carrying out is not a new or revolutionary one. But by placing more responsibility for scholarship on the Big Sisters and on the pledge trainer we have been able to take some of the responsibility off the shoulders of the scholarship chairman, and we have made the whole chapter more "grade-conscious."

According to Bonnie Boyd, scholarship chairman, and Christine Meyerding, pledge trainer, we may expect a large percentage of the pledges to make their average by the end of this quarter. Their weekly grades have been exceptionally good, on the whole.

The psychological effect of this program has been good. An active hesitates to suggest that a pledge do more studying or improve her grades if she has not kept up her own grades. Several of the actives have started keeping study charts, just as they did when they were pledges.

We have found working through the Big Sisters and the pledge trainer toward higher scholarship to be a good plan. We hope that other chapters will try this method and be pleased with its results.



## NPC Deliberated at Wartime Meeting

### \$500 Voted to Red Cross Blood Donor Service

*By Amy Burnham Onken, Secretary, National Panhellenic Congress; Π Β Φ Delegate*

THE TWENTY-EIGHTH National Panhellenic Congress at the Medinah club, Chicago, October 30 to November 1, 1943, purposely limited in its program to business sessions and officers' discussion groups, found in these the inspiration which sent the fraternity officers who made up its personnel back to their work with the renewed strength and courage which come with a deepened consciousness of the vital importance of the service which one is striving to give worthily.

As they worked and talked together under the capable direction of Juelda C. Burnaugh, Β Ξ Ο, chairman, they realized with increasing fullness both that no group of young women is more important, today, than that made up of the "young women of superior ability" who, in the face of great pressure from within their own hearts and from the outside to give immediate service to some civil or military cause, are quietly going ahead to complete their college courses in order that they may be qualified

SHOWN ABOVE, around the NPC conference table last fall, were the following NPC delegates, from the left: Mrs. Charles C. Perrin, Δ Δ Δ; Mrs. Sidney R. Stanard, Α Δ Π; Mrs. E. Granville Crabtree, Κ Κ Γ; Mrs. J. W. Bingham, Δ Γ; Gladys Doherty McBain, Θ Τ; Mrs. Walter E. Militzer, Κ Δ; Miss Lorah Munro, Σ Κ; Miss Louise Leonard, Α Γ Δ; Mrs. George S. Cunningham, Φ Ω Π, incoming chairman; Mrs. M. C. Burnaugh, Β Ξ Ο, chairman; Miss Amy Burnham Onken, Π Β Φ, incoming secretary; Mrs. Darel B. Rasmussen, Α Ο Π; Miss Mary B. Merritt, Φ Μ; Mrs. Irving Brown, Α Χ Ω; Mrs. Hugo Kuechenmeister, Α Ξ Δ; Mrs. Homer A. Mathiesen, Γ Φ Β; Mrs. H. M. Lundy, Δ Ζ; Dr. Mary Agness Hopkins, Ζ Τ Α; Miss L. Pearle Green, Κ Α Θ, incoming treasurer; Mrs. Alice Morgan Roedel, Α Φ, and Mrs. Mary Love Collins, Χ Ω. Center, rear, Mrs. W. G. Suthers, parliamentarian.

to give the equally vital service and leadership which will be so needed during the years of peace and reconstruction ahead, and that college fraternities have the privilege, unexcelled in their history, to give these young women what no other agency can give so well—the support which means confidence, the incentive which sets a higher goal than might otherwise have seemed satisfying, the friendships which add happiness and a sense of security, and the ideals and standards without which no success can be truly great. The achievements of this National Panhellenic Congress must be measured not alone in terms of its recommendations passed but also in those of the less immediately apparent results of its inspiration.

With a sense of personal loss in the death of a valued friend and admired fraternity representative, members of National Panhellenic Congress stood silently, at their opening session, in tribute to the life and service of Mrs. Harold Helper, grand president of Z T A and its National Panhellenic Congress delegate for many years.

