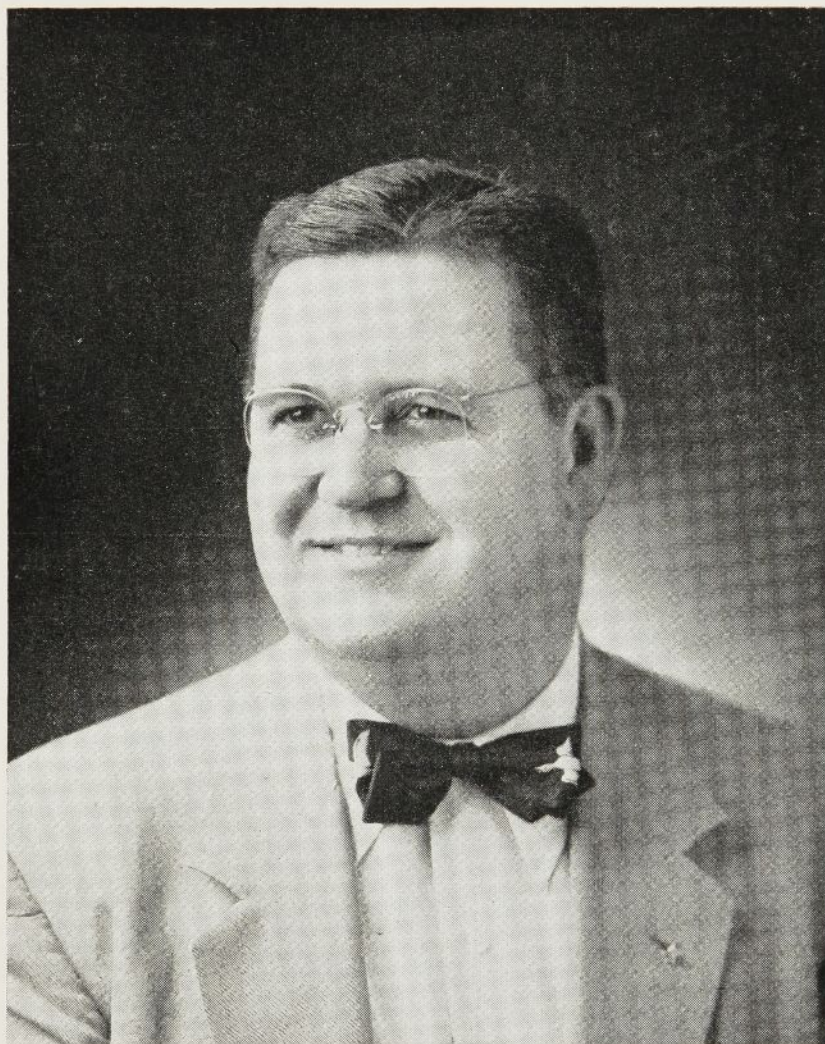




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45TH ANNIVERSARY 1955
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Boy Scout Week, February 6 to 12, marked the 45th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America, observed throughout the nation by more than 3,660,000 boys and adult leaders. Since 1910, more than 22,750,000 boys and men have been members. This anniversary concludes the National Conservation Good Turn the organization undertook at the request of President Eisenhower.

Members of Alpha Phi Omega are proud of their Scouting background. Our fraternity congratulates the Boy Scouts of America upon its great record of service to youth for the past forty-five years.

EXTENSION TO OTHER NATIONS

"Alpha Phi Omega of the Philippines" is the first international extension of our organization. There are opportunities to spread AΦΩ to additional Scouting nations. If any former member or advisor of your chapter is now located in a foreign country, please send his name and address to the National Office so information may be delivered to him about possibilities of starting AΦΩ in the colleges and universities there.

A Story of the THIRTEENTH NATIONAL CONVENTION OF ALPHA PHI OMEGA

"We gained much from the convention." That's typical of the many fine comments received since the Thirteenth National Convention of Alpha Phi Omega and it indicates the great success of this meeting held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. All who attended participated in an excellent program, and those who for some reason did not attend missed an important occasion.

A spirit of achievement prevailed. A sense of pleasure in our service program was felt by the delegates and a spirit of fraternal fellowship was in

