



ORACLE

MARCH



1937

He07

GRAND OFFICERS

GRAND BASILEUS, William E. Baugh, 1235 W. 25th St., Indianapolis, Ind.

GRAND KEEPER OF RECORDS AND SEAL, George A. Isabell, 138 Cadillac Square, Detroit, Mich.

GRAND KEEPER OF FINANCES, J. B. Blayton, 212 Auburn Ave., N. E., Atlanta, Ga.

VICE GRAND BASILEUS, Jesse O. Thomas, 250 Auburn Ave., N. E., Atlanta, Ga.

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF OF ORACLE, DIRECTOR OF ACHIEVEMENT PROJECT, Robert D. Baskervill, 526 South 16th St., Philadelphia, Pa.

GRAND MARSHAL, George V. Johnson, 208 Woodland Market Bldg., Woodland Ave. at E. 55th St., Cleveland, Ohio.

DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES

First District—Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and the chapter at McGill University, Toronto, Canada. District Representative—Brother Everett Yates 283 Walnut Avenue, Roxbury, Mass.

Second District—New York, New Jersey and Connecticut. District Representative—Brother Roger M. Yancey, 45 Clinton Street, Newark, New Jersey.

Third District—Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware and District of Columbia. District Representative—Brother C. R. Alexander, 1300 Madison Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland.

Fourth District—Virginia. District Representative—Brother C. W. Seay, 125 New Street, Petersburg, Virginia.

Fifth District—Tennessee, Mississippi and Arkansas. District Representative—Brother Z. Alexander Looby, 419 Fourth Avenue, N. Nashville, Tennessee.

Sixth District—North Carolina and South Carolina. District Representative—Brother S. Herbert Adams, P. O. Box 432, Charlotte, North Carolina.

Seventh District—Georgia, Florida and Alabama. District Representative—Brother M. R. Austell, 53 Chestnut Street, S. W., Atlanta, Georgia.

Eighth District—Missouri, Kentucky, Kansas, Colorado and Minnesota. District Representative—Brother Ulysses S. Donaldson, 4412 West Belle Place, Saint Louis, Missouri.

Ninth District—Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and California. District Representative—Brother H. P. Carter, 1609 Pinecrest Street, Houston, Texas.

Tenth District—Michigan, Illinois and Indiana. District Representative—Brother Charles E. Harry, 419 W. Twenty-sixth Street, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Eleventh District—West Virginia and Ohio. District Representative—Brother A. P. Hamblin, West Virginia State College, Institute, West Virginia.

TRAVELING REPRESENTATIVES

Southern District—Brother R. N. Harris, P. O. Box 851, Durham, North Carolina.

Eastern District—Brother Bunyan A. Mills, 526 South Sixteenth Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

At Large—Brother Dewey R. Jones, 1206 Kenyon Street, Northwest, Washington, D. C.

Western District—Brother Benjamin F. Wilson, 1706 Broadway, Gary, Indiana.

CHAPTER DIRECTORY

(COMPILED MARCH, 1937)

ALPHA—William Wynne (Bas.)
Phillip J. Randal (K.R.)
Howard University, Washington, D. C.

BETA—Herbert Cain (Bas.)
Julius Taylor (K.R.)
Lincoln University, Pa.

GAMMA—Dwight V. Kyle (Bas.)
2 Louisburg Square, Boston, Mass.
Oscar Burroughs (K.R.)
690 Shawmut Ave., Boston, Mass.

DELTA—Lyman Brown (Bas.)
E. B. Singleton (K.R.)
2416 Jefferson Ave., Nashville, Tenn.

EPSILON—M. T. Gibbs (Bas.)
52 St. Nicholas Place, New York, N. Y.
Robert A. Macon (K.R.)
103 W. 141st St., New York, N. Y.

ZETA—Samuel Lathon (Bas.)
Va. Union University, Richmond, Va.
Wm. Kearney (K.R.)
Va. Union University, Richmond, Va.

THETA—Dunbar Reed (Bas.)
Wiley College, Marshall, Texas

IOTA—Felix W. Wilson (K.R.)
6619 St. Lawrence Ave., Chicago, Ill.

LAMBDA—Dr. E. W. Narcisse (Bas.)
1110 E. 18th St., Los Angeles, Calif.

MU—Urias Oates (Bas.)
2320 St. Albans Place, Philadelphia, Pa.
A. B. Cuyjet (K.R.)
3823 Sydenham St., Philadelphia, Pa.

NU—C. M. Brown (Bas.)
Box 124, Penn. State College, State College, Pa.

B. A. Cox (K.R.)
140 N. Patterson St., State College, Pa.

XI—John Douglass (Bas.)
756 Iglehart St., St. Paul, Minn.

PI—Richard Sowell (Bas.)
John Cheatham (K.R.)
Morgan College, Baltimore, Md.

RHO—John Moore (Bas.)
Andrew R. Howell (K.R.)
Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte, N. C.

UPSILON—Roger Williams (Bas.)
Morris O. Williams (K.R.)
Wilberforce University, Wilberforce, O.

PHI—Raymond L. Hayes (Bas.)
217 Glenn Ave., Ann Arbor, Mich.
Wm. H. Ridley (K.R.)
1009 Ann St., Ann Arbor, Mich.

PSI—James Holloway (Bas.)
861 Mitchell St., S. W., Atlanta, Ga.
Phillip C. Williams (K.R.)
Morehouse College, Atlanta, Ga.

BETA PSI—Felix Mattox (Bas.)
451 Houston St., Atlanta, Ga.
James Caldwell (K.R.)
409 Pine St., N. E., Atlanta, Ga.

GAMMA PSI—L. L. Wildman (Bas.)
Paul Toliver (K.R.)
Talladega College, Talladega, Ala.

DELTA PSI—Kermit White (Bas.)
Shaw University, Raleigh, N. C.

ZETA PSI—Hewitt H. Bourne (Bas.)
284 Clifton Place, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Donald K. Taylor (K.R.)
366-A Grand Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

ETA PSI—Otha Morgan (Bas.)
Charles D. Buford (K.R.)
Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn.

THETA PSI—James A. Overby (Bas.)
George S. Roberts (K.R.)
W. Va. State College, Institute, W. Va.

IOTA PSI—W. A. Cowell (Bas.)
333 Clarendon Ave., Columbus, Ohio
Russell Pace (K.R.)
150½ N. Ohio Ave., Columbus, Ohio

KAPPA PSI—James P. Ramsey (Bas.)
Robert Cooley (K.R.)
Howard University, Washington, D. C.

LAMBDA PSI—Thomas Medford (Bas.)
Livingston College, Salisbury, N. C.

MU PSI—Wm. A. Alexander (Bas.)
Hamlet E. Goore (K.R.)
A. & T. College, Greensboro, N. C.

NU PSI—Wm. K. Baker (Bas.)
Samuel R. Wilson (K.R.)
Va. State College, Ettrick, Va.

XI PSI—Reginald J. Daniels (Bas.)
John Whitman (K.R.)
S. C. State College, Orangeburg, S. C.

OMICRON PSI—Robert Woodruff (Bas.)
6701 Deary St., Pittsburgh, Pa.
Wendell P. Grigsby (K.R.)
3039 Centre Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa.

The ORACLE



EDITOR

ROBERT D. BASKERVILL
526 SOUTH SIXTEENTH ST.,
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

CONTENTS FOR MARCH, 1937

	Page
Editorials	3
Omega Men in the Negro Press.....	5
Parent Education—W. McKinley Menchan.....	6
The Supreme Court Issue and the Negro—Barrington Parker....	9
The Harrison-Black Education Bill	10
Omega Jubilee—Frederick S. Weaver.....	12
Felix Marginalis (Satire)—Lloyd T. Barnes.....	13
Book Rack	16
Confession to a Lost Ideal (Poem)—Wendell P. Grigsby.....	16
Chapter Notes	17
Lampados Notes	27

MARCH WINDS BY S. MALCOLM DODSON

FREDERICK S. WEAVER, Managing Editor
616 Columbia Road, N. W., Washington, D. C.

Bunyan A. Mills	Business Manager	Geo. G. Billingslia	Circulation Manager
James H. Rawlins	Assistant Business Manager	Urias Oates	Assistant Circulation Manager

Geo. W. Cox, Wm. C. Paul, Advertising Managers

EDITORIAL AND BUSINESS ASSOCIATES

Langston Hughes	Dr. Arthur Thomas	Lloyd Barnes
Andrew Ramsey	Theodore Hanberry	Charles Quick
John C. Wells	Theodore Boston	C. E. Clory
Wm. C. Jason, Jr.	Samuel Thompson	Curley Goore
Reginald Harris	Humbert Howard	Robert Macon
Melvin Tolson	Wesley Brown	B. J. H. Farmer, II
William Baskervill	J. W. Beasley	Frederick Aden

ADVISORY BOARD

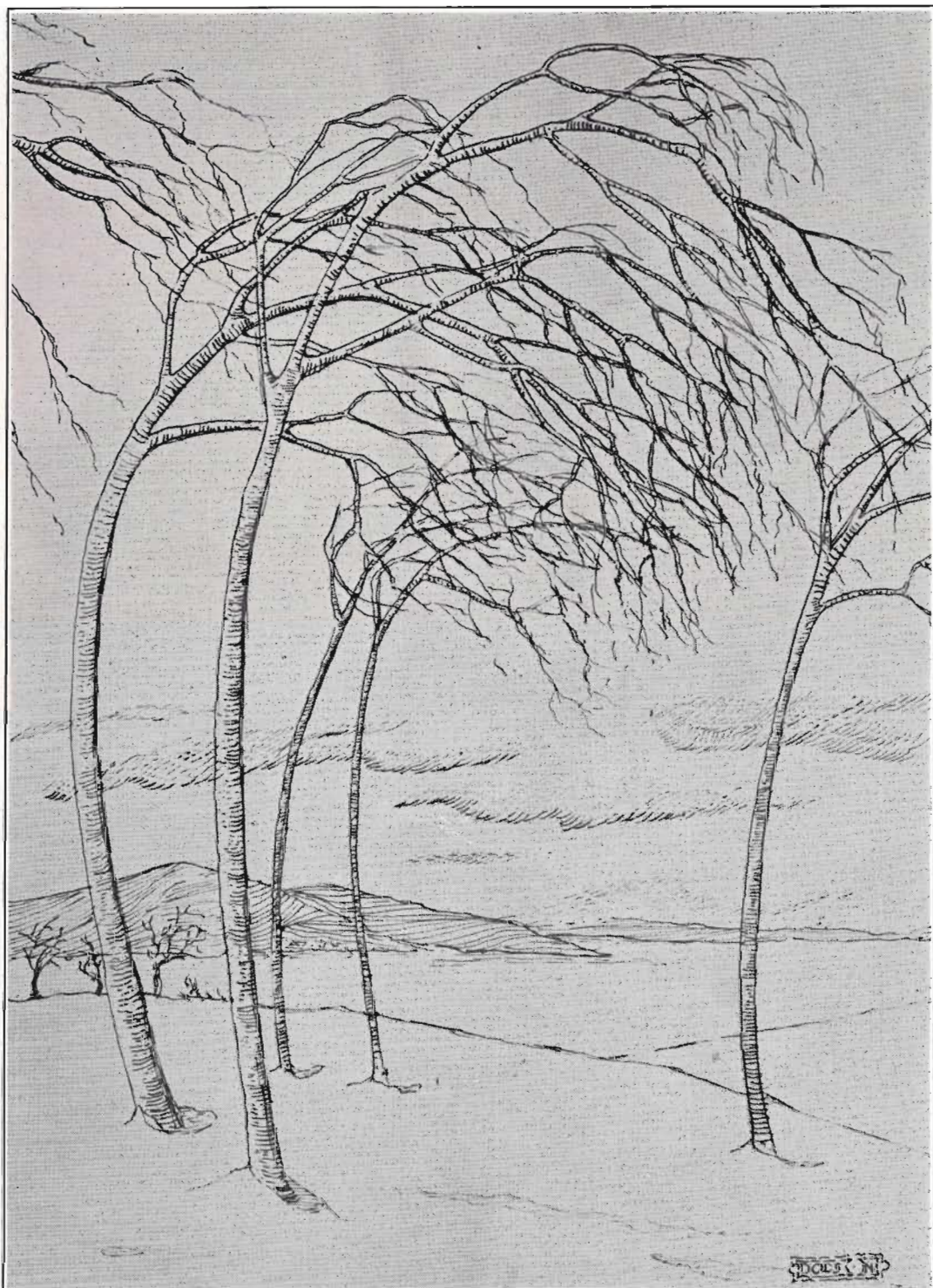
S. MALCOLM DODSON, Chairman

Harold H. Thomas	Bishop David H. Sims	S. Herman Dreer
Dr. Oscar J. Cooper	Paris Sterrett	J. P. Murchison

OFFICIALLY PUBLISHED QUARTERLY BY THE OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INC., DURING THE MONTHS OF MARCH, JUNE, SEPTEMBER, AND DECEMBER, AND ENTERED AS SECOND CLASS MATTER AT THE POST OFFICE AT PHILADELPHIA, PA., UNDER THE ACT OF MARCH 3, 1879.

SINGLE COPIES THIRTY CENTS

ONE DOLLAR YEARLY



MARCH WINDS



THE ORACLE SPEAKS

MALCOLM DODSON

WHAT OF THE CHALLENGE?

We listened with great interest to Brother Edgar Love's address on the Sunday which witnessed the opening of our Silver Jubilee Conclave in Philadelphia. It was a challenge to leadership. Do we, the men of Omega, accept this challenge?

Perhaps we will all agree at the outset that any effective leadership today must be first of all intelligent. This is especially true when we think of our own group. It is essential that the leader have a full understanding of the people to be led, their needs and aspirations. He must be able to read the signs of the times, and, above all, have a thorough knowledge of the means available which will carry him to the desired objective.

We no doubt agree, too, that in the final analysis all of the Negro's ills are directly traceable to his precarious economic plight. This merely means that his ignorance, disease, and low standards of living are due only to his lack of income.

Those among us who have been trained for leadership know that the time has come for us to take stern and aggressive action toward alleviating these ills; that it is time to effect a very definite resistance to the external pressure that is forcing us as a race into an even smaller, narrower, and more restrictive economic field. This phenomenon is by no means new to you. You have it in your own community. You have seen and felt it in your own occupation and profession. What is the way out? Obviously it is by organization. You must of necessity believe in organization or you would not be an Omega man. The various local chapters believe in organization or they would not participate in inter-fraternal councils. And in just the same way we must see to it that our fraternity does its utmost in the building of the largest and strongest national organization that ever spoke for a minority group in America—The National Negro Congress.

Many Omega men came to Chicago a year ago in answer to the "call." They had caught the idea of a strong federation of organizations, marshaling the support of all to aid each as it unfolds its own special program. Thus we would get the combined strength

and ability of all of our existing organizations for our common good. Thus would we make the voice of the Negro the roar of a mighty ocean, rather than the babbling of many brooks.

A year has passed away. The National Negro Congress is an existing thing. It has done much good work, but it is far short of what it yet may be. No small portion of the blame for its not being bigger and better today is most certainly ours. We are scattered all over the United States. We are trained for leadership. We hold key positions. Yet because of indifference to the events of a changing world we have been slothful.

It is hard to see how physicians, dentists, clergymen, lawyers and teachers can feel themselves so far removed from the "work day, Saturday night" man. The professions are not in the strict sense of the word productive activities. Their resources must come originally from the "hewers of wood" and the "drawers of water." Hence the most selfish of us should see that we secure ourselves best who spend some time, energy, and money in seeing to it that the black laborers of America get more of the rightful share of that which they produce.

You may never have been a steel worker. You may not know the difference between a craft and a trade union, but you should. There are 300,000 Negroes who will be assured a fuller and longer life when steel workers are organized along trade union lines.

You may not know anything about share-cropping, but when you reflect that three-fourths of the Negroes can only be benefited by anything that is done to destroy the "hellish" system that prevails, you will agree that you should.

Few indeed are there of us who can deny knowledge of the laundress-domestic situation. As boys who have gotten your education as best you could, somewhere along the line you have come rather close to the Negro girl who toils endless hours with aching back and feet for a few coppers. Don't you think you owe something to these poor, underpaid, overworked, unorganized wretches of today? Help show them the truths.

The "Chicago resolutions" stated clearly the conscious

THE ORACLE

needs of an oppressed and exploited people. They constitute a direct challenge to Negro leadership. It is: "Lead us forth or make way for those who will."

We who have been trained for leadership know, if but from history alone, the power of organization. Let each Omega man accept this challenge. See to it that your chapter becomes affiliated with the N. N. C., and that your delegate helps to form the policy that shall shape the destiny of a race.

Step forward with your lamp and shield!

W. C. JASON, JR.

ACHIEVEMENT PROJECT SUBJECT

The Achievement Project for 1937 shall consider "Causes and Effects of Juvenile Delinquency Among Negroes." It is the opinion of the director that this subject will enable us to become more familiar with one of the most vital problems confronting our youth. It is not too much to say that treatment of this subject will not only have a more definite national appeal, but will also allow the varied "talents" in our fraternity to play important roles in its development. Inasmuch as delinquency to a certain extent among Negro youth is occasioned by a lack of vision, we might well justify that phase of our Achievement Project that disseminates information concerning racial achievements. The next issue of the Bulletin will announce the dates of the essay contest, rules and prizes, and list certain "Key Men" who will assist the National Director in this effort.

ORACLE POLICY

It shall be the policy of the ORACLE to lend expression to the varied talents and opinions of Omegans in all walks of life. In furtherance of this objective we solicit contributions of feature articles, brief editorials on current topics, and art efforts. Contributions will be published on a basis of merit. It must be understood however, that the fraternity does not necessarily concur in the opinions voiced. It is suggested that prospective writers communicate with the office of the Editor or the Managing Editor in order to be guided as to the most pertinent topics to submit. Chapter Editors are cautioned to follow the style of notes in the current issue, as to scope and length.

