

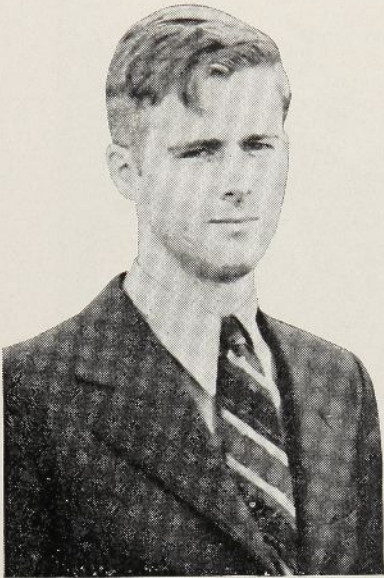
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## MAN OF THE MONTH



Robert L. Eikum

In the spring of 1939, while a freshman at the University of Minnesota, Bob Eikum became interested in Alpha Phi Omega. There was no chapter on his campus at that time, so he started to organize a new chapter. Despite the usual difficulties of getting a new organization established on a large campus, Bob continued his efforts. Even confronted with a university regulation requiring every organization to function two years as a local before being eligible for national affiliation, Bob kept working. Finally the two-year requirement was met, and with the aid of other loyal and faithful workers, the Minnesota group established an excellent program and was ready for installation in the spring of 1942. Bob became officially affiliated with Alpha Phi Omega as a charter member of Gamma Psi Chapter and continued his activity in the chapter until his graduation last spring.

This past fall, Bob entered the University of Idaho for graduate study in forestry. The day he arrived on the campus he called upon the dean of men to inquire about Alpha Phi Omega. Learning that the manpower of the Idaho chapter had been wiped out by the call of Uncle Sam, Bob decided something should be done to rebuild the organization. He started talking to other men about APO, got several new faculty men interested, discovered one active member of last year's group, and together they arranged an early rush meeting which resulted in sixteen new pledges. A streamlined pledge training program was carried out and the new men were initiated the last week of October. A complete staff of officers was then elected, with Bob as secretary, and thus through the initiative of this brother, Gamma Nu Chapter is again "on the way up."

Despite a speech defect, Bob Eikum is one of the most effective organizers ever to serve in Alpha Phi Omega. His devotion to our fraternity is unbounded and he works tirelessly in the activities of our brotherhood.

The TORCH AND TREFOIL extends congratulations to Brother Bob Eikum upon his outstanding service in Alpha Phi Omega.

## National President's Anniversary Message To All Men of Alpha Phi Omega

Greetings, my Brothers:

This issue marks the eighteenth anniversary of the founding of Alpha Phi Omega. What an interesting growth our fraternity has made! Beginning with eighteen men in the mother chapter at Lafayette College December 16, 1925, Alpha Phi Omega has grown to include ninety-nine chapters and over 10,200 members. Beginning with "just an idea", Alpha Phi Omega has developed a vast program of fellowship and service.

This anniversary finds the great majority of our chapters still functioning and carrying out a wide variety of worthy activities despite the heavy losses of manpower to the armed forces. New men who have become affiliated with our brotherhood this fall are fitting into our activities splendidly and, with the cooperation of Faculty and Scouting Advisors, the work of Alpha Phi Omega is being continued strongly on campuses all over the nation.

Likewise, this anniversary finds many men of Alpha Phi Omega serving in the armed forces of the United States in the fight for freedom and right. The world map which forms the cover of this issue tells a real story of men of Alpha Phi Omega in action around the globe. Yes, in every theatre of operations in this war, men of Alpha Phi Omega are on the job, and we are indebted to Brother Del Jay Kinney of Upsilon Chapter for his timely drawing which so forcefully points out the expanse of Alpha Phi Omega service at this hour.