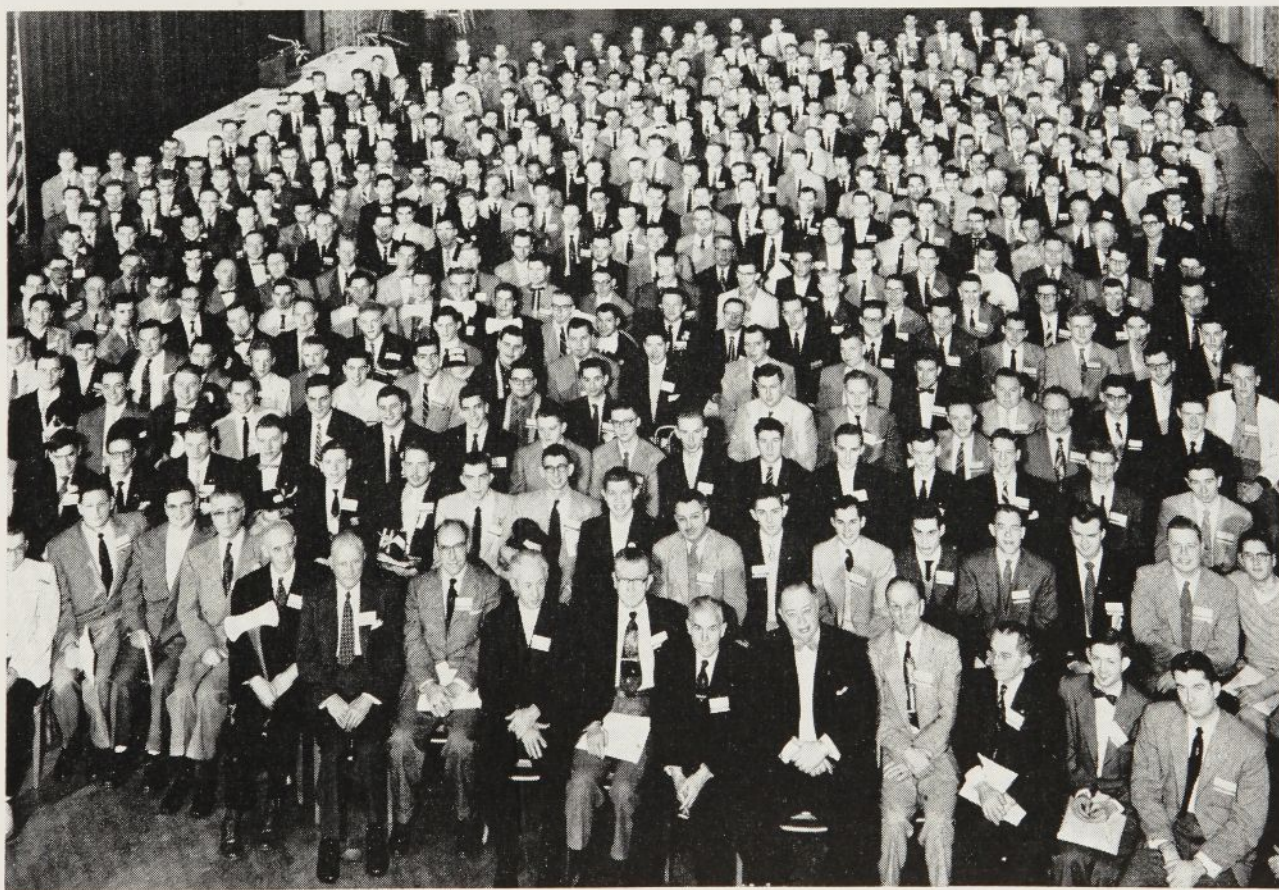
evidence. Nearly 500 members from all parts of the United States took this opportunity to get together, get acquainted and to discuss the numerous phases of Alpha Phi Omega's program. All devoted a great part of their Christmas vacation to attend, and many traveled thousands of miles, a personal sacrifice, to join in this fine convention.

Brother Daniel Den Uyl, National President, presided and was given a tremendous ovation by the delegates for his leadership and devotion as president for the past four years.

Brother Bill Roth served very ably as Program Chairman and big credit goes to him for planning the entire convention program in advance. He provided a thorough and enjoyable schedule including fun, inspiration and a lot of real values to take back to the chapters.

Brother Harry Barnett did an outstanding job as Arrangements Chairman. He and the host committees comprising members of all Wisconsin chapters made sure the rooms were ready, the meals prepared on time

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Here are many of the nearly five hundred delegates who attended our Thirteenth National Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, December 28 to 30, 1954. The attendance award for the highest total of miles traveled went to Alpha Rho Chapter of the University of Texas whose thirteen representatives traveled over 15,000 man-miles to participate in this convention.



Scene of the convention banquet was the Crystal Ballroom of the Schroeder Hotel. A large map showing locations of chapters throughout the United States is in upper left. The beautiful flag in the background was made from yardgoods by Beta Phi Chapter at Southwestern Louisiana Institute during World War II by whose courtesy it was used. Pennants of part of the colleges and universities which have APO chapters may be seen along the wall in upper right. A fine banquet program made this the highlight session of the convention.

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and all physical accommodations prepared for this big gathering. The host chapters which were Upsilon, Eta Rho, Iota Nu, Epsilon Upsilon, Beta Theta, Alpha Nu, Eta Lambda, Eta Kappa, Lambda Zeta, Kappa Gamma and the Milwaukee Alumni did outstanding work including the many services such as registration, exhibits, supplies, welcome, publicity and the others and had a great part in making the convention an outstanding success.