STAFF

APPOINTMENTS

It was the opinion of the Editor that the administration of this office could best be effected by having a staff composed of brothers from all sections of the country. Thus we find representatives from more than fifteen states. Sometime ago the announcement was made that additional staff appointments would be made where contributions of brothers merited recognition. We take pleasure in adding to our staff Bro. W. MCKINLEY MENCHAN (contributor of PARENT EDUCATION); Bro. BARRINGTON PARKER (contributor of THE SUPREME COURT ISSUE AND THE NEGRO); and Bro. WENDELL P. GRIGSBY (contributor of CONFESSION TO A LOST IDEAL). We expect the members of the staff to be foremost in submitting articles. In the event that following issues of the ORACLE fail to continue the names of staff members, it will be due to their inactivity as associates.

ADVISORY BOARD

In order to assure the Editor and Staff the advantages of constructive criticism, we have selected quite carefully a group of OMEGANS who know the "pulse-beat" of the Fraternity. S. Malcolm Dodson, former Editor of the ORACLE for six years, affords a most capable chairman for such a group. Past Editors Dreer, and Murchison, will draw from the well of their experience. Founder Dr. Oscar Cooper, knew Omega from the "cradle." Former Grand Basileus Harold H. Thomas is known as our "keynoter." Bishop David H. Sims nominated the incumbent Editor, hence he is forced to advise us further. Paris Sterrett is that youthful pioneer for the fruition of the undergraduate spirit in our body politic.

MANAGING EDITOR

We wish to express our appreciation to Fred Weaver, who as Managing Editor, has done much to assist the Editor in the preparation of this issue. We believe that Omega should train men to carry on her traditions. There should be a direct link between the custodians of our traditions and their successors. It is in this way that history is made accurate, and by the same token that events pertaining to Omega become legends.

NATIONAL NEGRO ACHIEVEMENT WEEK

NOVEMBER 7-14, INCLUSIVE



OMEGA MEN IN THE NEGRO PRESS

MALCOLM DODSON

WILLIAM "BILL" HASTIE, of Washington, D. C., has been named to the Federal Bench in the Virgin Islands by President Roosevelt. Brother Hastie, an Assistant Solicitor in the Interior Department, is well prepared for his new duties. He is an Amherst Phi Beta Kappa and an honor graduate of Harvard's Law School. Upon leaving Harvard he became a member of the faculty of Howard's Law School.

WILLIAM A. LEWIS, a student in the School of Engineering at the University of Pennsylvania, has been nominated by Congressman Daly of Philadelphia, as a candidate for West Point. Brother Lewis, a member of Mu Chapter, bids fair to carry on in the footsteps of Omega's Colonel Charles Young.

JAMES I. MINOR, JR., a member of Alpha Chapter, has been nominated to the Naval Academy at Annapolis, by Representative Arthur W. Mitchell, of Illinois.

Brother Minor, the son of James I. Minor, Sr., a member of Alpha Omega Chapter in Washington, is a Junior at Howard University, and a first lieutenant in the R. O. T. C. at the University. He is a member of the Men's Glee Club and the Student Council. Last year he served as Keeper of Finances of Alpha Chapter.

Brother Minor's scholastic average at Howard is so high that if his nomination is accepted by the Academy he will be exempted from taking the entrance examination.

WILLIAM STUART NELSON will be installed as president of Dillard University, New Orleans, La., with an inauguration in April that will bring together one of the most distinguished groups of educators and churchmen in America. Brother Dr. Nelson relinquished his post as president of Shaw University, Raleigh, N. C., to accept the presidency of Dillard.



HON. WILLIAM H. HASTIE

MATTHEW W. BULLOCK, former Grand Basileus, and member of the Massachusetts Board of Parole for the past nine and one-half years, was signally honored on January 25, 1937, as he retired from office. The personnel of the Massachusetts Department of Correction tendered Brother and Mrs. Bullock a dinner which was attended by the heads of the penal institutions of the Commonwealth.

The Hon. Frank A. Brooks, member of the Governor's Council, and former Chairman of the Board of Parole, stated significantly, "the Commonwealth of Massachusetts is not going to lose you, and some day you are going to be a Judge."

Hon. William L. Reed, Executive Secretary to the Governor and Council, stated, "I am sure that Mr. Bullock is on the way to a much higher and more distinguished position than that which he held on the Board of Parole."

THE ORACLE

SPECIAL ARTICLES



PARENT EDUCATION

Physiological Fitness Coupled with the Biological Process

. . . Its Results . . . The Need for Training . . .

BY
W. MCKINLEY
MENCHAN

RECENT emphasis upon education for family-life and parenthood have brought forth a new definition for the term parent. Parenthood is not the proud possession of every mother and father. Happy should be the man or woman who achieves the status of being a parent. Any member of the female sex who gives birth to an offspring thus becomes a mother. This act within itself, however, does not in any sense automatically make a parent of such individual. The newer emphasis in education holds that a parent is one who, having offspring (either natural or foster) studies the problems of child-rearing with the view of securing a more scientific understanding of children and their upbringing. The necessary qualifications for being a mother are physiological fitness on the part of a woman plus proper physiological connection with a person of the opposite sex. Therefore, motherhood is purely a biological process. On the other hand, parenthood is a mental process based upon intelligence and a controlling wish to achieve the desired goal.

From the above definition parenthood requires a higher state of existence than does motherhood. Motherhood is a natural right of womanhood, but parenthood is a condition for which one has to strive. This involves time for study and appreciation of childhood. It is to be expected then that women of the upper social, cultural, and economic classes are more likely to be parents than women of the lower and middle classes. Women of the lower and the middle classes are usually bread-winners or supplementers to the family financial coffer. Therefore, the latter groups of women have very little time with which to prepare for parenthood.

Also, many women of these two groups, being of limited education, fail to see the need of their spending time in studying their children.

Since culture is a by-product of sociology, it is safe to assume also that the greater numbers of Negro women belong to the lower cultural class. Sociological evidence gives bases for the inclusion of a large percentage of Negro women into the lower social class. Frazier points out that "students and observers of Negro life, though approaching the question from different viewpoints, have been in essential agreement concerning the low family morals of the Negro. This condition has been an outstanding characteristic of Negro life over a long period in spite of the general improvement in educational and economic status since emancipation. Because of the persistence of family disorganization as a major social problem of the Negro, many theories have been offered to explain this situation."¹ The fact that the majority of Negro women belong to the lower economic, social, and cultural classes makes it obvious that the vast number of Negro women have in the past had little time in which to prepare themselves for parenthood.

While the struggle for a more enlightened parenthood has been going on among the upper classes of Americans for several decades and with accentuated emphasis for just a little over a single decade, the great middle and lower classes have not until recently come in for great consideration. Since the formation of the National Council of Parent Education at a joint meeting of agencies interested in parent education held in Bronxville, New York, in 1925, efforts have been

made to reach the great middle class of American people for the purpose of disseminating information which might interest both mothers and fathers in the scientific study of parenthood. The efforts of these agencies have failed to reach Negroes to any appreciable extent. The Child Study Association of America, with headquarters in New York City, one of the organizations affiliated with the National Council of Parent Education, has done some rather noteworthy parent education work among a select group of negroes in Harlem (Negro section in New York City) and in certain other eastern centers extending as far south as Washington.

In a few communities church organizations among Negroes have attempted to carry on in a small way programs dealing with certain phases of parent education. Most notably in this respect is the fashionable Negro Saint Philip's Protestant Episcopal Church in New York City. For the past few years definite parent-child study groups have been carried on as an integral part of the social service department of this church. Special separate study groups are organized for parents of toddlers, parents of school-age children, and parents of adolescents. During the year of 1933-34 a parent lay leader's training course was conducted at the above church by the writer of this article. The Negro church as an organization, however, has not caught the spirit of fostering parent education. The work at Saint Philip's in New York City and that in a few other churches elsewhere are to be looked upon as exceptions rather than the usual.

In some instances Parent Teachers' Associations have been instrumental in bringing to the attention of some mothers and fathers the importance of studying childhood with a view of improving parenthood. Along this line the Alabama Congress of Colored Parents and Teachers has been in the vanguard. At its annual meeting held in Birmingham, Alabama, during the latter part of March of 1936, included on its program were addresses dealing with problems of parenthood delivered by distinguished parent education workers and also a panel discussion on "The Child's Place in the Home." Parent Teachers' Associations among Negroes in the past, however, have been more concerned about ways and means of raising funds to extend school terms, to supplement salaries of teachers, and to purchase equipment for the schools than they have been about problems of parenthood. Even now, the vast majority of Negro P. T. A. branches are more interested in the former type of program than they are in studying and understanding childhood. A large percentage of the membership of many Negro P. T. A. branches is more vitally concerned with the purely academic side of home-school relationships as an educational aspect of the program of the organization than with the intellectual and scientific phases of parenthood.

The hope for Negro parenthood seems to lie greatly with the work of nursery schools. The nursery school is probably the leading agency in injecting professionalized parent education into the education of Negroes.²

As late as the year of 1932 nursery schools had made but little headway into the educational scheme for Negroes in the South where separate educational provisions are made for the colored and white races.³ Notwithstanding the scarcity of nursery schools for Negro children, the few schools which have been in existence have carried on definitely professionalized programs in scientific education for parenthood. Each nursery school has its parent-child-study-group which has not existed for the mere purpose of raising funds, but for the primary function of better fitting both parents and teachers for the noble task of improving childhood through the development of a more enlightened parent clientele. Moreover, personal views with individual parents by the nursery school teachers have been the avenues through which a bounty of scientific information on child-bearing and child-rearing has been gotten over to Negro mothers and sometimes fathers. Such interviews have also been the instruments to the solution of many problems of parent-parent relationships as well as problems of child-child and parent-child relationships. Nursery school teachers spend much time in interviewing mothers in their homes as well as at the nursery schools when mothers bring or come for their children. Many interviews are initiated by the mothers as well as by the teachers. Another method employed by nursery schools (including schools for Negro children) in educating mothers for parenthood is that of providing definitely for observation in the schools on the part of mothers.

Another influence giving impetus to the movement of providing education for parenthood among Negroes is the establishment of college courses in child development and parent education in at least two Negro colleges in the South, namely, the Alabama State Teachers College at Montgomery, and Spelman College in Atlanta. Also, several Negro colleges offer courses in child care and family relationships to girls specializing in home economics. The students who take these courses, many of them prospective teachers, will be in position to disseminate the principles of parent education in the various communities to which they will go to teach or to engage in other means of livelihoods. Many of these students (mostly young women) will later marry and by virtue of their training will become parents, should they give birth to or adopt offspring. At the Alabama State Teachers College the students taking courses in child development do practical parent education work with parent groups and individual families in the city of Montgomery.

With the various approaches to parent education enumerated above, it has been mainly Negroes falling in the great middle class of Americans that have been touched. It was not until the coming of the Federal Emergency Nursery Schools during the latter part of 1933 and the early part of 1934 that parent education principles began to seep down to the great masses of individuals comprising the lower class to which such large numbers of Negro mothers belong.

With the establishment of the above schools for children of relief parents it was the policy of the Federal Emergency Relief Administration to set up separate schools for Negro children in the southern states. According to the FERA Report for 1934-35, separate Federal Emergency Nursery Schools for Negro children have been set up in 24 states, with the total number of such schools being 148 or an average of $6\frac{1}{4}$ schools per state for the states concerned. These 148 schools had an enrollment of 7,860 pre-school children which represented 10.8 per cent of all children enrolled in emergency nursery schools throughout the United States. According to Miss Lulu Palmer, State Supervisor of WPA nursery schools in Alabama, at least 18 plus parents are touched for every 25 children enrolled in nursery schools. This means that emergency nursery schools are carrying parent education information directly to more than 5,659 Negro parents in the United States. Since the parents touched are mostly mothers, it may be assumed that the mothers carry much of this information to their husbands, thereby approximately doubling the figures just given. The mothers touched no doubt pass information on to many of their friends and their friends' friends. Therefore, the number of Negro parents touched indirectly by emergency nursery schools cannot be estimated. These 148 schools in 1934-35 employed 324 teachers or 11.65 plus per cent of the total number of 3,775 teachers employed in the over 1,000 emergency nursery schools in the United States. The emergency nursery schools throughout the United States in 1934-35 employed 6,770 helpers other than members of their professional staffs. Of this number of helpers 582 or 8.7 per cent were Negroes.

A more concise picture of the status of the Federal Emergency Nursery Schools among Negroes in a typical southern state can be seen from the situation in Alabama. According to the Alabama Relief Administration Report for 1934-35, there were 66 helpers other than professionals employed by the white and colored emergency nursery schools in the state. Of this number 52 or 78.7 per cent were Negroes. In January, 1936, there were 38 emergency nursery schools in Alabama. Of this number 14 or 36.8 per cent were for Negro children. These 38 schools had an enrollment of 990 children, of whom 417 or 42.1 per cent were in the Negro schools. These 38 schools employed 78 teachers, of whom 29 or 37.1 per cent were Negroes working in the schools for colored children. A training institute was held for these Negro emergency nursery school teachers at the Montgomery State Teachers College for a period of four weeks during the early part of the fall of 1935. These teachers among other things were instructed in the principles of parent education and how to get these principles over to the mothers of the children in their respective schools.

It is the attempt of the emergency nursery schools to carry on as far as possible the same type of program as is carried on in the old-established standard nursery

schools, except for the fact that there is little if any attempt at definite scientific experimentation. According to Dr. Grace Langdon, specialist in WPA Nursery Schools, a definite program of parent education is attempted in all emergency nursery schools, including the 148 separate schools for Negroes in southern states. Negro women from relief rolls and female relatives of WPA employees having children enrolled in emergency nursery schools are taking advantage of the nursery schools as means of learning the newer principles of parenthood and child care. As means of studying their children they are participating in parents' clubs and scheduled observations provided by these nursery schools. They are also profiting by interviews with the teachers. Many of these mothers are thoroughly conscientious in their efforts to secure scientific information which will enable them to understand their children better and to rear them properly. The teachers in all of the 14 Negro emergency nursery schools in Alabama report enthusiastic interest in the various phases of parent education on the part of the majority of the mothers concerned. Mothers often come voluntarily requesting information and assistance with their problems of parenthood. They request information about such problems as eating and sleeping, elimination, behavior problems of children, money matters, husband and wife relationships, sex matters of children, and birth control.

Also, through the agency of the adult education program of the WPA, many Negro mothers in the South are learning of modern scientific principles of parenthood. For six weeks during the summer of 1935 in Alabama alone 311 Negro adult teachers in the WPA educational program attended a special training institute provided for them at the Montgomery State Teachers College. Among the courses provided for these teachers was a course in parent education through which they received scientific information to take back to their adult pupils, many of whom are fathers and mothers. These adult teachers were instructed to visit the homes of their pupils and through this medium to carry the gospel of parent education into individual families. Many families cannot be touched through any other means. These teachers were also instructed to visit families other than those of their pupils for the same purpose mentioned above. Similar institutes were conducted for Negro WPA adult teachers in other southern states. Several of the institutes conducted in other states provided for the adult teachers' training quite similar to that which was provided in Alabama.

With the work of various agencies, foremost among them being the nursery schools, Negro mothers will be parents.

1. E. Franklin Frazier: "The Negro Family in Chicago." Chicago, The University of Chicago Press, 1931.
2. W. McKinley Menchan: "Parent Education in a Negro College," *School and Society*, 37:962, p. 113, June 3, 1933.
3. "The Negro College Takes to the Nursery School," *School and Society*, 36:924, p. 338, September 10, 1932.

THE SUPREME COURT ISSUE AND THE NEGRO

By BARRINGTON D. PARKER

An Issue Is Met . . . And An Unbiased Viewpoint Is
Taken . . . Do We Stand To Profit . . .

NOTHING in Franklin D. Roosevelt's entire career as President has aroused such acrimonious debate as his proposal to reorganize the Federal Judiciary. A month and more has elapsed since the proposal was issued. Over that period of time conservative elements have vied with one another in accusing the President of undermining the foundation of democratic government. They not only condemn the "real" purposes of his proposal but predict something dire and revolutionary. On the other hand, the progressive elements contend that liberalism and democracy are compatible. They declare that a more dynamic judiciary is essential and is no more than expedient under changing conditions.

As to the arguments pertaining to this proposal and as to the confounding technicalities in the process of its adoption, we have no particular concern. Let it be recognized, however, that there are pertinent and far-reaching issues. These issues, relevant though they may be, are not complement to the present undertaking and so an omission of them is begged.

The problem we are concerned with is: Can the proposal for a reorganization of the Federal Judiciary tender any economic or social advantages to the Negro? It cannot be denied, despite the attitude of many of our Negro leaders, that economic and social stability and security is the ultimate salvation of the Negro. Nor is this salvation peculiar to the Negro—it is as equally true of any racial group. If in any way, then, some degree of progress can accrue from the recent proposal, we are disposed to accept it. If not, we are willing to dispose of it in accordance.

The President's proposal in its broadest sense would include a reorganization of the lower Federal Courts and a further reorganization or increase in the number of Justices of the Supreme Court in so far as those, seventy years of age have not resigned.

Observing the first fundamental change, it is clearly desirable that steps should be taken to clear up a disorganized congestion in the lower courts which has made some of them a byword for inefficiency and delay. This would necessarily be of value to any litigant who, previously, because of the drawn-out processes of law, was unable to face the expenses of such a procedure. Moreover, he would benefit from the actual speeding up of the litigation. It is within the jurisdiction of the lower courts that the majority of the cases concerning the Negro are settled—the nature of the average case hardly warranting higher adjudication. From this reorganization, then, we can wisely conclude that

not only would the Negro benefit, but also any other low-income group that found cost and time, deterrents in previous law suits, removed. Our courts would then seem to pass from the idea of a guarantee of the vested rights of a few to a guarantee of the vested rights of many.