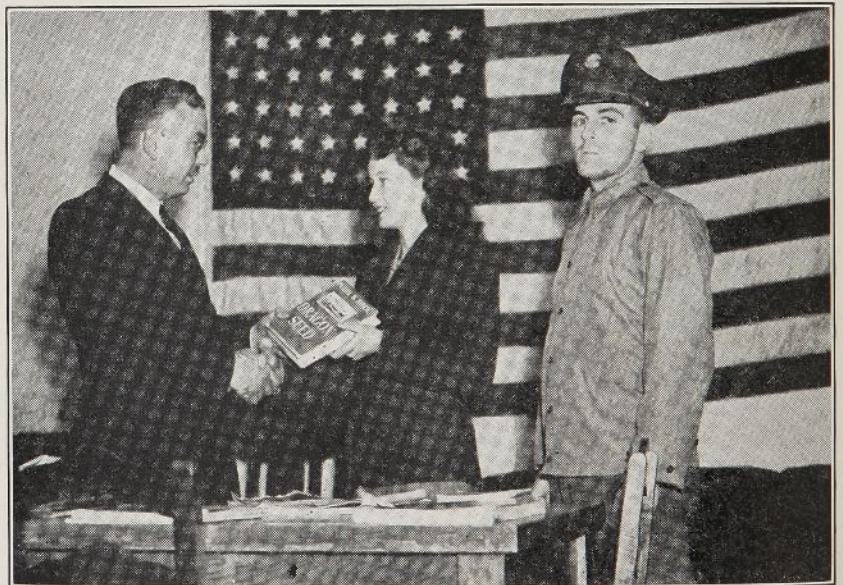
To every APO man in the armed forces, I extend heartiest wishes for good luck, good hunting and speedy return.

To every active member, pledge and advisor on the "campus front" I say that we must enter the new year with renewed determination to render every possible service toward winning the war and building a lasting peace.

May the Holiday Season for each of you be filled with thoughtfulness and thankfulness, and let's work in close cooperation in 1944 in advancing our program of Leadership, Friendship and Service throughout the land.

National President.

## VICTORY BOOK CAMPAIGN AT UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO



Mayor W. L. Anderson of Moscow, Idaho, presents to Miss Kay Jones, University of Idaho sophomore, the first book to be collected in the city-university Victory Book campaign sponsored by Gamma Nu Chapter of Alpha Phi Omega. This presentation was made at the USO with Pfc. Len Labine of the university's ROTC contingent looking on. The books collected will be used for the establishment of libraries for the ASTU and Naval radio trainees on the campus as well as for the local branch of the USO. Committee members of the drive are Brother Bob Eikum, chairman; Brother Gene Mowrey, in charge of university collections; Brothers Jack Anderson and Douglas Ellis, in charge of city collections; Pledge Robert Olsen, in charge of transportation; Brother Dick Lavine in charge of allocations; and Brother Bob Stillinger, chapter president.



## Post-War Leadership in America

By RAY O. DAVIES

*Director of Personnel, Western Auto Supply Co.  
Former Dean of Men of Drake University*

*Brother Davies served as senior faculty advisor of Omega Chapter while Dean of Men and Director of Personnel of Drake University, and also served six years as a member of our national executive board. Through real interest and devotion in Alpha Phi Omega, he had a major part in formulating the policies and program of the fraternity in our early years. His thoughts herein presented are of vast importance to the future of our brotherhood.*

Two years ago Americans who had been slowly approaching a wartime economy with lend-lease contracts and a belated preparedness program were suddenly plunged by Japanese perfidy into the most desperate struggle in world history. Immediately the foremost job was to blend production lines and fighting services into a cohesive unit for all out global warfare.

Plans based on thin hope that the United States could stay out of war, but be prepared for eventualities, were scrapped overnight in the face of the grimest of all eventualities—an enemy attack upon our possessions. Of necessity the new economy became one of single purpose, translated in the words of General Nathan Bedford Forrest, “to get thar fustest with the mostest” of men and materials.

In that frantic drive, thoughts for post-war readjustment were necessarily left to a comparatively small group of far-sighted men and women, including industrialists, educators, labor leaders, and public officials.

How well have they planned? Will the program-makers of today, envisioning a better world of the future, develop with their blue prints, their graphs, and their learned treatises, the true *qualities of leadership* in the men and women of tomorrow who must give life to those words, figures and diagrams? It is easy to see that a majority of that leadership will come from the *young men of America*, men who are now in the armed forces, in essential industry and in colleges and universities.

Leadership will take many forms in the post-war America. Economic and social changes resulting from the return of millions of young men; the readjustment of thousands of displaced families now engaged in war work at high wage standards; the industrial change-



Ray O. Davies

over from the pressure of war contracts to supply a long-starved demand for civilian consumer goods—all will call for highly trained specialists. Rebuilding of family ties and repair of the ravages of juvenile delinquencies which spring from the lack of guidance from war-employed parents will place another responsibility on the leadership of tomorrow.