Brother Bob Payne served for the fifth time as Convention Secretary and his work is sincerely appreciated by all.

The official report of the convention will appear in a later issue, but

here we would like to mention just a few of the many highlights.

Dr. H. Roe Bartle, who served for sixteen years as National President of Alpha Phi Omega, from 1931 through 1946, keynoted the convention with the principal address at the opening session. His was a strong appeal to "take stock" of our past activities and accomplishments, to consider ways in which we could have done better and make intelligent and vigorous plans for the future. The brothers assembled became readily imbued with his enthusiasm.

The fellowship luncheon was dedicated to Brother Frank R. Horton, founder of the fraternity, and the entire group expressed tribute to him. This session was addressed by the

Honorable Frank P. Zeidler, Mayor of Milwaukee, and H. G. Zion, the local Scout Executive. The mayor extended a warm welcome to all delegates and Brother Zion effectively challenged the group to greater service.

Reports of national officers were given by Prof. Daniel Den Uyl, National President; Dr. R. H. Bolyard, National First Vice President; Dr. Henry Miller, National Second Vice President; M. R. Disborough, National Third Vice President; Joseph Scanlon, National Treasurer; and Sidney B. North, National Secretary. These related the various phases of progress of AΦΩ for the previous two years and offered a basis for plans for the future.

Fourteen discussion groups met and

gave thorough consideration to the many phases of $\Lambda\Phi\Omega$ activities and procedures. Under activity topics, the subjects were Service Projects, Membership and Pledging, Meeting Programs, Executive Committee, Chapter Calendar, Publicity, and How to Plan a Conference. Under leadership topics, the groups were Presidents and Vice Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, Historians, Advisors, Ritual Team Responsibilities, and Alumni Activities. All of these groups were well attended and we know that much good resulted from them.

The four legislative committees worked diligently during long hours at the convention and each brought its recommendations to the entire assembly for consideration and voting by the delegates. The committees included the Constitution and By-Laws Committee, Nominating Committee, Time and Place Committee and Appreciations Committee.

At the first evening session, Brother Jim Kenkel, Epsilon Mu, Maryland, gave a report as representative of Alpha Phi Omega at the Ninth National Conference on Citizenship recently held in Washington, D. C. He stressed the importance of cooperation among all groups which are dedicated to character building and citizenship training. "Why I Believe in Alpha Phi Omega" was the subject of a talk by Brother Paul Wargon, Alpha Gamma, Purdue, and Dr. Jack Stellwagen, Epsilon Epsilon, Missouri Valley, spoke on the responsibilities of the Faculty Advisors. The relationship of the Scouting Advisors to the chapter was the subject of an address by J. D. Armstrong, Alpha Upsilon, DePauw. All of these talks were valuable to the delegates.

At the round table discussion on Alpha Phi Omega affairs, opportunity was provided for all delegates who desired to bring up any program ideas, problems or suggestions pertaining to the activities and welfare of our fraternity.

A real high-spot at this convention was the colorful banquet. This was held in the Crystal Ballroom of the Schroeder Hotel. The group was enthusiastic with much singing and fine fellowship. A splendid tribute to "Alpha Phi Omega of the Philippines" was given by Irwin H. Gerst. He pointed out opportunities to spread

international good will in our fraternity activities.

PRINCIPAL ADDRESS

The banquet address was by Dr. William Harrison Fetridge, Executive Vice President of Popular Mechanics Magazine. He is Chairman of Region VII and a member of the National Executive Board of the Boy Scouts of America and so, of course, was familiar with the background of our members.

Dr. Fetridge's subject was "The Next Twenty-five Years." He said, in part, "This is quite a world you fellows will soon be stepping out into. It is a boisterous, bewildering world that sometimes seems made more of muscle than of head and heart. It is a war-weary, peace-loving world. It is the awesome world of atom power. It is the growing world of increasing populations. It is the world of tensions and petty hatreds, and for young men like you, of army service—but—

"It is also the world of magical

medical discoveries — of miraculous new inventions—of new freedom from backbreaking toil—of more time for play and reflections—a world of richness and opportunity for those who are prepared.

"In the next twenty-five years, predictions are that air lines will fly at 1,000 miles per hour making the trip from Los Angeles to New York in three hours. Military aircraft will be almost entirely in the missile or pilotless stage. Aerial freight trains will carry all perishable cargo. By 1980 industrial power from the atom will be old stuff and the big story in science will be new ways of converting ordinary sunlight into power and heat. TV will be world-wide. A personal telephone receiver transmitter will be carried in your pocket. Automobile telephones will be standard equipment. There will be tremendous advances in medicine resulting in longer life.