Of the greatest importance were the discussion groups which met simultaneously for fraternity presidents, executive secretaries and editors. A true spirit of coöperation was evident always in the frankness with which each officer discussed problems common to all fraternities in the light of their application to her own fraternity, and in the eagerness with which she made available to all details of methods or plans which her own fraternity had found constructive.

Each group was a working one without prepared "speeches" but with prepared leaders directing informal discussion along constructive lines. Both general problems, such as those brought by the accelerated college schedules and by general war conditions, and details of the functioning of individual chapters and officers and of fraternities as such were given careful attention. There was evident a realization on the part of all officers that even though present conditions may make deviations from established procedure unavoidable temporarily, they do not necessarily take from general effectiveness nor indicate any need for permanent changes in requirements, but

that they do mean that every fraternity must strive more earnestly than ever before to live up to its own ideals of service to its active members and their campuses and to its alumnae and their communities. A call to active members to think more seriously and deeply than ever before of the pledges made at their initiation, and to alumnae to go back to their chapters for initiation ceremonies and so consciously to renew their dedication to the highest principles of beautiful living will, if heeded, mean a re-spiritualizing of fraternity women whose results for good could not be estimated.

As a definite outgrowth of the discussion group for executive secretaries, led by Louise Leonard, A T A, and abiding proof of its value, an Association of Executive Secretaries and Directors of Central Offices was formed with Clara O. Pierce, K K T, as chairman for the interim of Congresses.

The editors of National Panhellenic Congress magazines, long organized as an association meeting biennially at the time of National Panhellenic Congress, had what is reported to have been their most helpful and valuable meeting, under the leadership of Christine Ferguson, X O, and they will act during the coming interim under the chairmanship of Adele Taylor Alford, T B O.

Among the recommendations passed by the Congress affecting its own organization or its associations with college administrators are the following:

"That the College Panhellenics committee be recognized as having jurisdiction over the principle of interfraternity coöperation and that the present committee on interfraternity coöperation of the National Panhellenic Congress be abolished.

"That the special committee on agitation aimed at the right of social organizing be made a standing committee to be called the research committee, such committee to compile data on the values of social groups and to provide statistics and suggest procedures in preservation of our right to organize socially.

"That the title of the NPC-NADW joint committee be changed to read 'the NPC representatives to the joint NPC-NADW committee.'

"That a committee be appointed to submit a report to the 1945 Congress, offering (1) the present constitution with or without suggested changes, (2) by-laws based on present procedures, (3) procedures based on present pro-

cedures, (4) by-laws and procedures based on matters not covered above and which the committee believes should be added as they make their study of present data.

"That the executive sessions of National Panhellenic Congress devoted to the consideration of recommendations be closed and that simultaneous sessions be planned for the visiting officers.

"That National Panhellenic Congress send representatives to the next meeting of the Interfraternity Council on the same basis as attendance at the previous one.

"That because the very nature of cases of anti-social activity demands close, constant and rapid work on the part of someone on the spot, special committees be appointed by the executive committee when the need arises in any given locality."

As a result of its reports and discussions, National Panhellenic Congress passed the following recommendations which have a direct bearing upon College Panhellenics and their relations with National Panhellenic Congress:

"That the college Panhellenic workshops be continued under the direction of the college Panhellenic committee.

"That National Panhellenic Congress reaffirm its disapproval of political combinations and block voting on the part of college chapters."

**A**N INVALUABLE aid for College Panhellenics will be found in the suggested procedure for arbitration of college Panhellenic disputes, formulated by a special committee, headed by L. Pearle Green, K A @, and adopted by National Panhellenic Congress as a guide for such arbitration. The full text of this outline will be given in the printed minutes of NPC and should be carefully studied by all college Panhellenics, active chapter representatives, and alumnae advisers on Panhellenic relations. Among the many constructive recommendations are those requiring that signed charges be submitted in writing within 24 hours after an alleged violation of rushing rules; that an accused chapter be given a written statement of charges, in advance of the Panhellenic meeting at which they are to be considered; that there be an open hearing of the charges and of the defense of the accused chapter; and that, if possible, there be an immediate decision on guilt and penalty by the college Panhellenic, but that if this is impossible, these be made

within 48 hours by a judiciary committee, permanent or temporary.