We have learned some lessons from bitter experience. We know that post-war leadership must be more democratic, to open the channels of opportunity for individual enterprise so that the rewards of labor will be spread more widely. Business of the future will be owned by the many instead of by the privileged few, opening the way for more employee-participation in management.

Millions of the finest men of the country who have declared a moratorium on their private lives will return expecting “freedom, a job, a little home, and the prospect to raise a family in decency.” They will not be willing, after giving so much, to wait long for a realization of those ambitions. Most of them have been trained in highly specialized skills. A fair percentage will

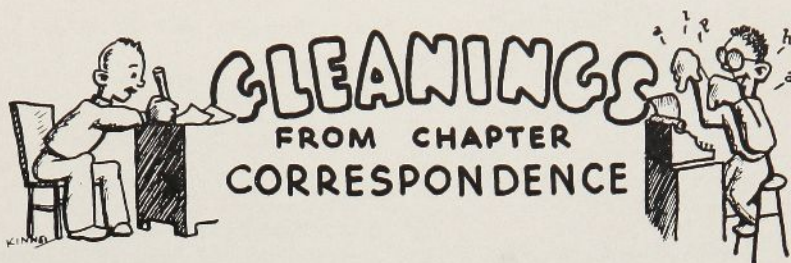
take advantage of that training to step into leadership in industry, in governmental affairs, in social work.

The men who have learned to guide a big four-motored bomber through the holocaust of anti-aircraft fire and attacking enemy planes—the fellows who make split second decisions in battle—have been given a taste of leadership that will give them the inner resources needed when the going gets rough in civilian post-war life. To them, and to those of us on the home front and the campus front planning for the day of their return, will go the task of fitting the individuals into the paths of peacetime industry, education and public life. It will be complicated by the shifting of millions of war plant workers back to their kitchens, or to their peacetime employment. Many educators believe there will be a vast movement of young men and women back to college campuses to take up where they left off in their educational endeavors. This will present a real responsibility to Alpha Phi Omega to enlarge the fraternity's program and to establish new chapters on many campuses.

What qualities will go into post-war leadership? Clear-eyed, vigorous statesmanship is the first essential. Statesmanship in business, in education, in social administration, and above all in government. The leaders of tomorrow must have human understanding. They must be unselfish in their contributions to the over-all reconstruction, for in the very act of assuming leadership they become citizens of the world, not merely citizens of a state or nation.

Unselfishness in leadership must stem from a desire to serve and to give something of one's self for the common betterment of all. Positions of greatest responsibility in post-war leadership will call for the individual in whom the *spirit of service* has been inculcated, not only by desire but by training such as Scouting and Alpha Phi Omega have developed. If we can approach the problems of post-war leadership with those ideals in our hearts and minds, we will have gone far toward our goal of peace, freedom and security for all peoples of the world.





### CARNEGIE TECH

"Kappa Chapter is carrying on despite the war, with twelve good freshmen steering the organization, and we have more prospects in sight. Our completion of the new brick fireplace for student use on the grounds of the student union is perhaps the most tangible service thus far rendered to our student body. President Robert E. Doherty, head of Carnegie Tech, has written us a fine letter of appreciation on the part of the school."

—Dr. Robert D. Gregg,  
Senior Faculty Advisor.

### UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

"Seven new men were pledged in Beta Theta Chapter, November 18. We hope with this added manpower to be able to make APO the most active group on the campus and make our chapter worthy of the fraternity traditions."

—Bob Cowles, Secretary.

### UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS COLLEGE, NYU

"Nine new men were pledged in Gamma Omega Chapter recently and several more men expressed their desire to pledge next term. Joe Haywood was elected pledge president, and Frank Ullman was elected pledge secretary. We feel that we have a fine group of pledges and that their training period will be one of many accomplishments."

—Theodore Poster, Historian.

### INDIANA UNIVERSITY

"On December 3, Mu Chapter will hold a preliminary rush meeting, and we now have plans under way for a survey of the ASTP unit to locate the men who have been Scouts and APO members on other campuses. On December 8, we will have a delegation in attendance at a statewide meeting of APO officers at which our National President, H. Roe Bartle, is to preside."