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Convention Secretary



Rev. Robert J. Payne

Serving for the fifth time as Convention Secretary, Bob did an outstanding job at Milwaukee. We are deeply indebted to him for his service in this important capacity.

Bob became affiliated with APO as a student at the University of Iowa in 1946 and served in numerous leadership posts in Omicron Chapter. He has been a frequent contributor of articles for the "Torch and Trefoil" and boosts our fraternity at every opportunity. The delegates at Milwaukee elected him to our National Executive Board and expressed great enthusiasm concerning his work.

New National Editor



A. G. Spizzirri

Appointed by our new National President to serve as National Editor, Spitz brings enthusiasm and devotion to this responsibility. His work begins with our March issue.

He was initiated into Alpha Mu Chapter at William Jewell College in 1942 and after service in the armed forces returned to complete his bachelors degree there. He was elected chapter president and also served in many other capacities. The 1946 National Convention elected him to the National Executive Board and he was re-elected in 1948. He has served ably as a board member.

ON OUR COVER

Unanimously elected at the Thirteenth National Convention as new National President of Alpha Phi Omega, Brother M. R. Disborough brings to this post a vast experience both as a student and advisor. He has been affiliated with AΦΩ since 1936 when he was the instigator and first President and, of course, a charter member of Alpha Tau Chapter at Butler University, Indianapolis, Indiana. He has attended every National Convention since becoming a member, beginning with the Akron meeting in 1936, and has had a strong part in the development of our brotherhood.

He is affectionately known as Diz and was first elected to the National Executive Board in 1946. He served as National Extension Chairman for two terms during which time a large number of new chapters entered our fraternity.

Diz became a Scout at age twelve in the Central Indiana Council and continued actively, advancing to the rank of Eagle. He held numerous troop leadership positions and was elected as president of Firecrafters, the council camp honor society.

He is a member of the Sigma Nu social fraternity and is now active in the Rotary Club, Chamber of Commerce, and other civic bodies.

Professionally, Brother Disborough is Scout Executive at Louisville, Kentucky. He entered the career service of Scouting as a Field Executive at Evansville, Indiana, in 1938 and while there organized the Alpha Phi Omega chapter at Evansville College. Other assignments in his rise in the profession have been in Kansas and Iowa, and in every place he has been located he has given a big boost to our fraternity.

Diz is the first National President of AΦΩ since the original founder who has come up through the ranks as a student member. The other presidents entered the organization either as Faculty or Scouting Advisors. He is married and he and his wife have two fine children—a daughter and a son.

Brother Disborough's past leadership and service in Alpha Phi Omega make him highly deserving of this new honor and responsibility as the

top officer in our nationwide organization. Let's all give him our finest support in building AΦΩ to new heights of Leadership, Friendship and Service.

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"There, young men, is your world. What a glorious anticipation should be yours! Yet despite the vast developments in science and industry which lie ahead, certain fundamentals for a happy, successful life have remained stolidly, stubbornly unchanged and in my opinion they will always remain thus. What are these principles? You may note a familiar ring to them. I firmly believe if you adhere to them that in 1980 you will look back from the summit and say 'I have lived well . . . I have lived successfully . . . I have lived happily.'"

"Here are the principles:

"Tell the truth and always be dependable.

"Be faithful to your country, your God, your friends and your associates.

"Aid them when and how you can.

"Be generous of heart to your fellow creatures.

"Be gentle in manner to young and old, to man and woman, child or animal.

"Keep your thoughts, your body and your life sparkling and untarnished.

"Live with joy in your heart and express it readily.

"Give yourself into God's hands and with humbleness know that He will care for you.

"I think you know that all I have done is to phrase a little differently what the founders of Scouting said

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MEET YOUR NATIONAL EXECUTIVE BOARD



At the final session of the Thirteenth National Convention, the installation of officers and board members was held. This picture shows newly-elected officials and also board members who were present whose terms continued. Seated at the table are Dr. H. Roe Bartle (left), and Dean Arno Nowotny. Standing, left to right, are Joe Paul Tupin, Stanley Livingston (behind Joe), Rev. John J. Higgins, S.J., Dr. Henry Miller, Prof. Kent Shaffer, James W. Thomas, Dr. Lawrence L. Hirsch, Dr. R. H. Bolyard, Prof. Daniel Den Uyl, Irwin H. Gerst, M. R. Disborough (at the rostrum), E. Ross Forman, Joseph Scanlon, Rev. Robert J. Payne, Manfred O. Aws, Prof. Robert J. Bradshaw, Jr., Stephen Horvath, Dr. Glenn R. Barr, Benjamin F. Fay (behind Dr. Barr), William S. Roth, Dr. Max A. Schneider, George F. Cahill, and Dr. Ray O. Wyland. Officiating at the installation of the officers was Dr. Wyland, who is one of the original founders of Alpha Phi Omega at Lafayette College. Two elective board members present at the convention but not in the picture are Prof. Harry C. Barnett and Harold F. Pote. The three appointive officers had not yet been announced when this picture was taken. They are George H. Charno, A. G. Spizzirri, and Sidney B. North, all present at the convention.