Turning our attention to the Supreme Court: to attempt to arrive at any conclusion concerning a change in this body demands deliberate caution. But at least it does not defy consideration. At the offset we can appreciate that the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court is limited by the Constitution. Consequently the court has received about thirty cases dealing with the Negro since the Dred Scott decision. The dockets of the Court for the greater part have been confined to cases concerning "big business"—corporations and industrial concerns. And whose interest is moreover insured by the rendering of questionable decisions of Justices previously representing such organizations.

It is then a matter of incertitude as to whether the Negro would be affected to any noticeable extent. Data are not available citing the number of cases affecting the Negro that have been adjudicated by the present Justices. But certainly we can mention three of significance that have been reviewed during the last four years, namely, the Texas Primary Case, the Scottsboro Case, and the Angelo Herndon Case. If these three can be representative, there are those who are recognized as being in the position to question the Court who observe that the Court was equivocal in issues that seemed "cut and dried" from the standpoint of the guarantee of human rights under the Constitution. The Texas Primary Case was definitely against the Negro. The Scottsboro decision was lukewarm with what finally turned into a compromise with the state of Alabama. And as yet the Angelo Herndon Case has not been fully settled, but with indications that evasions of rights will be foremost. Accepting these three cases as conclusive our reactions are quite obvious.

Some would raise the question that with additional Justices can an assurance be had of a greater consideration of the rights of the Negro. This can be neither affirmed nor denied. Yet there is the one controlling possibility. The President, in making his appointments and the Congress in confirming them, will bear in mind, as is consistent, the interests of all. As a case to point reference is made to the pressure brought to bear by several groups on the proposed appointment of Judge Parker to the Supreme Court, several years ago.

THE ORACLE

But as yet, no mention has been made of a fundamental argument favoring the President's proposal. The last few years have clearly demonstrated that there is no precise historical parallel to the present situation in any phase of American democracy. From a humanitarian point of view any concept of social justice is meaningless. There exists what many have styled the paradox of capitalism, "Poverty in the midst of plenty."

President Roosevelt, thus acting, not in accord with any precedent, but sensing the acuteness of the situation, injected into this economic and social chaos measures which in their essence would attempt to alleviate this existing dilemma. These measures, the prematurity of which in some cases was evident, nevertheless, produced a gradual relief to the situation, and as such benefited the masses. And though some would doubt the material gain afforded the Negro from these measures, these doubts can hardly be affirmed with too great conviction. These measures have had their effect on the Negro. During the last four years such attempts to regulate hours, wages, and conditions of work in American industry; such attempts to rectify the farm tenant problem; such attempts to sponsor slum clearance and

housing projects have all resulted in some gain for the Negro. Perhaps not a gain of considerable note—but that is a problem unto itself and as such it should stimulate thought among our college youths as well as among other leaders.

The Supreme Court, however, by a majority vote, has chosen a political philosophy whose major premise is the protection of capitalism from any encroachment of the Federal Government. As a result the majority of these measures have been invalidated with the added prospect of pending litigation suffering the same fate. It is not surprising that even moderate liberals after the experience of the last several decades conclude that such a concept is wholly at variance with the needs of the modern state. The sooner the Court realizes that the postulates of one generation are not the wishes of another, the sooner will democracy adjust itself to circumstances. And if the Court cannot realize that basic changes call for basic measures, a reorganization of that department is necessary. For to do nothing would seem to violate the spirit of our Government and Constitution.

The Harrison-Black Education Bill

A Thought-Provoking Consideration of Pending Legislation . . .

THE United States Senate Committee on Education and Labor began hearings on the Harrison-Black Bill (S 419) on February 9, 1937, concluding on February 16. Hearings before the House Committee will be held at an early date.

It will be recalled that the present Bill was introduced during the second session of the 74th Congress, by Senator Pat Harrison, of Mississippi and Representative Fletcher of Ohio; and was recently reintroduced in the Senate by Senators Harrison of Mississippi and Black of Alabama, and into the House by Congressmen Fletcher of Ohio and Fulmer of South Carolina. The provisions of the Bill in brief are: (1) that there be appropriated from the federal treasury \$100,000,000 for the first year with an increase of \$50,000,000 a year until a total annual appropriation of \$300,000,000 is reached; (2) that this money be appropriated to the several states on the basis of the number of persons 5-20 years of age inclusive; (3) that the money be used by the states in any way they see fit—*provided*, that they spend as much state money in schools as they spent in 1936, and *provided* that they maintain "... a system of public schools available throughout such state . . . for not less than one hundred and sixty days, the closing of school due to epidemics, fires, and acts of God being excepted."

Why This Bill Must Be Amended

The absolute absence of any sort of safeguards to insure that Negro schools (in those states where

Negroes are forced by law to attend separate schools) would get their equitable share of such appropriations has given considerable concern to the more intelligent Negroes and many liberal and sympathetic whites. Negroes fear, and *rightly*, that if these funds are turned over to the states without any definite stipulations that Negro schools are to share equitably, Negro schools will be treated in the same discriminatory fashion as they are now treated in the case of purely state funds. For example, at the Senate hearings, several witnesses testified showing: (1) that discrimination in the expenditure of state funds for Negro schools was growing *greater* rather than less—that in 1900 the difference in expenditures upon Negro and white pupils enrolled in school was *only* 48 per cent, but in 1930 it had increased to 252 per cent; (2) that if the federal money proposed to be appropriated under this Bill were divided as state funds are now divided in 8 states, Negroes would get *only* \$6,310,573 out of the \$15,908,084 to which their numbers would entitle them—less than one-half of their share.

Such facts as these have recently caused 25 national organizations, with a total of over 400,000 members in the 48 states and the District of Columbia, to unanimously adopt resolutions condemning the Bill as now drawn up. However, they heartily approved the *principle* of federal aid provided it is properly safeguarded. Without exception they have adopted resolutions requesting definite amendments to this Bill which

will assure that Negro separate schools will get their fair share of the funds provided. Moreover, several of these organizations were represented at the hearings before the Senate Committee vigorously contending for amendments to the Bill that would insure that the federal monies appropriated would be spent equitably; thereby keeping the Federal Government from becoming any more of an active participant in the outrageous practice that now obtains.

The Proposed Amendments

The substance of the amendments proposed by these organizations is briefly as follows: (1) That the federal money given to states having separate schools shall be spent in a proportion *not less* than that the Negroes bear to the total population of a state; (2) that these states shall spend out of their own funds on Negro schools not less than they spent in 1936; (3) that a report shall be made to the U. S. Commissioner of Education showing disbursement of both federal and state funds, *by race*, and a printed report be published of same; (4) that the wording of Section 7 of the Bill be amended to read: "no school shall be kept open for less than 160 days," instead of the present ambiguous phraseology of the Bill; and (5) that if any of these provisions is violated, the Secretary of the Interior shall withhold funds from such a state until the conditions have been met.

This Bill Must Be Amended

The National Education Association (a national organization of educators, the large majority of whom are white) has been very persistent in its efforts to pass this Bill. Negroes have assured the N.E.A. that they whole-heartedly favor federal aid to public schools, but they have also pointed out that the above safeguards are absolutely necessary. The N.E.A. has been unwilling to accept the amendments requested. Moreover, it is reliably reported that proponents of this Bill (as now drafted) are resorting to questionable tactics to defeat the inclusion of what they must know are necessary safeguards.

First, it has been reliably reported that State Superintendents and other educational officials in a number of states with separate schools have been exerting pressure upon Negro educators and leaders to write and wire endorsements of the Bill as now drawn, without amendments. For example, the following telegram was sent to Negroes by the State Superintendent in one state:

"Harrison-Black-Fletcher Bill Federal Relief Education Tremendous Importance to Education and . . . and Nation. Some Negro Opposition claiming South Unfair to Negro may kill bill. Believing Bill in present form will help cause of Negro education everywhere we urge you immediately wire Senators Hugo Black and Pat Harrison giving racial identity and position."

Reports have been received of similar pressure in other states.

Second, it is very significant to note that although the National Education Association called over the dozen witnesses of national importance from various parts of the country, they called *only* two relatively unknown, (apparently specially-selected) Negroes from Virginia to testify. One of them unqualifiedly endorsed the Bill as now drawn and opposed amendments in any form; the other stated that he would like to see an amendment, if it would not defeat the Bill.

The testimony of the first witness in his unqualified endorsement of the Bill as now drawn and in his opposition to such amendments as are proposed by numerous Negro organizations was so amazing that efforts were made to find out whether this testimony reflected the sentiments of intelligent Negro educators of Virginia, or was merely the result of ignorance, intimidation, or expediency. A recent letter, (February 18, 1937), from Dr. John M. Gandy, President of the Virginia State College for Negroes, Petersburg, Virginia, a Negro educator of national reputation and standing—is typical of numerous reactions of Negro educators of Virginia.

"In reply to your letter of February 17th I desire to state that I cannot see how any Negro could feel that the Harrison-Black Bill as drawn would give the Negro an equal chance to benefit from funds provided by that Bill . . . I do not know a single person here [Virginia State College] who would endorse the Bill as it now stands."

"I think I know the sentiment of the intelligent Negroes of Virginia very well, and I would unhesitatingly bear testimony to the fact that in my opinion they do not approve of the Harrison-Black Bill as drawn . . . Even with much persuasion we have been unable to do anything at all with V.P.I. [The Virginia Polytechnic Institute, the Agricultural College for white boys] in getting that institution to release to us funds made available to the State of Virginia without specifically including Negroes. Unless future bills make specific provision for Negro people, these bills will be used just as have others in the past where the Negro was not mentioned."

"We did not know anything about the appearance [of the two Virginia witnesses] before the Committee in the interest of the Harrison-Black Bill."

In view of Dr. Gandy's very outspoken views on the necessity of amending this Bill, we can now understand why this distinguished educator of national reputation and 40 years' service in Virginia was not called upon by the N.E.A. to testify at the hearings, instead of the two local Negroes who were "hand-picked" for the purpose. Despite the fact that the N.E.A. denies it has asked superintendents in Southern States to have Negro educators send in endorsements of the Bill without amendments, the presentation of such witnesses indicates that, at least, the N.E.A. is not interested in getting the *real* thought of Negroes on this Bill either in Virginia or elsewhere.

OMEGA JUBILEE

BY
FREDERICK S.
WEAVER

After Twenty-five Years
We Celebrated the Blessed Event in the City of
Brotherly Love

...AND a great time was had by all. This adequately describes the Twenty-fifth Conclave and Silver Jubilee of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, held very fittingly in Philadelphia—the “City of Brotherly Love.”

It had been fifteen years since the Quaker City had been host to the Omega clan; yet, no member who followed Jack Atkins, then Grand Basileus, to Philadelphia in 1922, had forgot the gaiety, mingled with serious accomplishments, that was had. No longer than the Glee Club, from Epsilon Chapter in New York City, under the baton of Southernaires Director Brother Homer O. Smith, had pealed forth its first strain in opening the Twenty-fifth Conclave, did the delegates realize that Philadelphia was really playing hosts to a Conclave of Jubilee.

A medley of songs of all the national fraternities, sung by Homer's boys, was illustrative of the cosmopolitan spirit that exists within the confines of Omega Psi Phi. The opening session, to which the public was invited, wasn't over before Philadelphia's citizens realized that, not only were they to show their guests a jolly, good time, but that they were in for a jolly, good time, as well, from the generousities of their guests.

No Omega Conclave, seemingly, can be considered properly begun without giving the delegates opportunity to expound at random on “Omega, Past Present and Future.” An opening smoker, therefore, affords the best opportunity for this. In Philadelphia, Essie Marie's Studio was the setting. Here, no one was ruled out of order. Brothers spoke out of the abundance of their hearts. Still being heard are the echoes from the speeches of Dwight Vincent Kyle, Boston's youthful Desmosthenes; Jimmy Nabrit, Howard Law School professor; Dr. James T. W. Granady, Harlem physician; Lieutenant Oxley, former Grand Basileus; “King” Sterrett, who had Jesse O. Thomas calling for aspirins; Alexander Looby, Nashville barrister; Bob Baskervill, astute attorney, and ORACLE editor, and many others.

With their lungs tired, it was altogether fitting and proper that the boy's feet should be given a chance. This was accomplished by adjourning to the Palais Royal where the congenial membership of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity was host to a welcoming dance. It was a grand evening. The Conclave had opened.

Bill Paul, handsome Grand Marshal, anticipating that some of his brothers would come to Philadelphia

stranded and unattached, thoughtfully arranged a “get acquainted cocktail hour” for Monday afternoon. Omega was to play host to Philadelphia at a Grand Opening Ball. Bill wanted every Q. C. attached. Unattached brothers, wanting to become attached, invaded Essie Marie's studio, seat of the cocktail hour, became attached to ladies whom themselves were hitherto unattached. Lieutenant Oxley was on hand. Tuesday morning, Philadelphia's socialites' tongues were wagging. It had been a long time, they said, since they had enjoyed such a pleasant evening as was had the night before.

Card parties and other entertainment for the wives and sweethearts of Omega men were holding forth in various parts of the city while their better halves were pondering the fate of Omega in Houston Hall, University of Pennsylvania. Tuesday afternoon, a lesson in the art of playing basketball was taught the Alpha Phi Alpha “five” by the Omega cagers. In the evening, the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority led the Q. C.'s to the Ambassador Ballroom to be their guests at dancing. It is no secret to Omega men, wherever they may be, that when the Delta Sorority says, “Come on let's dance,” no more need be said.

Wednesday, the Conclave closed, but not until the delegates had adjusted their ties, posed for pictures, both in session and out; went on a sightseeing tour, and bade Philadelphia, host and hostess, goodbye at a closing Conclave Ball, in the swanky, spacious ballroom of the Broadwood Hotel. Guests to the dance, unaccompanied by Omega men, were sent home with a happy feeling, the Q's had told them goodbye in a style long to be remembered. But to the wives and sweethearts of Omegas, the fun was not over. Arm in arm they retired to the Moonlight Grill, where, beneath a rising sun, they said cheerio, adieu in a different manner. A cabaret party was the final treat. It was about six o'clock Thursday morning, when delegates and visiting members, left the cabaret, retired to their hotels and homes, and again glanced through the souvenir program. In it, Bill Paul had penned:

“To the delegates and visitors, we wish you a grand time, and in leaving Philadelphia hope that you will always keep in your memory this occasion—The Silver Jubilee of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.” The wishes and hopes of Bill were fulfilled. The memory of the Silver Jubilee still lingers. A good time was had by all.



LITERARY GEMS

MALCOLM DODSON

FELIX MARGINALIS

SATIRE

By LLOYD T. BARNES

A Medical Student Thinks About Cats . . . We Pause
to Consider How Human Their Behavior Is . . .

*"Alone, alone, all, all alone,
Alone on a wide, wide sea!
And never a saint took pity on
My soul in agony."*—COLERIDGE.

ON a bright purple evening one September there was born, in a narrow-walled alley of whitewashed brick, a litter of five cats. The mother was a kindly, affectionate soul, more practical than dreamy, whose sole interest in life was to rear a family of outstanding sons and daughters, as had her many forebears. But the father was more philosophical. Though he tried to lead a normal life, he was continually obsessed with the desire of fathoming the depths of every encounter and planning his action after recourse to long hours of meditation. He was even what might be called erudite, at least he thought he was. And anything he did must of necessity have had a logical basis, thoroughly planned and meditated upon. There was nothing, he thought, that he could not explain or predict. And so, he believed that the combination of personalities such as his wife's and his own sometimes give rise to social, if not physical, mutations. His researches also included hereditary studies of his family. Knowing that his wife was a gray cat with a dull coat, that he was a gray cat with a glossy coat, and that both their heredities were made up of incomplete dominant strains, he speculated on his knowledge of Mendelian inheritance that in a litter of five or six offspring he could expect all but one to be varying shades of gray, half with dull coats and half with glossy coats, while the remaining new-born would be a very light gray—

lighter than the mother, the father, or any of the others in the litter—with a smooth, glossy coat.

It so happened that on this September evening all these predictions came true. In this litter of five cats four resembled, more or less, the mother or father; but the fifth was very pale gray, which with a little stretch of imagination might be construed to be white, with a fine, glossy coat than even then gleamed with the last fading rays of daylight. This unusual product was name Felix.

Felix's mother was overjoyed at the contribution she had made to the population, for she had been trained in the divine virtue of propagating the species. In fact, she considered that her purpose in life. But her mate had no time for teleology, for rather than be contented with glibly accepting the tenets of antiquity, he would prefer to solve his own concepts. He did not think too much of the work he had done, mainly because of the birth of little Felix. He imagined distasteful things in store for his family. Still, he knew that he must face the present, and so he resigned himself to being a good father.

The family proved to be home loving. While the kittens were still young the father would go out in the mornings and get them choice heads of cod and shad and bring them home for his hungry litter to devour. And in the evenings they would gather in a circle in the brighter portion of their narrow alley. Felix and his brothers and sisters would wrestle and box, while their parents discussed the future. Always before bedtime the father would tell to his offspring

THE ORACLE

stories of the past, of his life, his mate's life, and the lives of their forebears. He would interject, now and then, bits of his hard-earned philosophy, sometimes almost inadvertently lapsing into which interested him most, social philosophy, only to have his mate quickly change the subject. Never did any members of that happy family, except the father, leave the whitewashed alley. And so it was for days—even weeks.