The only evening program of NPC was given under the direction of Mary Love Collins, X Ω, chairman of the committee on progress. Mrs. Collins completed the work assigned to her committee in 1939, when she presented a discussion group which, as a sequel to the discussions of two years ago on the training and developing of leaders, thought together informally about the inner qualities and attitudes which make a counsellor of youth valuable and successful. Following the discussion, the editors, at Mrs. Collins' request, amused and delighted the Congress with a burlesque on their "exclusion" from the regular sessions of the Congress and with a presentation of a college Panhellenic meeting at which all the "don'ts" of National Panhellenic Congress procedures and attitudes were cleverly made evident.

National Panhellenic Congress gave a true expression of its realization of responsibility for participation in humanitarian war projects and for service to all causes which tend to bring nearer the end of the war when it voted \$500 from its treasury to the American Red Cross blood donor service and adopted the resolution which read:

"Whereas our military leaders state that greatly increased enlistment of young women in the armed services is imperative, and

Whereas the member groups of NPC have unique opportunities for contacts with young women especially valuable to the armed services, many of whom have completed their education through our encouragement;

It is recommended that NPC commit itself to active support of the appeal of our military leaders and implement such commitment with a program to urge girls graduating from college to consider seriously enlistment in the armed services.

And that the committee on war and college women be requested to implement this resolution into its program of work."

The congress found special pleasure in the gracious hospitality of Chi Omega and Sigma Kappa who, Saturday and Sunday evenings respectively, were hostesses to all fraternity officers at informal receptions in the Medinah ballroom; of Pi Beta Phi, which presented each delegate with a scarf from its Settlement school; of Beta Sigma Omicron, which delighted the Congress

with a bouquet of beautiful fall flowers, and of Phi Omega Pi, which honored the incoming members of the executive committee with corsages for the closing sessions.

Saturday evening, the NPC-NADW committee, Mrs. Bingham, Δ Γ, chairman, and Mrs. Burnaugh had the pleasure of entertaining at dinner Mrs. David G. McCarn, dean of women, Northwestern university, and deans' representative on the joint committee. Sunday evening, Mrs. Burnaugh and the committee on eligibility and nationalization of social groups, Mrs. Irving Brown, chairman, met at dinner with the representatives of Affiliated Panhellenics, Professional Panhellenics, and Association of Education Sororities for a helpful conference on inter-Panhellenic situations.

National Panhellenic Congress appreciated greatly the assistance of its able and alert parliamentarian, Mrs. W. G. Suthers, and the splendid and effective work of Gertrude Anderson, Α Ξ Δ, chairman of the committee on publicity, as director of newspaper publicity for the Congress.

The Congress closed with the induction into office of the executive committee for the coming two years: Mrs. George Cunningham, Φ Ω Π, chairman; Amy Burnham Onken, Π Β Φ, secretary; and L. Pearle Green, Κ Α Θ, treasurer. Mrs. Cunningham set a high goal for National Panhellenic Congress, when, in accepting the office, she said:

"I assume the chairmanship with a real pride in the organization and a deep sense of responsibility, and also with the realization that we can accomplish only those things that we set about to do. When we are here, we talk a great deal about changing trends and new standards and patterns of conduct, but, after all, when we compare the deeper principles of living today with those of former generations, we find that the truer aspects of social living have changed very little. We are still guided by the same ideals that prompted our foundings. So we who have assumed the responsibilities of making fraternities more effective, worthwhile organizations will redouble our efforts during the next two years so that the high objectives of this Panhellenic Congress will become effective on our individual campuses and that we will make a real contribution to the fraternity system and to 'Education for Victory.'"



### *"Vamos a Comer" in Chile . . .*

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by several people to hold my purse tight and not to wear anything detachable. The food sold was similar to that seen at the *feria*, but every type of humanity seemed to be present, including the deformed and crippled.