This is a very consecrated group of members elected to national leadership in our brotherhood. They have sincere desire to assist and cooperate with every chapter in the further growth and service of Alpha Phi Omega on every campus.

A Feature Project

AID TO NEEDY CHILDREN

By Richard L. Corwin

Past President, Epsilon Epsilon Chapter
Missouri Valley College

A feature project of Epsilon Epsilon Chapter at Missouri Valley College is our contribution to needy children through the *Save the Children Federation*. Our big money-raising project is the Ugly Man Contest which in 1954 brought in \$1,084.00, an average of more than three dollars per student enrolled at the college. There were approximately 360 students on campus at the time of last year's contest and of this number there were thirty-six hard-working, service-minded members of our chapter.

This event was under the co-chairmanship of Bill Sherman and Hank Bartels. They formed several committees which made contacts in the community as well as among students to prepare everyone for the event. Posters, newspaper articles, window displays and radio programs were included in the publicity campaign. To start the week set aside for the contest, a very successful kick-off breakfast set the pace. A mid-week assembly was held at which each organization sponsoring a candidate was given three minutes to gain supporters. The entire contest, including publicity, assembly and the dance ending the week centered around the theme of "Hobo."

The big total attained from this Ugly Man Contest enabled us to again sponsor our eight foreign children for another year through the *Save the Children Federation* as well as add one more child right here in the United States on a Navajo Indian Reservation. Along with sponsorship of these children for one year we were still able to send twenty-two CARE packages abroad.

The *Save the Children Federation* is a non-profit agency with headquarters in New York. Through this agency individuals and groups in the United States contribute to "sponsor" needy children in other nations. The cost for yearly sponsorship of a for-

eign child is \$120.00, and the cost for sponsorship of a Navajo Indian child is \$96.00. This pays for clothing, supplemental food, school supplies, soap and other needs.

Some of the children who Epsilon Epsilon Chapter has sponsored include Basil Philippou in Greece, Hubert Dornstauder in Austria, Voitto Marjakangas in Finland, Monika Scheller in Germany, Jacqueline Cuvillier in France, Maria-Rosa Calabro in Italy, and Lee Kee Salt at the Intermountain Indian School in Utah, U. S. A.

In each instance the Federation gives the chapter a case report describing the need, and the chapter has the prerogative of deciding whether to sponsor the particular individual. Concerning Monika Scheller, the information in part as received is as follows:

"Before the war, the father had a

position as sectional chief in an engineering factory in East Prussia, the most eastern part of Germany. During the war he was called for military service and despite his age he was detained in a Soviet Russian war prison. There he met a woman also from East Prussia whom he later married when they arrived in Hamburg. His first wife had been killed during an air raid on their East Prussian hometown. As the result of hard years in war prison the man's health is broken and he is no longer able to work. A small pension of \$38.00 a month is all the support he receives. It hardly pays for the most basic necessities and replacing their lost belongings remains as much an unfilled dream as building a brighter future for their little daughter. The help of a kind friend in America would mean much toward her growth and education and would also

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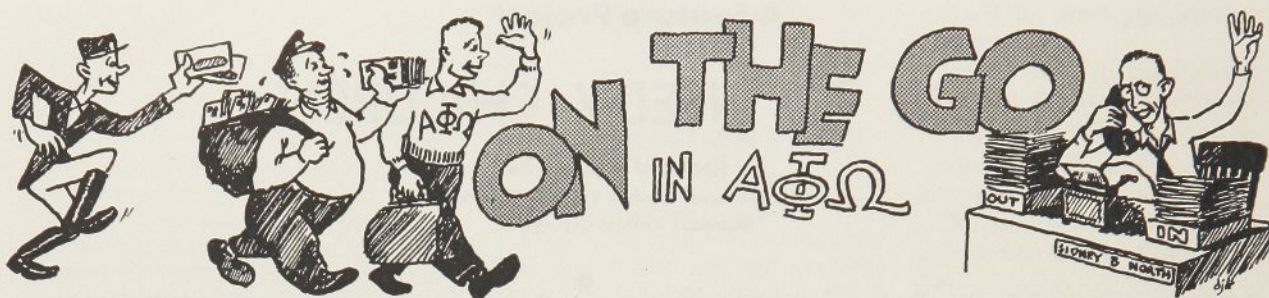
Two of Children Aided by Epsilon Epsilon Chapter



Hubert Dornstauder
Austria



Monika Scheller
Germany



Work Day at Scout Camp

In December, ETA CHAPTER of Northern Illinois State Teachers College spent a day at Camp Ke-De-Ka, local Scout camp, doing repair work and helping clean the area. Also, the chapter's Fall initiation ceremony for new members was held at the camp, combined with an overnight stay. This was a fine experience for fellowship for both the old and new brothers. The chapter entered a float in the Homecoming parade and had charge of the Coronation Dance which was a huge success. Following the football game, the chapter held a coffee hour for its alumni. At the opening of the Fall term, men of Eta Chapter helped with registration of students, assisting returning students as well as new students. See another project pictured on this page. This is reported by Carl Nemecek, Recording Secretary.