—Gerald E. Kasting, President.

### LAFAYETTE COLLEGE

"Election of new officers will take place at the next meeting of Alpha Chapter, and the first projects of the new administration will be to conduct an old clothes campaign the last week of this term and to arrange to give more substantial aid to Scouting in our community."

—John Wells Wachter, Secretary.

### WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

"Alpha Phi Chapter is now planning a big rush party for approximately seventy-five ASTP men and forty civilian men of whom we believe a sizable number will be interested in affiliating with our fraternity. An invitation is being extended to one of the service men on our campus who has seen action to speak at this big rush meeting. We are looking forward to a very successful winter and spring season in Alpha Phi Chapter."

—Robert F. Thomas, President.

### UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI

"Alpha Pi Chapter is starting upon securing some concrete benches for the patio and for other spots on the campus. Due to an increase in the number of students living on the campus these benches are much needed."

—Martin Greenberg, President.

### UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO

"Beginning November 29, Gamma Nu Chapter is to sponsor a drive to collect technical and fictional books for the Army and Navy men at the University of Idaho. Two collection centers on the campus will be handled by the different women's houses from November 29 to January 21."

—Dr. Thomas A. Brindley,  
Senior Faculty Advisor.

### UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI

"Dean Foster E. Alter, dean of men, gave an inspiring talk at our rush smoker on November 25 at which about a dozen prospective new members were in attendance. Our chapter is in charge of the distribution of the student handbooks on the campus after having had a part in publishing this year's book."

—Herbert Horton, Secretary.

### UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

"Two of the four outstanding seniors elected to membership in the Friars, local honorary fraternity, this fall are members of Alpha Phi Omega."

—Arno Nowotny, Dean of Men.

### TEXAS TECH

"Beta Sigma Chapter will observe the National Birthday of APO December 16 with our annual 'Founders Day Banquet'. This is a tag affair which has been held each year since the installation of our chapter. Our fingerprinting campaign has started and from the present outlook this project bids fair to be a success. We have received splendid cooperation from the local police force, the FBI, the Texas Tech newspaper, the president of the college, and the president of the student body. We plan to hold our fall initiation just before the Christmas holidays."

—J. Fike Godfrey, President.

### DEPAUW UNIVERSITY

"Our activities in Alpha Upsilon Chapter are now aimed toward our annual bridge tournament and a war relief dance in January in cooperation with Delta Phi Eta, the Girl Scout organization. We anticipate initiating at least fifteen new men on the National Birthday anniversary, December 16."

—Lew Hutchison AS, USNR, President.

### UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

"Five new men were pledged in Alpha Alpha Chapter, November 8, and we expect o pledge more soon."

—Walter Mayhew, Secretary.

### BROOKLYN COLLEGE

"Our service projects in Gamma Iota Chapter this term have been going full strength. We are preparing and distributing the college calendar and bulletin, the weekly publication which announces school affairs. We are aiding the dean's office in keeping student records. We were instrumental in opening the student lounge where students may go for dancing, bridge games, etc. We have been asked to arrange for an interfraternity council social and were also asked by the student council and war activities committee to take charge of the all-college sing which is part of our annual winter carnival. In Scouting service, we have been assisting with the Senior Scout Clinic held at the college. Our present membership totals twenty including members and pledges and we have elected new officers for the coming term. Brother Ed Cirlin is our new president and under his leadership we expect a great future."

—Bernard S. Turoff, Historian.

### WILLIAM JEWELL COLLEGE

"The first initiation in Alpha Mu Chapter for this school year was held December 7 and election of new officers will be held the first meeting after the Christmas holidays. We have several interesting projects in mind for the spring months."

—Bob Rusk, President.

### SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

"Phi Chapter had a well-attended annual banquet at Hotel Syracuse recently at which Chancellor Tolley was initiated as an honorary member of our fraternity. The Chancellor made a very fine talk to our group. Brother Jack Grimm was elected new president of our chapter and is taking hold of his job in a strong manner."

—Professor Gurth Whipple,  
Senior Faculty Advisor.