But though Felix liked his home, his brothers and sisters, and his parents, he was soon seized with wanderlust, that innate desire of all social mutations (for that is what Felix was to become), to wander and roam, aimlessly, searching for pleasures which they cannot explain, and never being able to rest their weary heads. As the sunlight faded and a late afternoon hush fell over the city he felt the urge to roam. He would look out beyond the end of the alley; then poke his head forth and look up and down the long, narrow street. His brothers and sisters asked him many times what he was about and as many times reminded him of the dangers their father claimed to be in the outside world; but Felix had no heed for them. He knew what he was doing and needed no help. His wanderings continued. He soon found himself pacing up and down the street; discovering another street; seeing many other cats, some like himself, some like his brothers and sisters, some black, some brown, and still others white. The latter fascinated him, because they were so different, so neat, so sleek, and so well poised. But always when the purple shades, under which he was born, fell at evening, he would return to his narrow, brick alley.

Felix found great joy in his meanderings. When he returned home he told his family what he had seen and done. But, although his brothers and sisters were curious, his mother was indifferent, and his father only admonitory. Therefore, he reasoned, he would no longer recount his adventures; he would rather return home in silence. And so he wandered, he saw and he did; but when he came home he said nothing. He was becoming an introvert.

In his wanderings one day Felix encountered a grocery store, the like of which he had never seen. He noticed that the streets were wider and brighter than his own, there were no alleys there, and there were many people and many cats. These discoveries intrigued him. There was a barrel outside the grocery store, in which discarded fish heads were available. They were most delectable—such as Felix had never known. He was later to find that they were the heads of New Hampshire trout. The cats of the neighborhood ate from the barrel, too; but they were all white cats, with smooth, glossy coats. They were all very friendly with Felix, for which he was grateful. In conversations with them he found that they did not live in alleys, but in houses. Curiosity having been aroused, Felix insisted on seeing the inside of a house. The effect of his first visit was bewildering, and so he returned time and again.

This new experience was pleasing to Felix—these

new friends, white cats, these houses, these clean streets, and that New Hampshire trout—so much so that his time with his family became more and more limited. He knew wonderful experiences must still be in store for him.

On one of his visits, Felix met a little white cat; her name was Fluffy. They were almost immediately attracted to each other. They talked together, walked together, and ate trout together. The more Felix saw of Fluffy, the more he knew he needed her company; and he knew that her feelings were far from indifferent. It was not long before they wandered off alone—Felix and his Fluffy. He purred into her ear; she purred back at him. He snuggled close to her; and she did not object. Then he rubbed noses with her; and she enjoyed it. It was heavenly for both of them. It went on and on, for weeks and weeks, neither one of them dreaming that there could be an end to it all.

It never dawned on Felix that he was sociologically a marginal individual, and as such he was a social mutation. His father could have told him so; could even have told him that marginal persons always meet a bitter end. No, he was ignorantly happy. Nothing else mattered.

Felix tried hard to avoid bringing his new friends to his home, for he could not bear embarrassment. His friends never knew where he lived, nor would they know, if he had anything to do with it. One evening, while the two lovers were out walking, they wandered, unknowingly, down the street where Felix lived. Felix did not realize it until, as they were passing the narrow, whitewashed alley, his dull, gray brothers and sisters called him, asking him why he never came home and who his new friend was. Felix was non-plussed; Fluffy was incensed. Her tail rose straight up into the air, as she glared at him through hot eyes that spoke louder than the words that failed to come from her mouth; and she finally stalked away proudly, with her chin high in the air. But Felix only stood there, limp, with his chin where it would receive the steady beat of his heavy heart. His mother, father, brothers, and sisters understood. They would not speak; would not come near. Now he saw the coldness of home; but realized that there were friends, real friends, at the grocery store. He hastened there. But although all his friends were there, none had a word for him—they all acted as if he were not there at all.

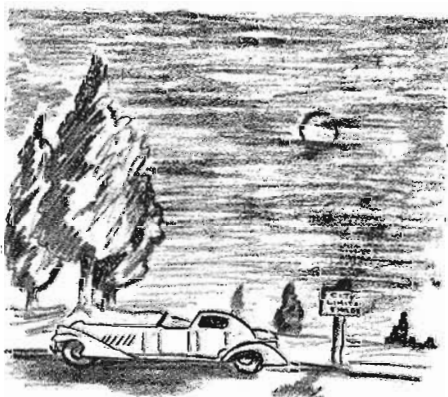
And then a blackness, a heaviness inside, descended upon Felix. He saw what his father might have predicted for him. He saw the uselessness of his situation, his utter failure, the reason why he wasn't what he wanted to be. He lingered homeward, with heavy feet that he could hardly drag behind him. He entered the alley, where the moon sought out the purple shades and narrow confines of the recess. The silver light was reflected off each whitewashed brick in monotonous succession. It was the same kind of night on which he was born—a bright purple evening in September, with

silvery beams on white back walls. His people were home, all of them. But they were all gathered around the father, who was now lecturing on social philosophy. Felix felt his heart beat heavy, his head go numb, and his extremities quiver. He knew that there was only one way out—that way he revolved to take. He stood at one side of the alley, with his head low, meditated a while, and charged for the opposite wall. The white bricks came up to meet his head with a dull thud. A sudden, sharp pain was all he felt; he fell back, but was soon on his feet. He tried again, with the same result. And again and again he tried; but nothing

happened. Five times, six, seven, and even eight times he tried. He set his teeth, arched his back, and charged again. His head met the wall, which began to spin and swirl, every white brick of it. Faster and faster it spun, until each separate brick was fused into a white swirl, which soon became darker, until now it was gray, now darker gray, darker and darker, until it was black. The spinning stopped; Felix slumped. And he lay there until his bones whitened under the sun.

Felix Marginalis was no more. But what remained of him was bleached white. And there were still cats, white cats, gray cats, brown cats, and even black cats.

DRAWINGS BY "QC" SCAMBLE



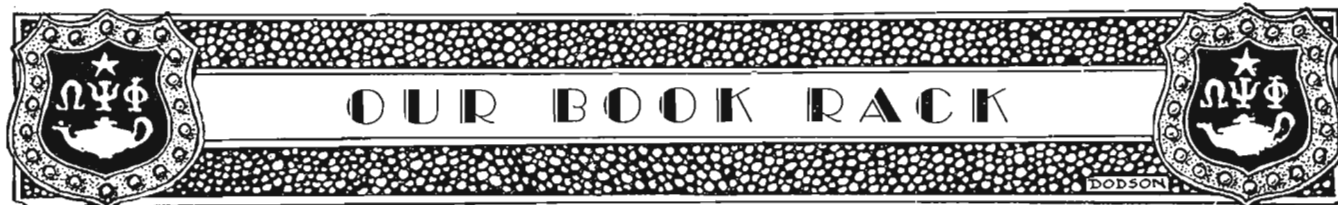
"I Don't Blame Mrs. Waswanki For Wanting to hire You"



"But I don't know Your Daughter"



"The King spent His Vacation In England. Wonder Where The Crown Prince Went?"



"NEGROES AND THE LAW"

By FITZHUGH LEE STYLES
Christopher Publishing House

Price \$3.50

Boston, Mass.

Pp. 320

"NEGROES and the Law" is written in a clear comprehensive and simple style; is good food for thought, interesting reading, and calculated to correct evils and abuses; to diminish much tension and misunderstanding on the part of colored and white people. There is no shadow-boxing about it. The author hits hard and meaningfully, and makes it clearly understood that justice and the Negroes' rights will be advanced in proportion to the understanding of the individual as to his rights, and his willingness to seek redress in the Courts for the wrongs done to him.

The contents of "Negroes and the Law" will place the Negroes in a more formidable position to stand upon their constitutional and individual rights. Therein will be found special chapters written by Ex-Judge James A. Cobb; former Assist. U. S. Attorney General Robert L. Vann; and Charles H. Houston, Counsel for the N.A.A.C.P. Included also are the biographies of some outstanding historical characters who were lawyers as: John Mercer Langston; Robert Browne Elliott; and Jonathan Jasper Wright, Judge of the Supreme Court of South Carolina, and some of their addresses on momentous occasions in the history of the race, such as the speech of Robert Browne Elliott in reply to Alexander Stephens, former Vice-President of the Confederacy, on the Constitutionality of the Federal Civil Rights Bill, then, in 1875, pending before Congress and passed. This speech was then as widely discussed and praised as Lincoln's reply to Stephen A. Douglass, when Lincoln stated: "This government cannot endure half slave and half free."

The author of "Negroes and the Law" was born in Jacksonville, Florida, thirty-seven years ago, and lived there until he was about eighteen years of age when he went to Howard University and graduated from the Academy College Department and Law School with the degrees of A.B., and LL.B. He is the grandson of Rev. W. H. Styles, who was an able civic leader of Georgia, and the last Colored member of the Georgia State Legislature.

Mr. Styles, knows something about justice and injustice under our American law, and in the Courts. He knows how it feels to be a man—an American citizen—depending wholly for life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness upon the proper interpretation of the law as guaranteed by the American "Magna Carta"—the Constitution. More than this, he knows something about the plight of his people who have been exploited and denied their rights, often under the guise of law, for more than seventy years. This has been due in part to their lack of understanding and knowledge of the law. (This book will help to remedy the situation, as it is written for lay-readers.)

Perhaps it was his heritage, contact and experience, combined with the study and practice of law for over ten years that gave the author the inspiration to write this book. He has clearly focused the writing and contents of the book to the fundamental facts that the rights of the race depend almost entirely upon their better understanding of the law—the interpretation of the same, and the administration of justice before the Court and semi-judicial bodies.

CONFESSION TO A LOST IDEAL*

*I would have loved you
Not as mortals love,
Shallow, weakly, vainly so;
Nor sought alone the richness of your nearness;
Nor cared for but the warmth of your caress.
I would have found reflected
Within the mirrored mystery of your eyes
Those things for which my very being seeks and cries;
That which is the beauty of the rose,
The IT of mellow chords,
The majesty of somber harmonies,
The sanctity of pensive muted notes.
In you I would have searched the depths of genius*

*And roamed triumphantly the realms of thought.
My immaturity prompts me boast
In you I would have conquered youth;
I would have seen things as they really are
And even fathomed Lisa's smile;
Time would have waited,
For truth, even death would have made
But an endless fusion of you and me—
Sadly I turn away.*

WENDELL P. GRIGSBY.

*This is the prize-winning poem in a contest sponsored by the *Duquesne Monthly*, student literary publication of Duquesne University, and is submitted with the consent of the editor.

CHAPTER NOTES



ZETA OMEGA Cleveland, Ohio

Zeta Omega is already preparing the ground work for the coming conclave to which we are most pleased to be hosts. Cleveland expects to extend a royal welcome to the hundreds of Omega men who will gather here in 1937, and our various committees in the chapter have begun functioning now to assure them of enjoyment and comfort. Last October, Grand Basileus William Baugh, speaking at a banquet held in his honor at the Douglas Club under the toastmastership of Arnold L. Robinson, greatly encouraged the efforts of Zeta Omega to bring the 26th Annual Conclave to Cleveland. And when, at our installation banquet on the 14th of January, our delegates to the Philadelphia conclave brought back official word that we would be the next hosts, they were greeted with prolonged applause. Our new officers installed at this banquet are as follows: Attorney Fred Roseboro, Basileus; Attorney Charles V. Carr, Vice-Basileus; Elliott Young of the Urban League Staff, Keeper of Records and Seals; Armond L. Robinson of the Atlanta Life, Keeper of Finances; Dr. Robert A. Harris, Chaplin; Langston Hughes, author, Chapter Editor, and Nathaniel Bowen of the Postal Service, Keeper of Peace. Dr. Philip H. White conducted the installation of officers. Charles Collins was banquet master of ceremonies. George V. Johnson and Charles V. Carr gave their reports as delegates to the Philadelphia conclave, and were enthusiastic in describing the hospitality and good fellowship shown them there, as well as bringing us vivid accounts of the closed sessions of Omega which they attended. Brother George V. Johnson, successful and well-known young local attorney, is the Grand Marshal for the 26th conclave.

Chapter news notes since our last reporting: Our great violinist, Brother Louis Vaughn Jones, visited his parents in Cleveland during the holidays and entertained a number of the brothers with a stag at his home . . . Chester Gray has been made Assistant State

Superintendent of Recreation under the N.Y.A. and has taken up his duties in Columbus . . . Doctors Kent and White have installed themselves in luxurious new offices on East 55th Street, and Dr. Harris has purchased an apartment building of six suites on East 83rd where he expects to live, thus allowing him to expand his offices on Scovill . . . Brother Elliott G. Young has married the charming Miss Meyers of St. Louis; and on February 26th many of the brothers made merry at the wedding reception of Brother Lavert H. Gardner, former football star of Virginia State, united in holy wedlock to Miss Carrie Laverne . . . Brother Robert A. Smith, formerly of Pittsburgh, is one of the outstanding pharmacists of the new Shauter Drug Store. And above the store, Dr. John McMorries has opened spacious new offices . . . Brother Charles White continues his excellent work as Assistant City Law Director and President of the 18th Ward Republican Club. Brothers Bill White and Elmer J. Whiting are both continuing their law studies; Charles Collins is capably handling his work as Junior Civil Service Examiner for the city, and Brother A. L. Robinson is driving a new black de luxe sedan up and down Cedar Avenue as he goes about the business of the Atlanta Life Insurance Company of which he is a special representative, and of which John Early is a most progressive agent.

Our last meeting was held at the home of Brother George Davis with a large representation present. Our yearly budget was approved and among other things, a report from Cleveland's active Pan-Hellenic Council of which our own Brother L. A. Murphy is chairman, was read and discussed, with Zeta Omega agreeing to support the various endeavors for civic betterment which the council is undertaking. The program which concluded the meeting was a presentation of the opposing political theories, communism and fascism by Brothers Langston Hughes and Charles Collins. A delicious repast was served buffet style, a huge boiled ham and a keg of iced beer being not the least of

its features. Our March meeting will take place at the home of Brother N. B. Bowen. Dr. Estes J. Gunn will talk on *Recent Advances in Medicine*.

LANGSTON HUGHES.

GAMMA ALPHA Roanoke, Va.

Gamma Alpha is moving along nicely this year under the leadership of Bas. J. H. Lewis. Semi-monthly meetings are progressing without a hitch and the brothers are planning for the Va. State conference in a big way. The last meeting was at the home of Bro. Harry Penn, one of the foremost young men in anybody's city. Bro. Penn is a fine dentist and has recently opened the most modern pharmacy in the city. And yes, indeed! A young Omega man made his debut into the world recently and his mother and the youngster are doing nicely. His daddy—yes, Harry Penn again, is a power.

On March 5, Gamma Alpha is staging a basketball game between Morgan College and Bluefield State College. It's the talk of the town and it looks like things are going over in a big way. All of this points to the State conference to be held in April. If there has ever been any kind of a conference—and believe you me there have been many in Va., the most outstanding one will be here in Roanoke in the spring, so don't miss it if you are in these parts.

Every member in Gamma Alpha is eligible with the Grand conclave, too. No, No, we're not bragging. We are simply offering a little measuring stick for all good Omegas to go by. "T'aint hard."

Seriously, we feel that we have one of the most outstanding chapters in the country, and we are striving to keep it that way. We greet one and all in the name of a great "Frat," and from a real chapter of lively men.

A. G. MACKLIN.

THE ORACLE

PSI

Morehouse College,
Atlanta, Ga.

Somewhere in years gone by a man said: "Go West young man, go West." To be exact that man was Horace Greely. In those days, the West meant a land of opportunity, a place for development. Today that word "West" is interpreted as any place where opportunities are in abundance and not as the romantic West of yesteryear. Quite a number of young men have found their "West" in the deep South below the Mason-Dixon line in Atlanta, Georgia, at Morehouse College. Here they have found opportunities for growth of both mind and body.

Psi chapter feels proud to boast the names of some of these individuals who have become a part of this great development, especially in Atlanta. If we sing our praises too loud and push our chests out a bit too far, forgive us for we are lost in the dizzy raptures of achievements. We had a large number of our brothers to make the honor roll last semester. The names of these men are not available now but will be published in the next issue of the ORACLE.

Aside from taking our studies seriously, we also take our sports quite seriously. During the last football season, Psi chapter had in its presence two outstanding national football heroes: Brother Roscoe Johnson, 145 pounds, but an All-American and All-Southern guard, and Brother Leroy "Roughhouse" Haynes, who was selected as captain of the All-Southern mythical eleven and also received honorable mention in national circles. He made All-American last year (1935) and there is some belief that he should have been chosen this year.

With the close of the basketball season, Psi found herself in the possession of three members of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference championship team of Morehouse College in the persons of Brothers Felix Harris, Henry Paige, and Charles Bush, the latter being picked on the All-Southern basketball team. All of these are Northern boys who have found their "West" at Morehouse College.

Since our last report in the ORACLE, we have had an addition of thirteen members to our fold. The new brothers are Toussaint Crowell, Marshall Cabiness, Thomas Money, Vernon Buck, Edward Lawson, Nathaniel Bronner, Robert Desmond, B. J. Anderson, Wallace Williams, Walter Harley, Richard Woodward, Eugene McGowan, and Henry Paige.

Psi is crowning herself with glory. During the past month, two of our brothers were sent by the student body to the Southern Youth Conference of the N.A.A.C.P. which convened in Virginia. They were Brothers James A. Hall and Marshall Cabiness. Also Brother Robert J. Smith was sent along with two other men to sit in at the

Third Annual Socio-Religious Conference convening at Paine College.

We are looking forward with anxious eyes to the coming of the Interfraternal Basketball tournament to be held March 13, 17, and 20. From all indications we think it will be Omega all the way.

The statements above are not meant as a boast but are stated so that other undergraduate brothers may be prompted to do their best for their Alma Maters and bring glory to Dear Omega.

Psi takes this opportunity to congratulate the new and re-elected officers of Omega. We extend to you our heart-felt congratulations and wish for you a very successful year. We pledge our services and cooperation to you for the achievement of that success.

Dox C. GODFREY, Chapter Editor.

OMICRON PSI Pittsburgh, Pa.