Chapter Publicity

ETA BETA CHAPTER at Simpson College received fine publicity in the December 6 issue of "The Simpsonian," college newspaper. A long article tells about the enlarging of the chapter through the pledging of twenty new men with all Greek and independent organizations on the campus now represented in the ΑΦΩ membership. Service projects mentioned in the article include completion of funds for the Neff field scoreboard, providing of funds for furnishing the recreation room in the new Student Union, and daily handling of the raising and lowering of the American flag on the campus. Money raising projects of the chapter from which proceeds are used for various services include the sale of Homecoming mums, the Ugly Man contest and the barber shop quartet contest.

Homecoming Bonfire

This past Fall, DELTA OMEGA CHAPTER at the University of Houston, again built the homecoming bonfire, this being for the Arkansas game. This is an annual project with the cooperation of the social fraternities and sororities and the work entails building the bonfire and guarding it against premature lighting. The group used four 60-foot telephone poles donated by the telephone company as a frame. The poles were buried ten feet in the ground about twenty feet apart and they provided a solid frame. The group then built up

around this, using old lumber and old cases donated by the Pepsi-Cola Company. This is reported by Ralph Byrnes, Secretary.

Book Exchange

The book exchange idea is "spreading like wildfire," reports Max Rosenberg, President of DELTA CHAPTER. "We did nearly \$1,200.00 worth of business last quarter and the students at Alabama Tech are rapidly catching on to the idea of letting us sell their books for them."

The chapter's latest initiation ceremony was held in the newly painted chapter room, adding to the effectiveness of the meeting.

FLOOD SERVICE BY ETA CHAPTER



In October, the DeKalb, Illinois, area had a huge rainfall, seven inches in forty-eight hours. The river which flows around the campus of Northern Illinois State Teachers College was soon out of its banks and weakened one bridge which leads to the college. Eta Chapter was on hand to serve in this emergency and assisted in many ways. The above picture shows three members guarding the bridge which was weakened during the flood. Left to right are John Krause; Stephen Horvath, President; and Richard Taylor, Corresponding Secretary.

ENTERTAIN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AT STEVENS



Theta Alpha Chapter was recently host to 700 high school students when they visited Stevens Institute of Technology, Hoboken, New Jersey. The scene of the above picture is the 100-year-old Castle Stevens, historic mansion on the campus located on the shore of the Hudson River opposite Manhattan Island. Two men of the chapter in the lower right are Thomas Rapoza, then a pledge, and Howard Schneier, Vice President. Other members registered the guests and helped arrange tours of the Stevens laboratories and classrooms. Other groups taking part in this student operated visitation included the Stevens unit of the Air Force ROTC, whose members donned their uniforms and served as guides.

The program included demonstrations, talks and exhibits and those attending represented more than ninety high schools in the New York-New Jersey-Connecticut area. The primary purpose of the visit, said Dr. Jess H. Davis, President of the Institute, was "to give high school juniors and seniors who are considering engineering as a career an opportunity to learn more about the process of engineering education."

In the field of electronics the visitors saw a new electronic computer, electron microscopes and devices to analyze chemical compounds. They also witnessed experiments in chemistry, physics, metallurgy and demonstrations of various engineering techniques.

Following the tours, the visitors assembled at Mott Field House on the Stevens campus where refreshments were served. Exhibits outlining the extracurricular program of clubs, sports, and other student activities were on display at the field house. Alpha Phi Omega rendered splendid service in this event.

Polio Drive

At A & T College of North Carolina, KAPPA PSI CHAPTER is conducting a very successful drive for the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. They expect to top last year's total of \$700.00.

ALPHA PHI OMEGA AS SEEN BY A FACULTY ADVISOR

By Prof. Harry L. Rice

Chairman of Advisory Committee, Alpha Theta Chapter
University of Omaha

In Alpha Phi Omega I see a group of young Americans dedicated to ideals which have made our country great: Leadership, Friendship and Service. It is refreshing to work with young men willing to give of their time, their energy, their blood, and their money in the service of their school, community and nation. When so many people are primarily interested in material gain, it is inspiring to find young men of greater vision who realize that the life of the spirit is most important. As long as young men continue to band together for the purpose of carrying out the Scout Oath and Law in their daily life, we can defeat those forces which try to undermine our American way of life. *Long Live Alpha Phi Omega!*

Tree Labeling

An excellent project of GAMMA IOTA CHAPTER this past Fall was the labeling of some two hundred trees and shrubs on the *Brooklyn College* campus. The labels show both the common and Latin names of each species. This project was suggested by Dr. Carl L. Withner of the Department of Biology, a former president of Alpha Alpha Chapter at the University of Illinois who is now a faculty advisor of Gamma Iota Chapter. Members heading the committee in charge are Karl Bernstein and Larry LeShay.