### CCNY

"Four brothers of Gamma Epsilon Chapter who are in the Army are now stationed on our campus in the ASTP. With the aid of these men and our new pledges, Gamma Epsilon is in position to continue the extensive service program we have developed in past years."

—Richard Leshin, Treasurer.

### WESTMINSTER COLLEGE

"Even with only one active member of Alpha Phi Omega remaining on this campus we have organized again by asking new men who were interested to attend our first meeting. We have now had several meetings and have ended up with about twenty-five men. We have elected new officers and are now working on a project which will provide a new flag pole for the college."

—Harold E. Brill, AS, USNR, President.

### UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

"A complete new staff of officers has been elected in Alpha Rho Chapter. Though the experience of our new leaders may not compare with that of their predecessors, the spirit is strong and the future looks bright. Brother John Focht has been elected new president to lead our chapter during the coming term."

—Edbert J. Schutze, Secretary.



**ALABAMA TECH**

"Our chapter has been kept plenty busy during the past quarter. We contributed almost one hundred man-hours to the local scrap paper drive in cooperation with the Junior Chamber of Commerce and the Boy Scouts. We also helped on the scrap metal drive. One of our most recent projects was the Victory Pep Rally held in the Auburn Stadium. APO built the huge bonfire for the rally. In Scouting service we have assisted in securing merit badge examiners so that there are examinations available in this district for all merit badges. We are looking forward to an expanded program for the winter quarter and our goal is to increase our active membership so we may increase our services to the campus and community. Our fall pledging resulted in twelve new men who were initiated on November 18."

—Ara John Nigolian, Secretary.

**UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS**

"Projects recently completed in Alpha Rho Chapter include ushering at football games, helping with the banquet honoring the football team, and ushering at the Jeanette MacDonald Concert. Other projects underway or being planned include fingerprinting, assisting "working mothers" nursery and a field day for the local council during Scout anniversary week. The formal pledging of twenty new men in our winter class will be conducted on the National Birthday of APO December 16.

—John A. Focht, Jr., President.

**UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA**

"We have adopted the 'continuous pledging' policy as a necessary means of building up our chapter membership. We have about fifty prospects on our list and anticipate making brothers of about half of them. We find the TORCH AND TREFOIL a valuable promotional aid in pledging activities."

—Brice Farwell, President.

**EVANSVILLE COLLEGE**

"Although only three active men of last year's membership in Gamma Mu Chapter are now on the campus, we are reorganizing and proceeding with the work of APO. There is a good number of freshmen here all of whom we will contact personally, by announcements in assemblies and by the service questionnaire cards. We already have some good prospects for pledging."

—Gerald K. Powers, Secretary.

**CCNY**

"One of Gamma Epsilon's big projects this term has been relieving the manpower shortage at CCNY'S coed night dances (every Friday). We arrange for the dances, man the checkroom, take care of the public address system, collect tickets and clean up afterwards. These dances are mostly for the soldiers stationed here in the ASTP and STAR but are also attended by many students.

"Our college is sending Christmas cards to alumni and undergraduates in the armed forces, and our chapter is handling the addressing of these, numbering about 9,000 cards. We will also sponsor our annual Christmas Sing, this year with special effort because of the large number of service men on the campus. We are also taking care of the Lost and Found booth, the student council elections and the class elections."

—H. Robert Klein, Secretary.

**A CALL FOR ACTION!****WAR PRODUCTION BOARD**

WASHINGTON, D. C.

November 20, 1943

IN REPLY REFER TO

Mr. H. Roe Bartle  
National President  
Alpha Phi Omega  
407 Land Bank Building  
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Mr. Bartle:

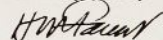
In view of the fact that Alpha Phi Omega is composed entirely of men who were previously affiliated with the Boy Scouts of America and, like the latter, have effectively participated in the nation's salvage programs, may I call upon your membership to renew and intensify their salvage activities by participating in the current Victory Scrap Bank Drive, which seeks to build up reserve stock piles of iron and steel scrap for war production purposes throughout the last half of this year. Three million tons of the "assets" of the "Scrap Bank" must come from the farms and households of the country.

The nation also needs your help and that of every other fraternity to salvage 400,000,000 tin cans, 16,000,000 pounds of used household fats, and approximately 600,000 tons of waste paper each month.