"He who knows and knows not that he knows is asleep, wake 'him.' We of the Smoky City are grateful to Philadelphia for showing us the light of day . . . in more ways than one. Ranging from the acute and hotly contested battles of procedure that raged in Houston Hall to the devastating pulchritude that graced every social function, our eyes were continually being opened to new wonders and our minds introduced to unexplored fields.

So imbued are we with the spirit that prevailed in our neighbor City of Brotherly Love that we have shaken off the lethargy that heretofore surrounded this chapter and are planning to stage in miniature a re-enactment of the Silver Conclave with all the attendant super-colossal garnishments. The stately, towering Cathedral of Learning is going to look down on a hum of activities that differs vastly from the usual smoking steel mills and swarming football crowds, for on May 21, 22, and 23 the Omicron Psi and Iota Phi chapters are hosts to the Third District Regional Convention.

The fog having lifted, Omicron Psi is steaming toward a banner convention with Brother "Skip" Grigsby at the helm. Although he would have it otherwise, I take pride in announcing that Brother Grigsby is the author of the prize winning poem, "Confession To A Lost Ideal" in a contest sponsored by the *Duquesne Monthly*, student literary publication of Duquesne University. A contributing editor of long standing, he also finds time to function as Keeper of Records and Seal and chairman of the Regional committee.

Before we close, the chapter wishes to congratulate Mu and Mu Omega on their excellent sponsorship of the conclave and to pledge to the administration our heartiest cooperation in their undertakings, that the next twenty-five years might be as dynamic as the past twenty-five have been progressive.

ROBERT R. WOODRUFF.

SIGMA PSI

Samuel Houston College,
Austin, Texas

Sigma Psi again greets you with life, vigor, and a great big smile. This time finds us with a good start into the second semester. The first semester left us with our chapter completed, and completed in a great way. Other high points sponsored by the chapter for last semester that were not mentioned in the last report was a tea, given in the honor of our college president and his wife, in the Eliza Dee Parlors. The guest list included all members of our faculty and several students and the great Duke Ellington, his father and two members of his band. The Duke rendered several musical numbers as no one can render on the piano. The affair was stiff, if you know what I mean when I say stiff. It was one of the swellest affairs given on the Campus if not "the". "Oh!" but wait, this semester's program contains many great happenings.

The pledge club is doing fine. This second semester's program consists of first, the Kermit D. Young memorial exercise dated for April 25th, at which time we will have the dedication of the Kermit D. Young Memorial Drinking Fountain which is to be placed in the hallway of the Administration Building. Kermit D. Young was a beloved member of Sigma Psi, who was killed on the campus two years ago. After the program there will be a closed banquet for Omega men, lamps and company.

Second, comes the annual Chapter dance, a spring formal in the College Gymnasium. This will be an affair of affairs.

Third comes the annual closed Picnic sponsored by the chapter. It is in the time when the grass is all in its—green; birds all in tune for singing, and very suitable temperature is promised.

Fourth, Sigma Psi sponsors a Spanish supper, with the faculty as special guests. Our guests all to be dressed as Spaniards in order to better the Spanish tocos and what not that will be served. We are very proud to say that Sigma Psi will, within the next month add four new members to her fold, and five new lamps to the lampados Pledge Club. The chapter is now practicing a male glee club, consisting of Omega men and Lamps. The glee club will appear on the Kermit Young Memorial program, and also on the Lampados Pledge Club annual education program. This is something new on the campus. The glee club will consist of twelve male voices. Sigma Psi and Epsilon Sigma met with Vice-Grand Basileus Jesse O. Thomas, this month on Samuel Houston College's campus. He gave to us very thoroughly some of the high points of the last conclave, and encouraged us as members of Chapters of Texas, to try to get the second coming conclave to be in Houston, Texas.

JASON N. CALHOUN.

XI PSI

State A. & M. College,
Orangeburg, S. C.

Xi Psi chapter again has the pleasure of spreading a bit of news to brothers far and near!

So far during this school year we have been very successful in all of our endeavors. Our Achievement Week celebration was carried out in fine style. Speakers for our programs were: Bro. J. T. Bowden, on Nov. 11; Bro. H. E. Caldwell, on Nov. 13; and on Sunday night, Nov. 15, Graduate Bro. W. McGirt, principal of Robert Small High School of Beaufort, S. C., delivered the main address. On Friday, Dec. 11th, eight worthy "dogs" were given a Christmas present two weeks ahead of time. As a reward for their having lived up to the four cardinal principles, they were given a trip to Omegaland. Hence, Xi Psi welcomes into its fold Brothers James Chapple, Holland Daniels, Emmitt Hagood, Alfred Pearson, Herman Sartor, T. J. Simpson, John Whitman, and Johnnie Williams.

We regret very much the deaths of Bro. Thomas Worthem, who received his A.B. degree last May, and Bro. Orleans Reed who was the first Basileus of Xi Psi. They are gone but their memory lingers on.

Our personnel here is made up of twenty young men who are prominent in both intra and extra-curricular activities of their respective schools—Clafin and State Colleges. Practically all of the brothers hold important offices in clubs and organizations of their affiliation. Our Basileus, Bro. R. J. Daniels, is Editor-in-Chief of *The Collegian*, student monthly paper, and manager of the Orangeburg County Textbook Rental Depository. Aside from these duties Bro. Daniels is vice-president of the Wig and Mask Dramatic Society, president of the College choir, and "ivory tickler" for the "Kings of Swing"—S. C. State Collegians. As Vice-Basileus we have Bro. George Phelps who is vice-president of the College Club and "Big Boss" in the boarding department. Bro. A. Leroy Sulton, our Keeper of Records and Seal, is one of our representatives on the Inter-Fraternal council. Bro. Thomas J. Brown, Jr., is our efficient Keeper of Finance. He holds the purple and gold on the basketball squad. Bro. E. J. Wilson, our Chaplain, besides holding the office of president of La Societe des Beaux Arts at Clafin is the college postman and general office assistant. Bro. F. L. Gardner is a member of the Ag. Seminar and our Keeper of Peace when he allows any peace in the meetings. Along with Bro. Daniels on the College orchestra are Bro. C. W. Maxwell, South Carolina's best saxophonist, and Bro. Holland "Gabriel" Daniels, "trumpet-man in the band." Bro. Maxwell is also sec't. of the Inter-Fraternal Council, and president of Sigma Rho Sigma Scientific So-

ciety. On the gridiron Brother Emmett Hagood, Herman Sartor and T. J. Simpson held the colors of Omega. At Clafin College again we have Brother E. W. Walton, who is president of the Senior Class, vice-president of the Student Scientific Association, and president of the Student Athletic Association. Brothers James Chapple and Johnnie Williams rank high in scholastic attainment. Brother A. T. Pearson is secretary to the Orangeburg County Farm Demonstrator, and member of the varsity male quartette. Brother J. T. Bowden is an assistant in the chemistry laboratory and college electrician. Brother C. C. Reynolds is a ranking student in the Mechanical Department. Brother C. E. Clinkscales is chauffeur and assistant secretary to President M. F. Whittaker. Brother John Whitman is a high ranking student in the business department and an eloquent orator. Last and perhaps the least of our group is "your scribe" who is treasurer of La Societe des Beaux Arts, vice-president of the dramatic club and who has the distinction of being the only male member of the honor roll at Clafin College.

All of us are looking forward to our memorial program and our annual "Q.C." dance—both of which will take place in the near future.

HARLOWE E. CALDWELL.

MU OMEGA Philadelphia, Pa.

The conclave has been over for three months and things in the old Quaker town have returned once more to normal. Mu Omega has gone forth in full sway with its long list of constructive activities for the year. The new administration has taken up the work of the old, and is carrying on in good fashion. Mu Omega is carrying out its usual civic activities here in the community. The new administrations of both the graduate and undergraduate chapters have united to form an executive council here in Philadelphia, to better facilitate harmony and cooperation between the two chapters. The Ladies Auxiliary has been, and is continuing to be, a very strong impetus to keep the good brothers here in Quakerville thinking Omega. They are meeting regularly and have some very interesting plans for the future.

Plans are on foot for a chapter house here in the City of Brotherly Love and the brothers are working to really have something worth while. Meetings are once more interesting and entertaining, and many new faces are appearing.

Must sign off at this time, but I want to watch this space for the real things of interest in Mu Omega. Mu Omega has added to the chapter of immortals one of its number: Bro. Dr. William (Bill) Jackson. Bill was a real Omega man in every sense of the word and will certainly be missed by us.

ARTHUR H. THOMAS, M. D., Basileus.

SIGMA OMEGA Chicago, Illinois

Sigma Omega having passed through a year of worthy achievement, and having appreciably lived up to the cardinal principles laid down by the founders, like time itself moves on. Moves on to the goal of greater success in internal development and civic good. The spirit of Invictus throbs in our breasts and like the rocks of ages themselves we will not be moved! Our fervent hope is that this spirit will reach those who thus far have stood aloof, waiting and watching and oftentimes wondering what the organization is doing. We hope too it will reach those who having drifted so far from their own kith and kin can see no beauty of effort and achievement save in that made by others.

Sigma Omega has seen fit to re-elect to office practically all officers of the past year. Dr. L. W. Bingham, basileus; Dr. T. F. Harmon, vice-basileus; Dr. E. A. Roett, keeper of finances; and Atty. P. E. Ash, keeper of records. Following the election of officers in January, it was decided that an appropriate inaugural dance on the sixth of February would be the means of getting the chapter off for the year with an auspicious start. Accordingly as on other occasions, when local Omega goes before the public, the graduate and undergraduate chapters teamed up and put over the biggest and best formal dance so far given this year. There were soft lights, sweet swing music, glamorous ladies, charming souvenirs for all, and Omega oil aplenty. Our grand basileus, William E. Baugh, resplendent in silk top and tails, like a mighty Beau Brummel led his knights on and on in the "swing" until the rays of amber light crept softly through the flickering dawn and whispered the words which all were loath to hear, "Home boys, home, sweet home!"

Regarding the future; plans are well under way for the presentation by Omega of a program in March to the members of the Pan-Hellenic organizations. Omega is to be the first host. This is an entirely new feature in local fraternalism and purports to bring about a rejuvenated local Pan-Hellenic Council and a greater opportunity and spirit of cooperation between the leading Greek letter organizations. Omega will be followed by one of our leading sororities. Much interest is manifest at present over these approaching events. Early in April the annual benefit cabaret party will take place. This will in all likelihood be followed by a closed formal dinner dance at which time due recognition might be paid to Omega matrons who at all times rally so beautifully to our support. Needless to say all the Q's will be on hand to get their share of commendation.

LOUIS E. REDMOND.

ETA OMEGA Eta Omega has again placed itself in line for the honor of being one of the best if not the best chapter within the realm of Omega Psi Phi. The work for the year has already been outlined and the brothers given their parts to play in making this another banner year. As is usual with Eta Omega brothers, to the man, they have entered upon their task with the spirit and determination that *DOES* get things accomplished for Omega.

Officers and committee chairmen of Eta Omega for the year 1937 are as follows: J. B. Blayton, Basileus; A. B. Standard, Vice-Bas.; M. J. Beavers, Keeper of Records; R. E. Brown, Asst. Keeper of Records; C. W. Bronner, Keeper of Finance; Rev. J. E. Garnett, Chaplain; and M. J. Beavers, Chapter Editor; Dr. H. R. Butler, and W. A. "Jim Farley" Hamilton, Co-chairmen of Program and Social committee; Chas. Bronner, Chr. of Budget and Auditing committee; J. W. Dobbs, Chr. of Civic committee; Lucius Jones, Chr. of Com. on Publicity; Dr. S. M. Nabrit, Chairman of Scholarship committee; L. C. Baker, chairman of Membership committee; John C. Long, director of Achievement Project; J. H. Jenkins, Jr., chairman of By-Laws committee; Chas. Lawrence, chairman of Rejuvenation committee; J. De Koven Killingworth, chairman of committee on Time and Place; and, W. H. "chief" Aiken, chairman of Athletic committee.

Some of the committee chairmen have already reported their plans for the year—they sound great.

Besides voting to make a contribution of \$20 to the local Y. M. C. A. and \$75 toward a scholarship fund, the chapter also voted to include in the year's budget enough money to buy a filing cabinet for the office of the Keeper of Records in order to insure continued efficiency in the keeping of Eta Omega records.

Cupid continues to mow down Bachelors.

The marriage epidemic that invaded Eta Omega quite some time ago has shown no signs of letting up. Bro. R. E. Brown, our chairman of the discipline committee last year and this year's Asst. Keeper of Records "cut" the conclave in Philly in order to take unto himself the lovely and artistic Miss Margery J. Wheeler as bride. Mrs. Brown is the younger daughter of Bro. J. L. Wheeler of this city, and Eta Omega, as well as a Traveling Representative of the Fraternity. Bro. Ellihue Norris, of Eta Omega, was best man and Bro. W. J. Faulkner, formerly of Atlanta, and now of Fisk University, performed the ceremony. Strictly an Omega "affair," eh? Mrs. Brown is a graduate of Ohio State University's School of Art and at the time of her marriage to Bro. Brown was in charge of the Art Department at Booker T. Washington High School.

Bro. Brown, formerly of Charleston, S. C., is a graduate of Talledega and was a graduate student of Atlanta University at the time appointed as instructor in the Department of English at B. T. Washington High School. Bro. Brown is also a member of the council of the Youth Movement of the local N.A.A.C.P. as well as its Corresponding Secretary.



RICHARD E. BROWN

Wedding bells also for Bro. C. P. Coles of Eta Omega on Thursday morning, February 4, at 7:30 in the Episcopal church with Miss Louise Dollie Gray the bride. Mrs. Coles is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Julian Gray of this city. She is a graduate of Spelman College and at the time of her marriage was one of the city's elementary teachers. Bro. Coles, a graduate of Morris Brown, taught in the Social Science Department of Washington High School, this city until he entered the Postal Service here as clerk and carrier.

Eta Omega and the fraternity at large wish for these newlyweds the best of luck and an abundance of happiness.

Bro. M. M. Hamilton and his bride of last February, the former Miss Dorothy Bullock, of Greensboro, N. C., announce this February the arrival of "Junior"—Congratulations to the Hamiltons from Omega.

Bro. Wilmer Jennings will be and already is greatly missed with his artistic ability. Eta Omega looked upon him as an indispensable part of its program in decorations for its "annual" and other works of art needed in the fraternity. He left Washington High School's Art Department to do commercial art in New York City. The chapter wishes him much success in this his new field.

Bro. C. N. Cornell has recently been appointed as Asst. Principal to Bro. C. L. Harper of Booker T. Washington High School. Bro. Cornell had served rather unofficially in this capacity for

several years besides being head of the Science department, prior to the official appointment. Congratulations to you Bro. Cornell from Omega.

The Youth Movement of the N.A.A.-C.P. here in Atlanta chose Bro. John Long, our director of the Achievement Project, as president of their organization with Bro. Brown, as before mentioned, the corresponding secretary.

Bro. Frank Thorne of New York and Washington, who is here supervising the application of prospective tenants for the Federal Housing Project, will get the spirit of Eta Omega in detail from such "Fraters" as Bro. "Hubie" Jackson; Bro. "Hank" Archer, Bro. M. R. Austelle and others. Glad to have Bro. Thorne in our midst. M. J. BEAVERS.

MU PSI

A. & T. College, Greensboro, N. C. We are here with salutations to let you know that the group of brothers here at deal ole' Mu Psi are on the job.

We worked together this fall and conducted a most successful achievement week program. There was plenty of chapel programs on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. We gave two radio broadcasts over the local broadcasting station on Tuesday and Thursday. The week ended with a forum in chapel and talks by various brothers in the local churches on Sunday evening.

After the smoke of last quarter's examinations has cleared away we have some excellent news. We find the Mu Psi chapter is leading all of the Greek Letter organizations on the campus in scholastic averages. Again dear ole' Omega triumphs.

The Greek Letter organizations here have tried in years past to organize a Pan-Hellenic Council. This year the same organization was proposed. Great efforts were put forth which resulted in an organized Pan-Hellenic Council. The brothers in Mu Psi did much to get this organization started. Our own Basileus, William A. Alexander, is the president of this organization.

It is by working and achieving that we are striving to keep Omega alive. We now have on foot a program to have all Mu Psi brothers nationally financial by the spring quarter.

EDGAR VAN BLAKE.

THETA PSI

W. Va. State College, Institute, W. Va.

Heretofore, in the past two issues Theta Psi has not sent in its news but we can say that we have accomplished much during the past semester, under the leadership of our basileus, Brother James Overby.

We have taken into the folds of dear Omega the following neophytes, who are outstanding men in some outstanding phase of campus activities: Brother Rhoderick Price (known to the football

world as, "The galloping ghost of St. Albans") who has made All-American; Brother Hubert (Hooks) Jones of Denver, Colorado, another outstanding football player; Brother Paul Comedy, a member of the Alpha Delta Sigma Honorary Scholastic Society and who is an assistant in the Biology dept.; Brother James Gaskins one of the football team's best ends and is a member of the Glee Club; Brother John (Show Boat) Bates, another outstanding football player; and Thadeus (Fish) Shelton, the campus electrician and the only licensed Negro electrician in the state; Brother Dixon (Dicky) Edwards, a member of the printing staff; Brother Maurice (Buck) Wiley, an all-round athlete and who is, "The Ole Cow Hand From The West"; Brother Donald (Smitty) Smith, the manager of the football team and Brother Arthur Lew who is a member of the Dramatic Club and track star.

Brother A. P. Hamblin, the coach of the football team and who through untiring efforts and hard work has brought the teams to a victorious season. The Mid-Western Championship and National Title were conferred upon the team. The team was piloted by Brother Knute Burroughs who has the honor of being captain of the "All Mid-Western National Champs." Two other outstanding brothers were: Brother William (Boston Jack) Jackson, one of the teams best guards and he was written up in several newspapers as All-American and Brother William Robinson who is the team's best "Pigskin tosser." On the side lines Brother Harold Randolph, head cheerleader gave the team their inspiration that led them to victory.