Wandering about in the crowd I stopped before one stand to look at plant stalks stripped of leaves and tied in bundles. What kind of a plant had stems like this?

They looked vaguely familiar. Then I remembered. While in the country on field trips I had seen people beside the road with clumsy though villanous-looking knives cutting the thistle, which is plentiful, and slashing off the leaves. Why collect the thistle, I had asked myself at the time? Here in the Vega was the answer to my question. The stems are used for food.



The sympathy of the fraternity is extended to Lucy Lewis Vonnegut (Mrs. Theodore Franklin), Δ-Indiana, and to Pauline Vonnegut, Δ, in the death of their husband and father, Theodore Franklin Vonnegut, Φ Γ Δ, December 26, 1943, at Indianapolis, after an illness of five months.

# MARRIAGES . . .

## Beta Province

### Gamma Rho Chapter

Charlotte Fugate Miller to Lieutenant Maurice M. Bloom, Jr., Army Air Force, September 14, 1943.

### Gamma Epsilon Chapter

Suzanne W. Rigby to David Williams Jones, Jr., May 8, 1943.

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Phyllis Niswonger to Captain Robert Frederick Fackler, July 3, 1943.

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Marian Bailey to Lewis Webel, March 14, 1943. At home: 530½ Veteran avenue, West Los Angeles 24, California.

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Nancy E. Cooper to Lieutenant (j.g.) D. G. Peterson, K 2, September 8, 1943.

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### Beta Tau Chapter

To Mr. and Mrs. John L. Irving (Florence James), a son, Jeffrey James, November 6, 1942.

To Ensign and Mrs. William A. Borrie (Mary White), a son, Christopher Melville, August 3, 1943.

## Beta Province

### Beta Alpha Chapter

To Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Shants (Elizabeth Bowen), a son, Frank Bowen, July 22, 1943.

### Gamma Epsilon Chapter

To Mr. and Mrs. Richard P. Bell (Vivian Stuart Roberts), a daughter Judith Ann, August 21, 1943.

## Gamma Province

### Rho Deuteron Chapter

To Warrant Officer and Mrs. Frederick Marvin Stellhorn (Caroline Wertz), a son, Frederick William, June 1, 1943.

### Beta Nu Chapter

To Mr. and Mrs. Philip Patch (Martha Dobson), a daughter, Carolyn Elizabeth, June 18, 1943.

## Zeta Province

### Beta Zeta Chapter

Nancy Ann Scharr to Lieutenant Joseph Addison Davis, Army Air Force medical corps, Northwestern university, in April, 1943.

## Eta Province

### Gamma Omicron Chapter

Elizabeth Jane Erwin to Sergeant Willard H. Findling, 2 A E, University of Indiana, July 11, 1943.

## Iota Province

### Beta Kappa Chapter

Virginia Galloway to Ensign Robert L. Moore, July 1, 1943.

## Lambda Province

### Delta Theta Chapter

Margaret E. Gavan to Sergeant Pilot Percy Lewis, RCAF, May 31, 1943.

## Mu Province

### Delta Iota Chapter

Elinor Thayer Scott to Ensign Walter J. Majewski, University of Illinois, June 19, 1943.

## Delta Province

### Delta Chapter

To Mr. and Mrs. Wayne R. Atkinson (Barbara Deniston), a daughter, Patricia Ann, June 9, 1943.

To Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Robert Williams (Maribeth Harrison), a son, Gordon Vance, October 6, 1943.

### Mu Chapter

To Lieutenant and Mrs. Leo L. Hunter (June Bradshaw), a son, Tim Bradshaw, August 15, 1943.

### Kappa Chapter

To Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. A. Boyle (Mary Frances Brokaw), a son, Michael Huntley, May 25, 1943.

### Delta Gamma Chapter

To Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Smith, Jr. (Dorothy Wickstrom), a son, Stephen William, August 30, 1943.

To Dr. and Mrs. Guerdon D. Greenway (Virginia L. Pilcher), a son, Guerdon Dimmick, II, January 3, 1943.