These salvage materials are absolutely necessary if we are to replace war equipment destroyed on the battlefield and to build up that superiority of war equipment which will enable us to save lives by substituting machines of war and to win an early victory.

The materials you members salvage will constitute a very direct contribution to this great end.

Sincerely yours,



H. M. Faust, Director  
Salvage Division



HMF/jha

The letter shown above tells its own story. A huge amount of scrap metal, waste paper and fats are needed in the production of war materials. Mr. H. M. Faust, Director of the Salvage Division of the War Production Board, has by this letter called upon Alpha Phi Omega to renew and intensify our salvage activities. This is a challenge to every chapter to put forth more thorough effort than ever before in securing large quantities of the vital materials on college campuses and in college communities. We have a job to do. Let's do it!

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

"Five brothers from San Diego State now in Marine training here at USC are starting to put new life into Alpha Kappa Chapter which was hit hard by the call of the armed services last year. We have received Dean Bacon's full support and have made plans to take in new members. The next issue of the school paper will carry an announcement concerning our plans."

—Pet. William G. Jamison, USMCR.

**WASHINGTON STATE**

"Fourteen new men have been pledged in Alpha Xi Chapter. We feel we have a fine group of new men and they should go ahead with the work of the chapter in good shape."

—R. C. Turner, President.

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## A REMINDER

Our National Office has a wide variety of printed materials available for chapter use. We suggest each chapter check over its present supplies and order any additional quantities needed for the next term. The following materials are free to your chapter:

"Questions and Answers About Alpha Phi Omega."

Special folder on "Wartime Membership in Alpha Phi Omega."

Pledge Manual (including national constitution and by-laws).

Torch and Trefoil (extra copies of back issues).

Standard chapter constitution and by-laws (including outline of duties of all officers, advisors and committees).

Song sheets (It's fun to sing at chapter meetings, open meetings, banquets!).

APO membership survey cards (for use in making surveys of Army and Navy trainees to locate prospective new members).

Service questionnaire cards (for use in making surveys of civilian men to locate prospective new members).

Invitation cards (for inviting prospective members to open meetings).

Pledge bid cards (for announcing pledge bids).

Pledge application forms.

Membership application forms.

Pledge ritual.

Initiation ritual.

Receipt forms.

Jewelry order forms.

Other fraternity materials which are available for purchase include:

Pledge buttons, 25c each plus 10% federal tax and state sales tax.

Recognition buttons, 25c each plus tax.

Arm bands, \$2.15 a dozen.

Coat of arms and key emblems, 9x12-inch cards, 10c a set.

Pins and keys (see illustrations and price list in Pledge Manual or write to national office).

Decal stickers of pin emblem, 15c each, \$1.50 a dozen.

The pamphlets entitled "Questions and Answers About Alpha Phi Omega" and "Wartime Membership in Alpha Phi Omega" are especially valuable in explaining our fraternity to prospective new members. They are up-to-date concerning our war-time policies and program. The war-time membership folder points out the permanent values of our brotherhood and it emphasizes that membership does not end when a brother leaves the campus for military service. This information should be attractive to men who may expect to be on the campus only a relatively short time.

## REPRESENTATIVES OF FIVE INDIANA CHAPTERS MEET WITH NATIONAL PRESIDENT

Brothers from the APO chapters at Indiana U., Purdue, DePauw, Butler and Evansville assembled in Indianapolis, December 8, for a conference with Dr. H. Roe Bartle, national president. In a three-hour meeting, reports were presented and plans for the future were discussed.

## FROM BROOKLYN COLLEGE

### A Word of Acknowledgment

The regular, prompt appearance of the Official Bulletin and Calendar on Monday mornings has been and will continue to be possible because of the splendid cooperation of Alpha Phi Omega, the service fraternity, whose members have been most generous in giving their time and energy in order to fold and distribute the Bulletins.

The selflessness of this fraternity and of other groups such as the Pan-Hellenic Association, which arranged for the distribution of the first number of the Official Bulletin, is an inspiration to all those of us, students as well as staff members, who feel keenly the value of extensive participation in extra-curricular activities.

—Hildegard Wichert,  
Room Assignment Advisor  
and Calendar Editor.