Grand Basileus Baugh was here on Home Coming Day and many other brothers from all parts of the country also came to see the game.

Our Achievement Week program went over with great success. Brother William Armstrong and Brother Harold Randolph delivered the main speeches of the week.

Brother Crawford who is professor of History here represented Theta Psi at the conclave in Philadelphia Christmas. He made an excellent report of the important things that took place.

The fraternity and the Pledge Club are now getting ready for the intramural basketball tournament. Both teams won their opening games of the season. From all points of view the fraternity has the best chance for the intramural championship title this year, although the competition is plenty stiff.

Your modest editor (temporary), who is a member of the Alpha Delta Sigma Honorary Scholastic Society received the Scholarship Trophy for the second semester of the last year's school term. This trophy was donated by Coach Hamblin to inspire scholarship among the brothers.

L. I. DRUGN.

UPSILON PHI

Upsilon Phi is carrying on in a big way. Yes, that's right—this is the chapter which unifies the activities of Omega men who are scattered throughout North Jersey and engaged in various fields of endeavor. What's new? Well, as a result of efficient administration the entire slate of officers has been re-endorsed for the third consecutive term. They include: Dr. Charles F. Gibson, Basileus; Dr. Hayes Burnett, Vice-Basileus; Dr. S. E. Burke, Keeper of Finance; Atty. R. M. Yancey, Keeper of Records and Seals; Dr. W. A. Wenthers, Keeper of the Peace; Rev. L. A. Berry, Chaplain, and Wm. M. Clemons, Jr., Chapter Editor.

Upsilon Phi supported Bros. George A. Isabel and Robert Baskervill in their campaigns and sent as conclave delegates Brothers J. R. Strouds, D. G. Morris and S. E. Burke with Gordon Green and Geo. Bell as alternates. Brother Gibson was among those who attended and presented to us an extensive and interesting summary of the colorful activities of which we all feel quite proud.

Omega Men, we feel pleased to announce that Upsilon Phi is growing by initiations and transfers. Among the new brothers are two outstanding attorneys of the New Jersey Bar: Counsellor R. S. Hartgrove, of Jersey City, a graduate of the Harvard Law School, holds the distinction of being the first Negro to be elevated to the position of Assistant Attorney-General in the State of New Jersey. Atty. J. Leroy Jordan of Elizabeth, a graduate of Howard University Law School, and a candidate for Assistant U. S. District Attorney ranks among the best in the state. Also veteran Omegas have decided to cast their lot with Upsilon Phi. From Harvard comes Bro. Benjamin Seldon who has studied abroad and done research work on the Continent and at present serves as State Supervisor for colored Adult Education Programs in New Jersey. Bro. H. Humphreys comes from Alpha chapter at Howard where he finished his work in medicine. He is now practicing in Bloomfield, N. J. Atty. N. H. Nichols who arrived here some months ago as a product of Lincoln and Howard Universities has recently passed the widely-known difficult New Jersey Bar examinations for which he will be feted by the Brothers of the chapter. By the way, we are glad to say that at last we have in our chapter this district's representative in the person of the Attorney R. M. Yancey of Newark.

As to the activities, this year the group decided to combine the Negro Achievement Week and Colonel Young Memorial Services into a mammoth affair, featuring an essay contest among the high school students of Northern New Jersey on the subject, "The Life and Achievement of Colonel Charles Young." At this gathering Upsilon Phi

plans to present and publicly commend individually the outstanding business men of various communities who are topnotchers in their respective fields. Bro. N. R. Nicholas, chairman of the committee in charge, states that the interest as shown by the prospective participants is exceedingly gratifying. The program is to be launched March 4th at the Calvary Baptist Church, East Orange, of which Rev. Bro. C. M. Long is pastor.

By the way, lest we forget here's a hearty congratulation to Epsilon upon its most recent adventure. More power to you! More power to you!

The Social Committee headed by Bro. Gibson has been reinstated to promote the Annual Spring Formal which it so illustriously handled last year. So brothers, we expect to see you all at the Col. Young Memorial Service in March and the Omega formal in May.

WM. M. CLEMONS, JR.

PI MORGAN COLLEGE Baltimore, Maryland

Wishing each and everyone affiliated with Omega a fruitful year, I will enlighten you with a little news from Pi chapter of Morgan College.

Our election of officers is as follows: Basileus, Richard Sowell; Vice-Basileus, Arthur Barrow; Keeper of Finance, Charles Coates; Keeper of Records, John Cheatham; Keeper of Peace, Benjamin Hawkins; Chaplain, Alfred Woolridge, and Editor, Robert Mitchell.

Since the commencement of school on September 23, 1936, we have directed our minds to serious and conscientious study and activities in general. Some day we hope to have obtained our goal and made our contribution to Omega Psi Phi and the world. On Tuesday, November 10, 1936, we held a smoker or "jamboree" on our campus. Of course the purpose for such was to give to those desirous of fraternizing an opportunity to witness what was the significance of brotherhood. Our Basileus, Richard Sowell, conducted the gathering with an unselfish attitude. Brothers Charles Coates, our Keeper of Finance, James Davis, and Samuel Cornish ably contributed with a delicious repast. Brothers Robert Burkett, Professor Milton Calloway, and Professor Howard Cornish emphasized "scholarship" and its attainment in their inspiring discourses.

Basileus Richard Sowell in campus activities was varsity center on the football team and is a tenor vocalist in the quartette which also consists of brothers George Goddard, bass, and Leroi Bennett, also a tenor. Basileus Sowell along with Brother Benjamin Hawkins were elected as co-captains of the '37 football team. Benjamin Hawkins was varsity end and tackle alternate, and Brothers George Goddard, John Cheatham and Richard Roberts performed at guard positions in the pigskin world.

THE ORACLE

EPSILON New York City

Getting down to hard work after returning from the Grand Conclave, we find quite a bit of activity before us for this year. The newly elected officers are as follows: Basileus, Mifflin T. Gibbs; vice-basileus, Richard Jefferson; keeper of records and seals, Robert Macon; keeper of finance, Bertram W. Greene; chapter editor, Donald D. Adams; keeper of peace, Ashton Kitchens; chaplain, Roland Fortune.

On New Year's afternoon, we opened the inter-fraternity basketball league by defeating Alpha Phi Alpha 33-21. As you know, we won the championship in 1936 and hope to repeat again this year.

January 10th, the brothers became over-confident and let Phi Beta Sigma upset them 26-24. We have a return game with them on March 7th, and hope to get our revenge then. All of the inter-fraternity league games are being played at the beautiful Renaissance Casino, 13th Street and 7th Avenue. Our squad is composed of the following:

Brothers, "Tank" Conrad; Otis Troupe; "Bus" Bergen; "Bill" Webb; "Dick" Desverney; "Willie" Wynne; Louis Del-sayte; "Bob" Payne; "Bricktop" Smith; "Bill" Anderson; "Herbie" Gaskin; Lloyd White; Frank Ransom, and "Jim" Bayton. Gordon Croques is manager and "Dick" Kennard and Bouchet Day, Coaches.

The Glee Club has made several public appearances since we returned from the Conclave. Notably, New York Institution for the Blind; Rendall Memorial Presbyterian Church and at St. James Presbyterian Church we appeared on a program fostered by the Lincoln University Club of N. Y.

Saturday and Sunday, February 20th and 21st, we were very grateful to have with us Brother Dwight Kyle, Basileus of Gamma Chapter.

Brothers Homer Smith and William Edmundson continue to be members of the Southernaire's Quartette, which you hear over the National Broadcasting System on Sunday mornings; while Brother Eddie Jackson is with the Charioteers which broadcast over the Mutual Network.

Wednesday evening, March 31st is the date of our "Annual Formal." All brothers who will be in or around New York at that time are most cordially invited to attend. This affair will be at the Renaissance Casino, 138th Street and 7th Avenue.

At the Philadelphia Grand Conclave, our delegates and the delegates from our graduate chapter Xi Phi, asked for the 1939 Grand Conclave. We still stick to that conviction. So start preparing yourselves for the greatest conclave in the history of Omega. "On to New York in 1939, as we are ready to shoot the works."

Epsilon believes that if chapters who are thinking of being hosts to the con-

clave would take two or even three years to prepare themselves, our conclaves would go over in a much smoother manner.

At the present writing, our chapter boasts of a membership of 125 brothers. We are working to bring the lost sheep back into the fold however, and increase our membership to 200.

Our Maids and Matrons Guild has co-operated with us 100% in ever project the chapter has tried to put over. The officers are as follows. Chairman, Mrs. Florence E. Gibbs; vice-chairman, Mrs. Bertram W. Greene; secretary, Mrs. Mae Davis; assistant secretary, Miss Gladys Berry; treasurer, Mrs. Robert Payne; publicity chairman, Miss Alethia Hamm.

The pledge club is winding into shape under the direction of "Dick" "Lost in the Shuffle" Berry. Several Freshman at Columbia; New York University, and the College of the City of New York have been interviewed.

DONALD D. ADAMS.

EPSILON SIGMA Tillotson College, Austin, Texas

Once more Epsilon Sigma is on the air to bring a cheery hello for our brothers of Omegadom. Brothers in Omega we are truly proud of our wonderful "Fraternity" and we are doing all in our power to make all of its endeavors a great success.

If there is anything in the world that the Negroes of America need, it is justice, equal rights, protection from lynching, the right to vote, to hold public offices, to aid in the appointment of public officials, and no other agency in the United States has done as much, or is doing as much as the N.A.A.C.P. Brothers if you have not done anything to help this great organization, or if you are not doing anything, get busy and put your shoulders to the endeavors and aims of the N.A.A.C.P. and help to attain a great success. Buy one of the "Stop Lynching" buttons so that this organization will be able to present its Anti-Lynching bill to Congress.

The Pyramids of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and the Lampados of Omega Psi Phi gave their combined semi-formal spring dance which was a great success.

We have been honored lately with the presence of Brother Jesse O. Thomas and Dr. Roscoe Brown, Nat. Supervisor and Director of Health. We were indeed proud to have had them with us, and we entertained Dr. Brown with a smoker which everyone enjoyed.

Again we leave the air to return to you again in the next issue of the ORACLE.

MELVIN HAMLIN.

GAMMA SIGMA State Teachers College, Montgomery, Ala.

Brothers of Gamma Sigma extend their congratulations and hearty co-operation to

the newly elected grand officers, Brothers Baskervill, Isabell and Johnson. Although we were unable to be represented at Philly, Brother T. A. Love, of Sigma Phi gave a very vivid account of the proceedings to a joint meeting of Gamma Sigma and Sigma Phi. We resolved to send a delegate to the next conclave at Cleveland.

December 16, Gamma Sigma carried five neophytes across the burning sands into the portals of Omegadom. The newly initiated brothers James I. Lee, Earl Dugan, Thomas Holloway, Charles Wright and Samuel Pierce, are all outstanding in their various fields of music and athletics as well as leaders in their academic classes.

Gamma Sigma had a 2.3 scholastic average for the fall quarter. We took an active part in Negro History Week Observance, Brothers James Ramsoure gave a paper in chapel — "What the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity is doing to uncover and encourage Negro Achievement." Brothers Beard, Moorman, Graves, Moore, Fisher, and Fant have been the outstanding members of the varsity basketball team which has lost only three conference games. In a game between non-varsity Omega men and Alphas we lost after a bitter fight by a score 12-11. We are looking forward to our annual spring chapel program and Spring Prom. We hope to make 1937 a banner Omega Year in all phases of campus activities at State Teachers College. We have reorganized our Lampodas Club and have pledged the most outstanding eligible men on the campus and are going to carry the four cardinal principles as our beacon.

HENRY A. MOORMAN.

ALPHA SIGMA Morris Brown College, Atlanta, Ga.

In order to establish a brotherhood between the chapters in Atlanta, Georgia and to eliminate all lurking mental propensities; towards the promulgation of that idea on Feb. 7, 1937 representatives from each of the chapters assembled at the office of Brother W. H. Aiken and effected the following organization known as the *Inter Chapter Council*. The officers are as follows: Brothers M. Cabiness from Psi chapter, president; F. Mattox from Beta Psi, vice-president; C. E. Prothro, Jr. from Alpha Sigma, secretary; T. Crowell from Psi chapter, assistant secretary; and W. H. Aiken from Eta Omega Chapter, treasurer.

Mention should be made here that our efficient district representative Brother M. R. Austell was chief exponent of this idea and having seen the glimmer of his light, we began our maiden voyage toward the realization of a bigger and better Omega. It is our fondest hope that other chapters will follow suit.

CHARLES E. PROTHRO, JR.

On December 10, 1936, the following crossed the burning sands in true Omega style: Lenard Anderson, a promising halfback; Leroi Bennett, a fast coming Roland Hayes; Thomas Brown, varsity end; Frank Gordon, quarterback; Clarence Maiden, end, and Maso Ryans, who also performed as guard and end alternate, and Charles Ward, a scholar.

Our Ex-Basileus Eugene Byrd and Brother Thomas J. Woolridge were sent as delegates to the "Silver Jubilee Conclave" held at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, during the week of December 28, 1936. It is rumored that a very good time was had by all.

John Cheatham, our keeper of Records, became a charter member of a Pan-Hellenic Council, an organization linking the various fraternities and sororities on our campus. The main interest of this movement is the student himself.

Our Ex-Basileus Byrd and Brother Charles Coates are presidents of the senior and junior classes respectively. More power to Omega!

Always there is a little sorrow to substantiate an abundance of joy. Although it might have been fatal, our newly made brother Thomas Clyde Brown sustained a broken leg in a basketball game at the Renaissance Casino, New York, Saturday night, February 13, 1937. By the grace of God, he is convalescing nicely. Speaking of basketball, our team has five Q men as its warriors: Basileus Richard Sowell, Brother Robert Mitchell as forwards, and Brothers Maso Ryans, Frank Gordon, and John Cheatham as guards and center respectively. The loss of Brother Brown is greatly felt by the team.

In closing, I might be justifiable in saying that another star has been added to our already celestial rostrum in the person of Brother Harry Taliaferro. He came to us from Wilberforce and has become an active element in his short time here. He has proven himself a scholar and a gentleman. What more can Omega ask?

ROBERT E. MITCHELL.

THETA Wiley College, Marshall, Texas

This promises to be one of Theta's most successful years since its origin on Wiley's campus. It might be called successful from many different views, but mainly because Theta, this year, has not rested on the successes of years past which it could easily do and still maintain prominence on this campus for several years to come.

Under the leadership of Basileus Dunbar Reed this chapter has impressed the campus as being a powerful, live-wire organization.

The Achievement Week Project went through smoothly. On the first Sunday a Union Church service was held in the college Chapel where Brother J.

Leonard Farmer preached the sermon. The Oratorical Contest, which was largely attended, came on Tuesday. On Friday, during the regular Chapel hour, two poems by Negro authors were recited by Brothers J. Leonard Farmer, Jr., and Charles E. Freeman. Sunday brought the final program with Brother Jesse O. Thomas, Vice Grand Basileus, as the principal speaker. Brother Thomas' address along with the remainder of the program was enthusiastically received, and this furnished a grand closing for the Achievement Week which was directed by Brothers John L. Blount, Jr., and James Arthur Smith.

Ten were initiated into the chapter on November 7.

Wiley sent ten delegates to a State-wide "Y" conference in Prairie View, and of these ten, five were Omega men; possibly because Theta stresses "Y" activity. However, practically all Omega men on Wiley campus are prominently connected with at least one or two extra-curricula activities. Many responsible positions on the campus are held by Omega men.

So if Theta can close out the year in the same manner she has started, this may go down as one of Theta's most successful years.

JOHN L. BLOUNT, JR.

NU OMEGA Detroit, Mich.

This chapter at the first meeting in January elected the following officers for the ensuing year; Thomas J. Crawford, basileus; Dr. John D. Wilson, vice-basileus; J. A. Sanders, keeper of records and seal; Atty. Orlando Stewart, keeper of finance; John C. Wells, chapter editor; The Hon. Rev. William Peck, of Bethel Church, chaplain; Chester Smith, keeper of the peace; and Atty. Francis Dent, parliamentarian.

Brother Crawford is an engineer for the city of Detroit and has served as keeper of finance for the past eight years. The men of this chapter felt that his election to basileus is a fitting tribute to his long and faithful service in the local organization.

Brother Wilson, is a graduate of Meharry and is one of the outstanding young physicians of the city. Brother Stewart is a graduate of the University of Michigan, and is in the insurance business. Brother Sanders is a new comer to Detroit, but since coming here has shown such outstanding ability that he could not be kept out of positions of responsibility. He is a graduate of Livingstone College.

Brother Chester Smith is one of Detroit's own. He is one of the great line of Negro football players turned out by Michigan State College. At present he is practicing law in the city. Rev. Peck our chaplain is known nationally as a fine man, a christian gentleman and a great preacher. Of course it is taken for granted that every one in Omega

knows Francis Dent. He needs no introduction especially to the older men in the Fraternity.

We wish at this time to thank the men of Omega for the support that they gave Brother Isabell. We know that he will conduct his high office with honor and distinction and will not lose the common touch.

Our officers will be installed at a formal banquet during the month of April.

JACK C. WELLS.

ZETA PHI Indianapolis, Ind.

Zeta Phi extends best wishes to all of the fraternity, for their continued success in carrying on the ideals of Omega Psi Phi. We, in Indianapolis are proud of our Grand Basileus. Knowing Brother Baugh as we do, there is no doubt whatsoever, as to the results of his never ceasing efforts. We know that in the future as in the past, those efforts shall not have been in vain.

Our local set up as to administration remains practically the same as last year: Basileus, Emory James; Vice-Basileus, Andrew Ramsey; K. R. and S., Frederick Parker; K. F., H. N. Middleton, Chaplain, C. M. Hayes; Chapter Ed., Walter Harris; District Rep., Charles Harry.