By Joseph Scanlon

1. What is a Chapter Calendar?
2. Is it important to have such a calendar?
3. What is its purpose?
4. How is it prepared?
5. How far in advance should the events be scheduled?
6. Can other events be added after the calendar has been prepared?
7. Should the calendar be published?

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CAMP STAFF POSITIONS IN SUMMER BOY SCOUT CAMPS

Many local councils of the Boy Scouts of America are seeking applicants for staff positions in their summer camps. The jobs available at this time should be filled by the end of May. If you are interested, consult your local Boy Scout office in your home town or college town. Applications may also be secured from the National Council, Boy Scouts of America, New Brunswick, New Jersey.

Several hundred college men and teachers will have the opportunity to serve on the staffs of summer camps throughout the United States.

Experience in camping as a Scout or Scout Leader is preferred; however, special training in administration, accounting, aquatics, and medical work, or some program specialization may qualify a man without camping background for a specialized position.

Period of employment in Scout camps varies between four and nine weeks, including a pre-camp training period.

There are also a limited number of highly desirable positions open for college men of strong Scouting background at Philmont Scout Ranch, Cimarron, New Mexico, and at Schiff Scout Reservation, Mendham, New Jersey. These jobs would be of particular interest to men who are planning to pursue a professional career in Scouting.

If you are interested in applying for a summer camp job, ask your council office for an application, or write to Division of Personnel, Boy Scouts of America, New Brunswick, New Jersey.

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be a great moral support to this hard hit couple of cultured background. They still live in an emergency shelter which is only very primitively furnished but which they keep clean and tidy."

It was on the basis of the need described in the above paragraph that Epsilon Epsilon Chapter accepted sponsorship of Monika.

The following is a translation of a letter which our chapter received from Jacqueline Cuvillier, dated October 7, 1954:

"Bagnolet, 7 October

"Dear Sponsor:

I am sending you this letter to tell you that I thank you with all my heart for the package you sent, which was wonderful to receive. I have been back in school since 17 September, but I had no sooner got back to school than I had to have my tonsils and adenoids out, and my brother, too. But I'm well again now—it's over. Now I'm going to work hard in school to make a good record. I'll close by sending you a big hug from your little one, who again says, "Thank you!"

"Love,
"Jacqueline."

(And from her mother):

"Sir, we thank you very much for all the things you are sending our little Jacqueline. Our sincere gratitude goes to you."

"Mme. Cuvillier."

Every day letters arrive at the SCF headquarters from all parts of the world attesting to the supreme value of the sponsorship of needy children abroad. From a fourth grade pupil in school in Korfini, Greece, came this message of thanks: "I am writing a few words to express my great love for the gifts you sent us. I am sure God must have helped me because Easter was coming and I didn't have any shoes to wear to church. I received a pair of woolen trousers, shoes, a sweater and stockings. I was so pleased with the shoes that I took them to bed with me."

The men of Epsilon Epsilon Chapter have a great feeling of satisfaction at being able to be of service to our fellowmen in this way. We are all proud and at the same time sincere in being able to sponsor children through the Save the Children Federation by means of income from our very successful Ugly Man Contest.

We heartily recommend the Federation as an excellent agency through which your chapter may wish to contribute for the benefit of needy children.

THE CONVENTION STORY

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with beautiful clarity and simplicity called the Scout Law. A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, reverent . . . and what magnificent rules they are—not only for boys but for you and for me and for all the world to live by. You will find no better guideposts anywhere.

"Face the future unafraid. The next twenty-five years will be trying ones but they will be great ones, too. Follow the Scout Law and no man will have a richer life."

LEGISLATION

The convention enacted several changes in the National Constitution and By-Laws. The official wording will appear in the next printing of the constitution, but presented here is a summary of the legislation adopted:

Article IV, Section 1 of the National Constitution was changed to add six more members to the National Executive Board. This now provides for twenty-one elective members of the board, plus five elective officers, all past national presidents, three appointive officers and one ex-officio board member.

A section was added to Article III of the National By-Laws to read: "Each chapter must mail pledge applications and pledge fees to the National Office within three days after the pledge ceremony is conducted. Each chapter must mail active applications and initiation fees to the National Office ten days before conducting the initiation ceremony, indicating the date set for the ceremony, and receive the identification cards in advance to be presented in the ritual. Any initiation conducted without such advance registration shall be considered null and void."