## BOND SALES AT SOUTHEAST MISSOURI TEACHERS



Shown here buying bonds at Beta Psi Chapter's war bond and stamp booth are Dr. Roe Bartle, National President, and Lt. Randall Britton of the Army Air Forces, founder and first president of the chapter. Both made substantial purchases. Brother Lawrence Bahn, vice president of the chapter, is shown on duty at the booth. The sales of war bonds and stamps on the campus is a continuous project of Beta Psi Chapter.

## TORCH AND TREFOIL GOES AROUND THE WORLD

Each issue of the TORCH AND TREFOIL is being sent to every brother in the armed forces for whom an address is available. If you know of any members from your chapter now serving Uncle Sam who are not receiving our magazine, please send their names and mailing addresses to the National Office, 407 Land Bank Building, Kansas City 6, Mo.

## NEXT ISSUE WILL BE IN FEBRUARY

In accordance with our regular publication schedule of eight issues each year, the next issue of TORCH AND TREFOIL will be in February. Pictures showing members and pledges in action on service projects are especially desired for use in our magazine.

## VISITORS AT THE NATIONAL OFFICE

It is always a pleasure to welcome brothers who visit the national office. Visitors who have dropped in recently include:

Lt. Gordon Brigham (Lambda).  
John Banta, Jr. (Beta Mu).  
Lt. Willard Warner, USNR (Alpha Eta).  
Lt. Jack Shefrin, USNR (Beta Eta).  
Cpl. Kenneth Prater (Alpha Eta).  
Ensign Ed. Chernoff (Beta Omicron).  
Pvt. George Jones (Alpha Eta).  
Ensign Paul Horn (Alpha Eta).  
Pfc. LeRoy Marts (Alpha Eta).  
Bill Lieberman (Delta Beta).

Other brothers who pass through Kansas City are cordially invited to stop at our national headquarters.

## SCOUT ANNIVERSARY WEEK IS FEBRUARY 8 TO 13

The thirty-third anniversary of the founding of Scouting in America will be observed throughout the nation, February 8 to 13, 1944. Each chapter of Alpha Phi Omega has an opportunity to share in the commemoration. It is suggested that each chapter have its community projects chairman contact the Scouting advisors and offer the services of the fraternity in helping in the anniversary week program.

## WE POINT WITH PRIDE

Brother Dick Gredell, past president of Alpha Eta Chapter, has been elected vice president of the senior class of Kansas City University.





*Lt. Robert P. Grafrath, USNR (Alpha Eta)  
Somewhere in the South Pacific  
Writes:*

"I am now in the South Pacific theatre of war, living in a tent. We started out with three army cots and four camp stools, two buckets and one shelf so had to get busy with a hammer and a saw to make some more furniture. Not a very salty life for a Navy man. Our group flew down here from Pearl Harbor in a Navy flying boat, thus I got to be a "Short-snorter", the organization of those men who have flown over an ocean. For recreation we have a few good books in the library, get month-old issues of the overseas edition of TIME and other magazines, have four-year-old class B movies almost every night. We don't hear radio programs but occasionally listen to Jap short-wave propaganda broadcasts which are very funny. Life here is very interesting and not too uncomfortable. I wouldn't have traded this experience for anything but sure look forward to the day when this mess will be over and I can settle down in one spot."

*Pfc. Herbert Goldman (Gamma Delta)  
On Duty in Greenland  
Writes:*

"Life here in Greenland is very placid. My time is devoted to my job, the nature of which is censored, and to my ambition, that of being an ex-G.I."

*Helmuth Stobbe ScM 3/c (Beta Theta)  
On Duty in the Pacific  
Writes:*

"How is the Wisconsin Chapter making out this year? I do hope the war is over soon so we can all go back to where we left off."

*Cpl. A. I. Coe (Gamma Delta)  
Fort Ord, California  
Writes:*

"I recently spent eight days in New York on furlough and was much pleased to see Gamma Delta Chapter still going strong with a good service program mapped out for the future."

*Pfc. Addley H. Gladden, Jr. (Gamma Upsilon)  
Quartermaster School  
Camp Lee, Virginia  
Writes:*

"I had a chat a few days ago with Major Ford H. Longsdorf, former Scout Executive and APO advisor at Baton Rouge, who is stationed here at the Quartermaster School. I am now in advanced non-com training which covers all phases of supply, subsistence and administration. It is very interesting and valuable. The weather here is quite cold for a fellow who comes from the deep South."