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## Chi Chapter

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## Gamma Iota Chapter

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## Beta Xi Chapter

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## Iota Province

## Beta Kappa Chapter

To Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Strang (Winifred Galway), a second daughter, Sharon Lee, March 9, 1943.

To Mr. and Mrs. Leavitt Craven (Maude Galway), a third son, Gary, August 2, 1943.

## Gamma Gamma Chapter

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## Pi Deuteron Chapter

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To Mr. and Mrs. George Cambell Jones, Jr. (Dorothy Anne Jackson), a son, Robert Cambell, May 22, 1943.

To Ensign and Mrs. Robert W. Cahill (Vivian Kay), a daughter, Cheryl, May 15, 1943. The October KEY erroneously announced the birth of a son.

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KATE MAY STODDARD, K-Hillsdale, in the fall of 1943 at Sterling, Illinois.

CORA EMMA MURPHY FRADY (Mrs. U. L. F.), O-Simpson (inactive), in the fall of 1943 at Beaumont, California.

FRANCES TAPPAN PARKER (Mrs. Force), Ψ-Cornell, October 7, 1943, at Los Angeles, California.

ELIZABETH WILSON, Δ-Indiana, June 15, 1943, at Peru, Indiana.

CATHERINE WILLISON BEEBE (Mrs. Henry Kirke), Δ Γ-Michigan State, in April, 1943, at Great Neck, New York.

## Gold Stars in Kappa Service Flags . . .

Captain Frank D. Marsh, USMC, husband of Frances Young Marsh, I-DePauw, died of a heart attack in Washington, D.C., August 8, 1943. Captain Marsh was attached to the Secret Communications Section at Marine Corps Headquarters. A military funeral with a Marine guard of honor was conducted at South Bend, where Mrs. Marsh and her son, Tom, are living at present.

Edward Porter Bruck, Jr., USMC, 17 years old, son of Dorothy Palmer Bruck (Mrs. Edward P.), II<sup>A</sup>-California, was killed in action in the South Pacific, July 20, 1943.

Second Lieutenant John DeWitt Lucas, USMCR, 24 years old, son of Alice Trout Lucas (Mrs. Frank P.), I-DePauw, was reported missing in action at Midway in June, 1942. He was awarded the Navy Cross for "delivering a dauntless and aggressive attack" in the engagement. Having had no report of any kind for a year and a day, the Marine Corps advised his parents that he was officially declared dead, as of June 5, 1943.

Major William Walker Cassell, U. S. Army, 26 years old, husband of Janet Jackson Cassell, B Δ-Michigan, was killed in action in the Alaskan area, May 31, 1943. Mrs. Cassell, who is left with twin sons whom their father had never seen, is making her home with her parents in Ann Arbor, where she is president of the Kappa alumnae association.

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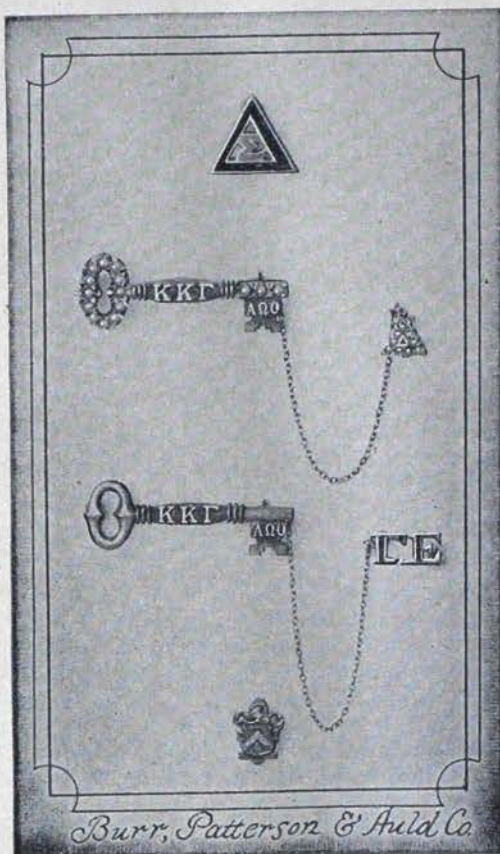
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## MARCH