Brother James has been ill and confined at the Veteran's Hospital. We are pleased to report, however, that he has recovered enough to again assume his duties.

Brother Ramsey, our delegate to the past conclave, gave us an interesting account of the activities. This report was supplemented by Brother Baugh; the chapter merited much from the information.

"Through days of joy or years of pain; To serve thee e'er will be our aim."

Indeed this portion of our song was carried out to the letter when the Inter-Fraternity Council of this city, with Brothers Andrew Ramsey and Charles Harry as general chairmen raised \$321.75 for the Red Cross, by staging a Mammoth Benefit Show For Flood Refugees. As you know Indianapolis had her share of refugees, since the southern part of the State as well as Louisville was hard hit. Citizens from all walks of life were present to play their small part in making the affair a success. The show brought together the city's leading and most popular entertainers from many night clubs and dance emporiums. The Inter-Fraternity Council which is made up of Greek Letter Fraternities and sororities is to be congratulated. Brothers Ramsey and Harry are responsible for this particular move of the council.

The chapter is looking forward to our next activity. We are to present Miss Louise Burge, assisted by Miss Jean Coston, in a music-recital.

WALTER HARRIS.

OMICRON ALPHA A dazzling new star started its flight across the horizon of Omegadom on January 16 when twelve graduate Omegans assembled at 818 Red Cross Street, Wilmington, N. C., were notified that their petition to the twenty-fifth conclave would net them a charter.

On February 20, the original twelve members, bolstered by six other graduate brothers, were formally presented their charter by Brother R. D. Tynes, delegate to the conclave, who acted for convalescing Brother S. Herbert Adams, district representative. It was largely through Brother Tynes' untiring efforts at the conclave that he was able to present OMICRON ALPHA to the eighteen men gathered at the Monarch's Club.

Impressed with the serious and dignified air reflected in the report of its conclave delegate, OMICRON ALPHA immediately launched a fifteen point program which is especially designed to improve race conditions in the seven southeastern North Carolina counties touched by the membership.

Brother S. R. Rosemond, prominent Wilmington dentist and dynamic civic leader, outlines four of OMICRON ALPHA'S objectives as follows: (1) To affiliate with the N.A.A.C.P.; (2) To cooperate with agencies sponsoring social security and child labor legislation; (3) To go on record as demanding the passage of the Costigan-Wagner Anti-Lynch Bill; (4) To participate actively in all programs promising better economic, political, and social advantages for Negroes.

Nearly a dozen colleges are represented on the roster of Omicron Alpha. The officers, members, etc., are: Basileus, Dr. S. R. Rosemond, Wilmington—(Chaffin and Meharry); Vice-Basileus, R. D. Tynes, Elizabethtown, (Va. State College, Hampton); Keeper of Records and Seals, Wm. J. Wheeler, Wilmington (Shaw); Keeper of Finance, James Cooper, Wilmington (Lincoln); Keeper of Peace, J. Estes Byers, Porterville (Shaw, Columbia); Chaplain, the Rev. H. B. Shaw, Wilmington (Fisk); Chapter Editor, Charles A. Ray, Burgaw (Shaw); Alexander Hooper, Wilmington (N. C. College); C. R. Frazer, Jr., Acme (Shaw); Albert Gore, Northwest (Lincoln); Edward McRae, Wilmington (Lincoln); Frank P. Robinson, Wilmington (Shaw); Jasper Hayes, Southport, (Hampton and W. Va. State); Dr. W. E. Merritt, Clinton, (Shaw, Howard); W. Berry, Clinton, (Livingstone); William Burnetter, Warsaw, (A and T); Robert White, Wilmington, (Lincoln); and Oswald W. Harris, Burgaw, (N. C. College).

CHARLES A. RAY.

XI ALPHA **Charleston, W. Va.**

Xi Alpha was born on the eve of our Silver Jubilee. The chapter is composed of twenty-three good Omega men who come from in and around Charleston. Much credit is due Brother Adolph P. Hamblin, advisor and K.F. at Theta Psi. For the past eight years Brother Hamblin has worked incessantly in trying to establish a chapter in this section of the state. With the aid of Brother Richard Parker and a few other hard workers, Xi Alpha was finally granted a charter a few days before the conclave in Philadelphia.

Speaking of Philly—Xi Alpha salutes Mu and Mu Omega chapters for having put over the grandest conclave in the history of Omega. Yours truly was the delegate from Xi Alpha and I take off my hat to the brothers in Philly who made things so pleasant for me and mine. After reporting the various events that took place in the Quaker City, the brothers of Xi Alpha have decided to be in Cleveland one hundred percent next Christmas.

At the first meeting of the year, officers were elected. They were as follows: Bro. Richard Parker, Basileus; Bro. Wm. Christian, K. R. & S.; Bro. Oliver (Bus) Greene, K. F.; Bro. Willard Brown, Chaplain; Bro. Elvy Mitchell, Keeper of Peace; Bro. Chas. A. Preston, Chapter Editor.

The social committee headed by Bro. "Cute" Carter is planning to "throw a ball" in the form of an Easter frolic. Bro. Hamblin is also on the committee and he promises the brothers that it will be the last word in decorations and class. Xi Alpha boasts of having such men as: Brothers Willard Brown, Elbert Campbell, Julius Love, G. W. Whiting, John Love, Alexander (Sonny) Brown, William Christian, Dennis Smith, Elmer Turner, Oliver (Bus) Greene, Richard Parker, A. D. Belton, C. A. Scott, Howard Wright, Ed. Bolling, Elvy Mitchell, Lawson Hawkins, Fred Jackson, Lorenza (Cute) Carter, Wm. (Sylvia) Preston, Maurice Thomas, Newman Goldston and Chas. (Inky) Preston.

By the way, in offering greetings to "yuse Qs," I almost forgot one of our own. And here's to Bro. Newman Goldston who took unto himself a lovely bride on Christmas day in the person of Miss Gwendolyn E. Cockran of Nashville, Tenn. We wish them many, many years of happiness.

Brother Willard Brown who received his L.L.B. and L.L.M. from Boston Univ. last year is the president of the Youth's Council of the N.A.A.C.P. in this city. Brother Brown is in charge of the "Stop Lynching" campaign defense fund in the schools of Charleston.

Bro. Howard Emory Wright who received his M.A. from Ohio State is now

principal of the high school in Logan, W. Va. More power to you!

Bro. Merrill H. Preston has been in Philadelphia for the past six months studying at Eckles School of Embalming. We wish him luck!

We are glad to see Bro. Lawson Hawkins up and around again after a brief sick spell. Bro. Hawkins is the director of Education at the C.C.C. camp in Berwind, W. Va.

Well, kind brotheres, if you have gotten thus far, (I hope you have) it is now time that I leave room for others. With congratulations to our Grand Officers and the staff of the ORACLE we say "so long 'til the next time."

CHARLES A. PRESTON.

ETA PSI DELTA The Omega Chapters **Nashville, Tenn.** of Nashville, on the night of February

24, were proud hosts at Nashville's new Omega home, during an informal visit of Brother Oxley, former grand basileus and now assistant secretary of the Department of Labor.

Brother Oxley was greeted by a very well represented group from the Omega chapters of Nashville. Brother Looby the district representative, gave our distinguished visitor a hearty welcome. Brother J. B. Singleton of Gamma Psi, Brother Ray Castans of Eta Psi, Fisk University, and Brother James Haswell—Basileus of Rho Psi Tennessee State A. & T. College, extended greetings of welcome and appreciation for the timely visit.

In spite of the informality of the meeting Brother Oxley gave an inspiring account of the recent awakening, progress and success of the Negro in many different fields. He stated and stressed however; the necessity of uplift through service in our immediate environment to those who are in direct need.

Physicians and dentists can render the greatest good to the race by settling in the smaller towns of the South, where medical and dental attention is needed most.

He gave a vivid description of the effects of the recent flood in the Mississippi and Ohio valleys, the suffering and hardships endured by Negroes as the results of the flood. It is in such cases as these that the stalwart, men of Omega, demonstrate the Cardinal principles of Omega in concrete form.

After this quite inspiring talk, refreshments, cigars and cigarettes were served.

We are anxiously awaiting another such momentous occasion.

H. C. DAVIS.

MU

Philadelphia, Pa.

"Love weakens as it grows older, while friendship strengthens with the years." Yes, friendship, the very basic element of Omega organization, truly is the hidden force of Mu chapter's tremendous progress. The undergraduates are doing things that are astounding the most optimistic forecasters of fraternal activity. Under the leadership of Urias Oates, the new Quaker Basileus, the local brothers lend most unbelievable support. No task is too great, no program impossible for the "Oatesmen" to perform. The great conclave was only an appetizer, the real feast of the "Philly" tribe is yet to come. At this very date a mammoth plan unfolds to the East a treat when she presents at Philadelphia this month, "A night in Monte-Carlo!" Now here, members of the shield, is the apex of exclusive entertainment. At this very writing the brothers are drawing up their plans at the Golden Sparrow Tea Room for what they hope will surpass anything ever given of this nature in the East. Some of our most loyal sponsors of this program are as follows Brothers Urias Oates, Wilkins, J. H. Rawlins, Lloyd Barnes, Roseberry Clay, William Epps, Aloysious Cujet, "Nick" Montgomery, Irvin Jackson, "Jack" Ramsey, Walter P. H. Harris, Barrington Parker, Horace King, James Parker, Herman Cooke, and Humbert L. Howard.

A new pledge club is in the making. Various scouts are snooping around Temple, Pennsylvania, Villanova, and Cheyney, for mongrel meat to feed the hungry paddles of the almost starved out brothers of torture. If the famine keeps itself in vogue much longer the dear brothers of Mu will become so weak it might be difficult to make their presence felt. However, from my experiences in the past I might add that most Q's are somewhat like Samson in that they seem to carry their strength in their hair.

It is brother Baskervill's turn to edit the ORACLE and Brother Weaver's to help along. Both have given much to Omega in the past and from all advance predictions they should contribute even greater accomplishments to the future.

HUMBERT HOWARD.

XI PHI New York City

The Annual Formal Banquet of the Xi Phi chapter was held on December 19th last in the "Rose Room" of the Y.W.C.A. The agenda for the evening was: Instruction of the delegates to the conclave—Installation of the newly elected officers, and a Bon Voyage to Brother Dr. M. B. DuBisette our former keeper of records and seal, who after practicing medicine in New York City for a number of years very successfully, and had served in the office of the chap-

ter in the capacity mentioned above, with the most brilliant record of any who had preceded him, was about to sail for his island home, Grenada, British West Indies, where he expected to be inducted into the medical service of the government of that island.

Brother Granada was appointed by our ubiquitous and energetic basileus Brother T. E. Hansen to perform the installation ceremonies, after a very sumptuous feast, the brethren felt much like Knights of the "Round Table" and were intensely pleased with themselves. The retiring and recently elected officers spoke feelingly in appreciation of the friendship and loyalty of each member of the chapter, and to the ideals of Omega, with the promise to promote the general welfare of the organization with renewed zest.

Brothers Drs. P. M. Murray and Jose Cesteros were named by Brother Hansen to extend to the departing brother, the chapter's sentiment, as to its regrets at his leaving, and to hope for his success in his new position. These two brothers performed their functions too well, that even our visiting brother, Glenn, of Epsilon had to use his handkerchief several times to wipe the tears away. The departing brother was so completely overcome by emotion which developed from the warm words of the speakers, that for several minutes he could not respond. But when he came to himself, so beautiful and so charming were his remarks in bidding farewell to the fraternal brethren, that Brother Granady moved that the effect being so pleasing on the body assembled, no further business should be transacted, and that delegates be given plenipotentiary power, and that the meeting be adjourned. This motion was passed unanimously, and the usual procedure of adjournment was in order.

The meeting ended in very high order.

JAS. W. GRANADY.

RHO PSI Tenn. State College, Nashville, Tenn.

We bring you greetings and salutation from a state that has all the true things they say about Dixie. We are in the Athens of the South. With walls all around, to give us aspiration to higher learning, our motto is "Think, Work, and Serve." I must stop this chatter and tell the news, Omega would like to know.

Omega still dominates Tenn. State College Campus in all fields. The personnel of the chapter is: Bro. James Haswell, Bas.; Bro. Sam Lavender, V.-Bas.; Bro. Clarence Guthrie, K. of R. S.; Bro. Carl Williams, K. of F.; Bro. Edward Bailey, Chaplain; Bro. George Hardin, K. of P.; Bro. William Alcorn, Chapter Editor.

In the senior class elections we held our own by putting Bro. Joel Collins

as president, and Bro. Charles Woodard, vice-president. In the junior class we put Bro. Erskine Lytle, in for president, and Bro. James C. Barnes for class reporter. We have Bro. Carl C. Williams coming from Alpha Phi chapter to be with us this academic school year. He is president of the Theta Omega Pi Science Club in the science department. Brothers Charles Woodard, and James Haswell are pledges of the Honorary Scholarship Fraternity, Phi Beta Tau.

Among our renowned concert singers we have Bros. Bailey, Strange, Williams, Broadnax, Wrenn, and Matthews.

Our National Negro Achievement Week program was a successful event with Bro. W. J. Faulkner, Dean of Men at Fisk University, our guest speaker.

In our sporting world we have Bros. William Bell, Walter McClure, Arthur Robinson, Arthur Douglass on the football team. I regret that we did not mention last year that Bro. Strange who is now on the faculty, and Bro. John Cox were All-Americans. On our faculty we have a brother holding a Ph.D. in Agri. Econ. from Cornell University, in the person of Bro. George Loder.

We held our annual fall "Hell Week," November 28, to December 5, 1936. Seven tried and trusted undergraduates crossed the burning sands to enter the Sacred Shrine of Omega. The seven new brothers are: William C. Bell, Nelson D. Smith, James C. Barnes, James S. Mullens, Alfred E. Hickman, Edward Pruitt, Walter B. McClure.

Closing a quarter of work, about to start a new quarter. Sending greetings and best wishes to Omega men everywhere. "Meantime brothers, keep Omega's banners flying high!"

WM. ALCORN.

BETA Lincoln University, Pennsylvania

This greeting comes to all of you from all of us here at Beta. All has been quiet on Beta's front for awhile but we are tuning in with this issue of the ORACLE. Beta has started off its New Year at its first formal meeting with the election of officers. Herbert "Sugar" Cain, of "Philly" was elected as Basileus. "Sugar" has outlined a great program for the coming year, which bears all of the "earmarks" of being one of Beta's greatest years. Walter Johnson of Atlantic City, Vice-Basileus. In Walter we have a man capable of filling in whenever our Basileus is busy. "Jute" Taylor, of Cape May, N. J., one of the most competent men on Lincoln's campus was our choice for Keeper of Records and Seals. "Jute" is quite a likeable guy and you'll be hearing about him. Lloyd "Pimplehead" Wright, from Atlantic City, was chosen as our Keeper of Finances. "Pimplehead" is quite ener-

getic and will fill his position getting all of the support of his brothers here. George Burgess, "Buzz of Beta," and football fame is our Keeper of Peace. "Buzz" demands order and gets it. Harry Carl Moultrie of Charleston, S. C., a student in the Seminary, who is versed in Roberts Rules of Order, was a perfect selection as Parliamentarian. Alfred "Tim" Neal, a promising student in the Seminary, phrases our prayers in typical "Rev. Nealy Boy Style," therefore he is our chaplain. Frederic Aden, of Charleston, S. C., was chosen to be your humble scribe for Beta. I might say that I am getting a thrill out of telling you brothers far and near of the doings and plans of Beta.

Beta is planning for its Annual Spring Cabaret Party on March 19th. The committee in charge are: Brothers Mouzon, Ballard, Daniels, Joyner, and Smith. The decorations have been left in the hands of Jesse Plummer, from Boston.

Look for us in the next issue of the ORACLE. We will have lots more to tell of the achievements of Beta.

FREDERIC ADEN.

OMICRON PHI Again Omicron Phi Columbia, S. C. greets you. As the year '36-'37 rolls around we find South Carolina's leading chapter sailing in its usual manner. Such

a program as the Achievement Week Project, we leave behind to face Colonel Charles Young's Memorial Services and other outstanding activities of the year.

For the first time in three years Omicron Phi opened its doors to six outstanding men in South Carolina citizenship. Their test on the burning sands has proved their ability to persevere. Of course the other qualities of Manhood, Scholarship, and Uplift were known even before Omicron Phi considered them. Our new brothers are as follows: Brother Reynold Scott, instructor of music and civics at Booker Washington High School; Brother St. Julian Walker, instructor of mathematics and basketball coach at Booker Washington High School; Brother Leroy Scott, instructor at the Waverly School; and Brother R. H. Hale, undertaker; W. V. Harper, instructor at Mather Academy at Camden, S. C., and William Brownlee, barber, of Camden, S. C. We welcome these brothers into the folds of the greatest group of thinking men . . . may they live long to make known those qualities possessed by all good Omega men.

This spring, Omicron Phi is looking forward to another good Annual Dance such as that of last year at which time we entertained the sixth district. At that affair we were honored with the presence of Brother William E. Baugh,

and Brother Jesse O. Thomas. This year we are looking forward to their return plus the presence of other loyal sons of Omega.

In a recent issue of the ORACLE, Brother Frederick Weaver gave us an article on the Omega man in Washington, D. C. In the next issue "Yours truly" expects to give you the low-down on the brothers in the Capitol City of South Carolina. Until then, "Carry Omega High."

FLOYD MASSEY, JR.

DELTA SIGMA Delta Sigma, Louisville, Kentucky that grand little chapter down Kentucky way, is signing on. We were very happy to hear that the conclave was such a huge success and indeed sorry that we were unable to send a representative, but we know that everything was carried on in grand style. Greetings and salutations to the new officers, Delta Sigma stands back of you one hundred per cent.