*Pvt. Dennis McKeen (Gamma Phi)  
Parachute School  
Fort Benning, Georgia  
Writes:*

"I really appreciate the TORCH AND TREFOIL which reaches me via home. I am in the paratroops here at Fort Benning, have completed my jumping training and have stayed here in the parachute school."

*Cpl. A. K. Prater (Alpha Eta)  
37th Fighter Control Squadron  
Laguna Beach, California  
Writes:*

"I have been receiving the TORCH AND TREFOIL and you cannot fully realize how much the magazine means to the fellows in the service. I can only guess how much it means to the brothers overseas, using my own enjoyment as a yardstick. It is worth more than a three-day leave. There isn't a day goes by but what I find that Scouting has been beneficial to me. Thank God for the kind of men who believed enough in youth to set up the Scouting program."

*Pvt. Jay Hershkowitz (Gamma Iota)  
Randolph Macon College  
Ashland, Virginia  
Writes:*

"I was glad to visit Gamma Iota Chapter when home on furlough a few weeks ago and am pleased to report that the chapter is still going strong. With such a capable fellow as Brother Sid Govshewitz to guide and lead the group, it is bound to continue successfully. He has really pulled the chapter through a difficult period and really deserves a great deal of credit. The fellows in the service especially appreciate what Brother Sid has done to keep the chapter going while we are away."

*S. L. Clelen  
U. S. S. Carlson, at Sea  
Writes to Gamma Nu Chapter:*

"It was indeed encouraging to have the fine letter from you. No other one thing could serve to convince us, on the outside, of your continuance of a fine tradition. I feel secure in speaking for the rest of the charter members, when I say that we're proud, and that we think you are doing a great job. Let us hear more about it, and more power to you."

## EISENHOWER TO EISENHOWER

Upon consulting his brother, General Dwight D. Eisenhower, whether he should accept the appointment as president, Kansas State College of Agriculture and Applied Science, Milton Eisenhower was told: "Take it. A large part of the kind of peace achieved after the war rests on the principles laid down in American schools."

—The Education Digest.

*Lt. A. R. Matheson (Alpha Alpha)  
Somewhere in the South Pacific  
Writes:*

"I have been plenty busy the past two months having covered 7,200 miles in about six weeks, most of it by plane. Have seen plenty of country as far south as Canberra and managed to get seven days leave which was spent in Sydney. Our outfit has recently been setting up a new camp and the greatest obstacles are rain and intense heat. I was glad to read that Alpha Phi Omega recently initiated its 10,000th member. The fraternity is certainly continuing good work in these times."

*Mid. Ed. Steffen (Upsilon)  
New York, New York  
Writes:*

"I really get a big bang out of seeing the TORCH AND TREFOIL and hearing from my old frat brothers. I hear that Upsilon Chapter is still in there fighting. I think Brother Del Kinney's cartoons really give a keen touch to our fraternity magazine and I enjoy especially the page of quotations from the brothers in the service."

*Cpl. Kenneth E. Gerler (Alpha Alpha)  
ASTP Washington State College  
Writes:*

"I surely appreciate receiving the TORCH AND TREFOIL each month and find it very interesting to see what other brothers are doing and how the chapters are continuing to function during these times. The chapter here at Washington State is carrying on with practically all new members, and I am interested in their activities although have not been free to attend any of the regular chapter meetings. I hope Alpha Alpha Chapter is still keeping up the high standards of former years."

*Pvt. Norman Oshin (Gamma Delta)  
Fort McClellan, Alabama  
Writes:*

"I recently received my chapter paper and am glad to know the group continues to pledge new men so the service program will reach new accomplishments. I am company reporter on the Fort McClellan "Cycle" and hope to continue my journalistic endeavors in the army. Keep going APO!"

*AC J. L. Lewandowski (Upsilon)  
Army Air Forces  
Chicago, Illinois  
Writes:*

"I was very happy to receive the most recent issue of TORCH AND TREFOIL and am glad that the fellows who are on the campus at Milwaukee are continuing the active program of Upsilon Chapter. Best wishes to all Alpha Phi Omega chapters for a strong program this year."



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DEL JAY KINNEY  
UPSILON CHAPTER  
U. S. ARMY AIR FORCE