- 1—Treasurer mails pledge fees to central office for all members pledged since major rushing season.
- 1—President of chapter house corporation notifies central office of housemother reappointment or contemplated change for next school year.
- 10—Treasurer places monthly finance report in mail to chairman of budgeting and bookkeeping.
- 15—(on or before) Corresponding secretary sends names and addresses of officers and alumnae advisers to central office.
- 30—Chairman of alumnae advisory board sends annual report of activities of the board to the director of chapter organization and province president.

## APRIL

- 10—Treasurer places monthly finance report in mail to chairman of budgeting and bookkeeping.
- 30—Treasurer sends central office per capita tax report and per capita tax for each member active at any time during the second half year, as well as per capita for all associate members, also check for annual audit.

- 30—(On or before) Corresponding secretary mails typewritten annual chapter report to central office.

## MAY

- 1—Membership chairman sends order for supplies to central office.
- 10—Treasurer places monthly finance report in mail to chairman of budgeting and bookkeeping.
- 15—Province president sends an annual report to director of chapter organization.
- 25—Send birthday greetings to Kappa's only living founder, Mrs. Joseph N. Boyd.

## JUNE

- 10—Treasurer places monthly finance report in mail to chairman of budgeting and bookkeeping.
- 10—Alumna finance adviser sends list of uncollected accounts to chairman of budgeting and bookkeeping.

## JULY

- 10—(On or before according to date last term of year ends) Treasurer expresses ALL material for annual audit to central office.

(For Alumnae Association and Club Officers and Province Vice-Presidents)  
(Club Officers responsible only for reports which are \*)

## AUGUST

- \*10—Corresponding secretary sends news items for *Fleur-de-lis* to chairman of publicity on special stationery.

## OCTOBER

- \*13—Founders' Day.
- \*15—Corresponding secretary places semi-annual news letter for December KEY in mail to alumna editor.

## NOVEMBER

- \*15—Secretary sends list of alumnae who have moved to other cities to the nearest alumnae organization and to the central office corrected lists furnished them of their district. Secretary also sends to director of alumnae, central office, and province vice-president the organization's program for the current year and a directory or list of all local alumnae with their addresses.

## DECEMBER

- \*10—Corresponding secretary sends news items for *Fleur-de-lis* to chairman of publicity on special stationery.

## JANUARY

- 20—Province vice-president sends informal report to director of alumnae.

## FEBRUARY

- \*10—Secretary sends news items for *Fleur-de-lis* to chairman of publicity on special stationery.

- \*15—President appoints chairman of membership recommendations committee and sends name with address to central office. Information for publication in THE KEY.
- \*15—Secretary sends news items for *Fleur-de-Lis* to chairman of publicity on special stationery.

## APRIL

- \*10—Secretary sends news items for *Fleur-de-Lis* to chairman of publicity on special stationery.
- \*15—(On or before) Alumnae groups elect officers, secretaries send names and addresses of new officers to director of alumnae, central office, and province vice-president.
- \*30—Secretary sends annual report to director of alumnae and province vice-president and a list of alumnae who have moved to other cities to the nearest alumnae organization and to the central office.
- \*30—Treasurer sends to central office the annual per capita tax report and per capita tax for members of her organization during the current fiscal year (June 1, 1943-May 30, 1944).
- 30—Treasurers of alumnae associations send to central office annual convention tax.

## MAY

- 20—Province vice-president sends report of her province to director of alumnae.
- \*25—Send birthday greetings to Kappa's only living founder, Mrs. Joseph N. Boyd.
- \*30—Membership Recommendation chairman orders recommendation blanks from central office.

**WITHIN ONE WEEK AFTER REGULAR OR SPECIAL ELECTIONS** secretaries of chapters and alumnae groups send names of new officers and addresses to central office.