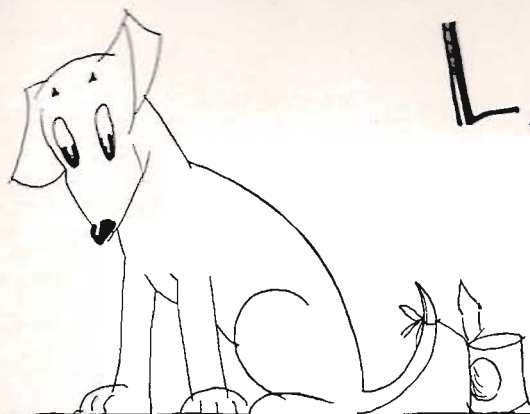
Delta Sigma is functioning like a well oiled locomotive here, and she's setting the pace for the other fraternal organizations. Gosh, it's grand to be Omegas. So long till next time.

FLETCHER MARTIN.

ATTENTION CHAPTERS

In reply to the circular sent out by this office requesting chapters to submit chapter notes, secure subscriptions and to place the name and address of the local Basileus and Keeper of Records on a postal which was enclosed, the Editor expresses appreciation at the response. Sixty-six chapters responded, thirty-four failed to make any reply. This issue contains chapter notes from thirty-one chapters, and notes from four pledge clubs. The Directory is accurate to the extent of the replies received. The March Bulletin will list the names of chapters that communicated with this office, as well as those who failed to give attention to the request. Any individual member of such chapter that failed to communicate is urged to stress the necessity of complying with this request.

THE EDITOR.



LAMPADOS NOTES

MALCOLM DODSON

SIGMA PSI LAMPS The Pledge Club dance proved quite successful in the month of January.

The dance took place in the College "Gym," which was converted into a Venetian Garden. In the garden was found a mellow aroma everywhere. There were trees, flowers, grass, and the most beautiful colored lights.

If it hadn't been for the winter season one might have thought that it was "spring everywhere, and love in bloom." This was a very picturesque glimpse of a "Venetian Garden." The young men who were responsible for this luxurious affair were: Frank C. Henderson, Carlton D. Taylor, David C. Mitchell, and William Coefield.

However, we have other members of our beloved and honored club namely: Ivan Saunders, who is on the "fence." "Things will have to be settled with this young man," so our "Big Brothers" have stated.

The other "Lamp" who just came from his home, entering for the second semester, is in the person of Edward Elliott.

Frank C. Henderson, President of the Pledge Club is a member of Samuel Houston's A Capella Choir, and is also leading in dramatics.

Carlton D. Taylor, treasurer of the Pledge Club, is a member of the A Capella Choir, an accomplished pianist, and an assistant in Organic Chemistry, and for the second semester an assistant in Freshman Biology.

Edward Elliott, secretary of the Pledge Club, is a member of the varsity basketball team, and an all-around "broad player" on his jumps for outstanding young ladies on the campus.

William Coefield, chaplain of the Pledge Club, is captain of the varsity basketball team, captained the varsity football team during the past semester, and will be heard from later, on the cinder path. David C. Mitchell, club editor, is a member of the varsity basketball team, and after basketball season is over, he will be found leading the college orchestra. Willie Gaston Brewer, outstanding student in Spanish, last

season made fame as a blocking half for the varsity Dragon, he also received his sweater for his achievement as a faithful football player under the leadership of Coach Brice U. Taylor. Lomar Lyn Kirvin, outstanding in Physical Education, a scholar, a member of the Debating Club and various other extra-curricular activities.

C. B. Redd, a business major, a candidate for graduation this coming Spring, a scholar in his field of concentration.

Miffin Ellison, a very industrious young man, a scholar, intelligent and respectable.

Marcus Cooper, outstanding in Physical Education, occupies a seat in the bass section of the Sam Houston A Capella Choir, he also reigns as a scholar.

Cecil Patterson, very outstanding as a scholar, and a member of the dramatic club.

Let us all wish these prospective "Lamps" much success in their Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift.

DAVID C. MITCHELL.

BETA LAMPS
Lincoln University,
Pennsylvania

The Lamps of Beta, at Lincoln University, extend to all of you their heartfelt felicitations. There is great satisfaction with the members and officers of the Pledge Club. The Pledge Brothers believe that they embrace the best of the available material in the Freshman class, and each one hopes to impress the "Big Brothers" with his worth as a potential Omega man.

The officers are a cosmopolitan and versatile group of men. The president, James Bohannon, a soloist with the University choir and quartet, hails from Atlanta, Ga. Hafenus Hutchins, member of the Lincoln Players, comes from Chester, Pa. Vernon Brock, an all-around athlete, is from Kenneth Square, Pa. Edward Simmons, one of the most outstanding players on our basketball team, hails from Orange, N. J. The chaplain is James Nichols, from Salem, N. J. Sergeant-at-Arms is none other than Bill Honey, from Camden, N. J., a stellar football and basketball player. The scribe for Lamp news to the ORACLE

is James Johnson, of Springfield, Mass. a member of Delta Rho Society.

We hope to represent Omega in as many different fields as our Big Brothers, and fill their places as creditably as they have. Looking to the future for the best we can offer to Omega.

JAMES E. JOHNSON.

GAMMA LAMPS The boys up here in Boston, Mass. Gamma are going places. First let's

measure up the achievement of the group. We are only six strong, but six good men are better than sixty-six bad ones. Jimmie Guilford is parliamentarian of the Club. Jimmie is the successful owner of a thriving barber shop in Boston. He has reached the stage where he employs three barbers and only cuts hair when he pleases. A student at the Northeastern U. Law School and a swell fellow. The next one on the list is our president, Darnley Corbin, a teacher of pianoforte. He has the degree of Mus.B. behind him, and is one of the most accomplished musicians around town. Darnley attended New England Conservatory. Next we come to "Dick Walker," one of New England's leading young track stars. "Dick" is a hurdler and has the highest esteem of all his teammates at Northeastern U. where he is pursuing his A.B. degree. Jesse Hinton is the fourth man. While Jesse as yet isn't in any business or an athlete, he is a top student at B.U. College of Business Administration, so you know he is going to be on top before long. His money is long and he doesn't make the eagle cry from being squeezed. Number five answers to a brilliant little fellow named Joe Walker. The boys all call him "Little Joe." He's a swell little guy and is always lending a helping hand where it is needed. Joe goes to B.U. School of Education. The last man is yours truly. He attends B.U. School of Education and is a society columnist for the Boston Chronicle. Automatically he gets bids to all of the affairs because someone once said that people like to read about themselves. (People are funny that way.)

We close with best wishes from Gamma.

KENNETH SMITH.

Behind The Balfour Service



Are These Fourfold Advantages To You

COMPLETE NATIONAL SERVICE

We offer you the largest and most complete National Service—covering the entire United States. Every fraternity chapter visited three times a year or more.

FINE TYPE *of Balfour* *Representative*

Over 300 carefully selected and trained college men.

Long and faithful service of Balfour representatives qualifies them to give good judgment.

FRIENDLY ATTITUDE

Toward All Officials and Friends

It is our sincere desire to give you the friendly and interested service you have a right to expect from your Official Jeweler.

FREE PUBLICATIONS

For Fraternity Men and Women

- 1937 BLUE BOOK Fraternity jewelry, gifts, and favors.

- Trophies by Balfour. Cups and chapter awards.

Write for Your FREE Copy!

Official Jeweler to Omega Psi Phi

L. G. Balfour Company

ATTLEBORO

MASSACHUSETTS

In Canada — Henry Birks & Sons in Affiliation — Montreal

CHAPTER DIRECTORY

(Continued from inside front cover)

RHO PSI—James Haswell (Bas.)
C. L. Guthrie (K.R.)
Tenn. State College, Nashville, Tenn.

SIGMA PSI—M. E. McMillan (Bas.)
J. O. Adams (K.R.)
Samuel Houston College, Austin, Texas

TAU PSI—W. P. Rhinehardt (Bas.)
Harwood R. Bond (K.R.)
N. C. College for Negroes, Durham, N. C.

UPSILON PSI—Elbert Thomas (Bas.)
Florida A. & M. College, Tallahassee, Fla.

CHI PSI—Robt. E. Green (Bas.)
741 Leach Place, Memphis, Tenn.
Lewis McNeely (K.R.)
1139 Mississippi Ave., Memphis, Tenn.

PHI PSI—Eugene Harris (Bas.)
T. H. Mayberry (K.R.)
Langston University, Langston, Okla.

PSI PSI—B. O. Smith (K.R.)
Kentucky State College, Frankfort, Ky.

ALPHA OMEGA—Dr. W. M. Cobb (Bas.)
Howard University, Washington, D. C.
Atty. E. A. Beaubien (K.R.)
2001 11th St., N. W., Washington, D. C.

BETA OMEGA—L. H. Curren (K.R.)
923 Freeman Ave., Kansas City, Kan.

GAMMA OMEGA—Hubert W. Patrick (K.R.)
1301 16th St., Lynchburg, Va.

DELTA OMEGA—G. B. Singleton (Bas.)
Va. State College, Etting, Va.

EPSILON OMEGA—V. E. Sheffield (Bas.)
S. C. State College, Orangeburg, S. C.

ZETA OMEGA—F. D. Roseboro (Bas.)
8107 Cedar Ave., Cleveland, Ohio
E. G. Young (K.R.)
1256 E. 83rd St., Cleveland, Ohio

ETA OMEGA—J. B. Blayton (Bas.)
212 Auburn Ave., N. E., Atlanta, Ga.
M. J. Beavers (K.R.)
788 Greensferry Ave., Atlanta, Ga.

THETA OMEGA—Dr. C. L. Thomas (Bas.)
719 W. Walnut St., Louisville, Ky.
J. E. Hawkins (K.R.)
609 W. Walnut St., Louisville, Ky.

IOTA OMEGA—R. B. Collins (K.R.)
Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee, Ala.
Dr. Geo. C. Branche (Bas.)
Veterans' Administration Facility, Tuskegee, Ala.

KAPPA OMEGA—John Snow (Bas.)
Dr. H. J. Reynolds (K.R.)
915 N. 6th St., Harrisburg, Pa.

LAMBDA OMEGA—Dr. A. B. Green (Bas.)
1024 E. Liberty St., Norfolk, Va.
E. F. Corbett (K.R.)
912 Hayes St., Norfolk, Va.

MU OMEGA—Dr. A. Thomas (Bas.)
16 S. Ruby St., Philadelphia, Pa.
R. B. Hill (K.R.)
2728 County Line Road, Ardmore, Pa.

NU OMEGA—T. J. Crawford (Bas.)
2231 Orleans St., Detroit, Mich.
J. A. Sanders (K.R.)
298 E. Canfield Ave., Detroit, Mich.

PI OMEGA—C. R. Alexander (Bas.)
1300 Madison Ave., Baltimore, Md.
James H. Carter (K.R.)
Morgan College, Baltimore, Md.

SIGMA OMEGA—Dr. L. Bingham (Bas.)
1721 Virginia St., Gary, Indiana
Atty. Percy Ash (K.R.)
1654 Waseca Place, Chicago, Ill.

TAU OMEGA—W. J. Gibbs (Bas.)
A. & T. College, Greensboro, N. C.

UPSILON OMEGA—S. H. Dreer (Bas.)
4335 Cote Brillante, St. Louis, Mo.
F. E. Anthony (K.R.)
11 N. Jefferson Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

CHI OMEGA—W. A. Campbell (K.R.)
217 S. Adams St., Tallahassee, Fla.

PSI OMEGA—S. L. McCoy (Bas.)
1142 12th St., Augusta, Ga.
Dr. W. Russell (K.R.)
1120 9th St., Augusta, Ga.

ALPHA PHI—W. E. Elston (K.R.)
614 12th Ave., N., Birmingham, Ala.

BETA PHI—Geo. W. Cox (Bas.)
Box 201, Durham, N. C.

GAMMA PHI—Dr. J. B. Singleton (Bas.)
1208½ Cedar St., Nashville, Tenn.
J. W. Beasley (K.R.)
1112 Jackson St., Nashville, Tenn.

EPSILON PHI—B. Lewis (K.R.)
1175 Cannon St., Memphis, Tenn.

ZETA PHI—Emory A. James (Bas.)
1306 Finley St., Indianapolis, Ind.
F. A. Parker (K.R.)
2540 Boulevard Place, Indianapolis, Ind.

ETA PHI—E. W. Dixon (Bas.)
77 Greenwood St., Dorchester, Mass.
G. M. Solomon (K.R.)
85 Inman St., Cambridge, Mass.

THETA PHI—Jackson M. Daniels (K.R.)
2542 W. 5th St., Jacksonville, Fla.

IOTA PHI—W. S. Buchanan (Bas.)
6311 Frankston Ave., E. Pittsburgh, Pa.

KAPPA PHI—J. A. Walker (Bas.)
1233 Madison St., Paducah, Ky.

LAMBDA PHI—L. R. Bywaters (K.R.)
Fort Valley N. & I. School, Fort Valley, Ga.

MU PHI—R. Gadsden (K.R.)
608 W. 36th St., Savannah, Ga.

DELTA PHI—Dr. W. B. Scott (K.R.)
406 Kansas Ave., Topeka, Kan.

NU PHI—J. O. Bowles (Bas.)
2708 Anita Ave., Houston, Texas
Wm. Moore (K.R.)
1614 Carr St., Houston, Texas

XI PHI—E. B. Weatherless (Bas.)
405 Carlton Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.
Phillip Jones (K.R.)
327 Halsey St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

OMICRON PHI—J. H. Whiteman (Bas.)
1328 Oak St., Columbia, S. C.
T. J. Hanberry (K.R.)
415 Marion St., Columbia, S. C.

PI PHI—L. Alexander (K.R.)
517 S. Caldwell St., Charlotte, N. C.

RHO PHI—C. H. Hill (K.R.)
5420 Franklin Ave., New Orleans, La.

SIGMA PHI—E. C. Russell (Bas.)
State Teachers College, Montgomery, Ala.
T. A. Love (K.R.)
309 Tuttle Ave., Montgomery, Ala.

UPSILON PHI—Dr. Chas. Gibson (Bas.)
1 Summit Ave., Summit, N. J.
Atty. R. M. Yancy (K.R.)
45 Clinton St., Newark, N. J.

CHI PHI—W. H. Pinkett (Bas.)
2650 Gilpin St., Denver, Colo.
F. S. Brickler (K.R.)
1218 E. 23rd Ave., Denver, Colo.

PHI PHI—J. E. Seegar (Bas.)
1309 Wallace St., Richmond, Va.

ALPHA ALPHA—John W. Lee (K.R.)
27 Libby St., Phoebus, Va.

BETA ALPHA—Levi Patton
Alcorn College, Alcorn, Miss.

GAMMA ALPHA—J. H. Lewis (Bas.)
1225 Burrell St., Roanoke, Va.
L. A. Sydnor (K.R.)
810 7th St., Roanoke, Va.

DELTA ALPHA—L. O. Lewis (K.R.)
2338 Lakeview, Dayton, Ohio

EPSILON ALPHA—W. K. McMillan (Bas.)
1327 Missouri Ave., Fort Worth, Texas
C. O. Wallis (K.R.)
1053 Humbert St., Fort Worth, Texas

ZETA ALPHA—R. M. Harris (Bas.)
Box 311, Warrenton, N. C.

ETA ALPHA—H. M. Purnell (Bas.)
301 N. 5th St., Columbia, Mo.
Dr. A. A. Kildare (K.R.)
Lincoln University, Jefferson City, Mo.

THETA ALPHA—L. Mitchell (Bas.)
2414 N. Washington Ave., Dallas, Texas
C. F. Fields (K.R.)
2315 Routh St., Dallas, Texas

IOTA ALPHA—Dr. S. M. Clark (Bas.)
101½ W. Vine St., Knoxville, Tenn.
L. F. Chilton (K.R.)
903 Mabry St., Knoxville, Tenn.

KAPPA ALPHA—W. H. Witherspoon (Bas.)
221 Wilson St., Rock Hill, S. C.
A. L. Stanback (K.R.)
Clinton College, Rock Hill, S. C.

LAMBDA ALPHA—J. O. Mosely (K.R.)
Southern University, Scotlandville, La.

NU ALPHA—Dr. Boiesy Barnes (Bas.)
525½ E. Nash St., Wilson, N. C.

XI ALPHA—R. A. Parker (Bas.)
1336 Elmwood Ave., Charleston, W. Va.
W. Christian (K.R.)
914 Lewis St., Charleston, W. Va.

OMICRON ALPHA—Dr. S. R. Rosemond (Bas.)
409 N. 7th St., Wilmington, N. C.
W. J. Wheeler (K.R.)
818 Red Cross St., Wilmington, N. C.

ALPHA SIGMA—Wm. H. Collins (Bas.)
R. D. Motley (K.R.)
Morris Brown College, Atlanta, Ga.

BETA SIGMA—Peter J. Van Puhl (K.R.)
Southern University, Scotlandville, La.

GAMMA SIGMA—Ray Beard (Bas.)
Henry Moore (K.R.)
Ala. State Teachers College, Montgomery, Ala.

DELTA SIGMA—F. Martin (Bas.)
634 S. 15th St., Louisville, Ky.
E. T. Bardford (K.R.)
1511 Garland Ave., Louisville, Ky.

MU ALPHA—H. C. Moultrie
92 Morris St., Charleston, S. C.

EPSILON SIGMA—L. McGee
Tillotson College, Austin, Texas

ZETA SIGMA—L. A. Saunders (Bas.)
James Broady (K.R.)
Bluefield State Teachers College, Bluefield, W. Va.

THETA SIGMA—Earl Clay (Bas.)
2104 State St., New Orleans, La.
Wesley Brown (K.R.)
2338 Blement Place, New Orleans, La.

PI PSI—John M. Jones (K.R.)
1203 W. Stoughton St., Urbana, Ill.