By vote of the delegates, the above regulation concerning advance registration became effective February 1, 1955. It enables chapters to give new members their identification cards as tangible evidence of membership at the time the ritual is conducted. It calls for business-like handling of registrations and gives the chapter treasurer a definite reason to require that all pledges complete their obligations in full within adequate time before the date of the initiation.

Several changes and clarifications

were made by vote of the delegates concerning alumni chapter functioning. The purposes of alumni chapters were defined as (1) to continue the threefold program of Leadership, Friendship and Service in the adult civic, business and social world in which our members have graduated, (2) to stimulate and extend the program of Alpha Phi Omega, and (3) to promote the alumni program and to encourage the activities of alumni chapters. A national annual fee of \$50.00 to be paid by each alumni chapter was adopted in place of the previous annual fee of \$2.00 for each participating member of each alumni chapter.

A list of information required for petitioning for an alumni chapter was adopted providing for more thorough knowledge of each new group than had been required in the past. The delegates also voted to require each alumni chapter to submit an annual report of its activities to the National Third Vice President and stipulated

that the lack of such report or reports deemed unsatisfactory by the National Alumni Committee for two consecutive years would be cause for revoking an alumni chapter's charter.

NEXT CONVENTION IN LOS ANGELES

Upon receiving the report of the Time and Place Committee, discussion was held as to a location for the 1956 National Convention and the delegates voted to hold the next convention in Los Angeles, California. The date was not immediately decided, but will be voted upon by the National Executive Board after consideration is given to available facilities.

All changes in the National Constitution and By-Laws will be published in the next editions of the Pledge Manual and the Manual of Administration.

NEW OFFICERS

Brother M. R. Disborough was elected as new National President. (see cover and page six). He assumed the gavel with humility and yet with determination and desire to build our fraternity to new heights during his administration. The new national officers and re-elected treasurer include:

National President—M. R. Disborough, Louisville, Kentucky.

National First Vice President—George F. Cahill, Cincinnati, Ohio.

National Second Vice President—Irwin H. Gerst, Hawthorne, Calif.

National Third Vice President—E. Ross Forman, Philadelphia, Pa.

National Treasurer — Joseph Scanlon, Yakima, Washington.

Past National Presidents who by constitutional provision have lifetime membership on the National Executive Board are:

Frank R. Horton, Bangor, Pennsylvania.

Dr. H. Roe Bartle, Kansas City, Missouri.

Dean Arno Nowotny, Austin, Texas.

Prof. Daniel Den Uyl, West Lafayette, Indiana.

New members elected to the National Executive Board to fill expirations and other vacancies and six newly established board memberships include:

Manfred O. Aws, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Prof. Robert J. Bradshaw, Jr., Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Benjamin F. Fay, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Dr. Lawrence L. Hirsch, Chicago, Illinois.

Stephen J. Horvath, DeKalb, Illinois.
Stanley Levington, Ruleville, Mississippi.

Rev. Robert J. Payne, Cos Cob, Connecticut.

Dr. Max A. Schneider, Buffalo, New York.

James W. Thomas, Arcadia, California.

Joe Paul Tupin, Austin, Texas.

Members of the board who were re-elected at this convention are:

Dr. R. H. Bolyard, Lafayette, Louisiana.

Dr. Henry Miller, New York, New York.

Harold F. Pote, New Brunswick, New Jersey.

William S. Roth, Raleigh, North Carolina.

Board members previously elected whose terms continue are:

Prof. Harry C. Barnett, East Lansing, Michigan.

Dr. Glenn R. Barr, Oxford, Ohio.

Joseph A. Brunton, Jr., New Brunswick, New Jersey.

C. J. Carlson, Riverside, California.

James G. Evans, Niceville, Florida.

Rev. John J. Higgins, S.J., East St. Louis, Illinois.

Prof. Kent D. Shaffer, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Dr. Ray O. Wyland, Tujunga, California.

Appointments made by the new National President include A. G. Spizirri as new National Editor; George H. Charno, reappointed as National Legal Counselor, and Sidney B. North reappointed as National Secretary.

The convention was concluded by a very inspiring address by Dean Arno Nowotny, Past National President, on the subject of "Alpha Phi Omega Looks to the Future" and the installation of officers by Dr. Ray O. Wyland.

This Thirteenth National Convention was one of the biggest and best in the history of our brotherhood. It brought inspiration, knowledge and stimulation for further action and progress in our nation-wide program of Leadership, Friendship and Service.

Begin Planning Now for Your Chapter to Be Represented at the 1956 National Convention

Now is the time to start accumulating a convention fund in your chapter so you can be sure of sending delegates to Los Angeles for the Fourteenth National Convention of Alpha Phi Omega.

Some chapters set aside a portion of individuals' dues each semester for convention purposes . . . others use earnings from certain money-making activities to help send delegates. Start your 1956 Convention Fund now!

Answers to APO Quiz for January

1. The Chapter Calendar is a schedule of events—a list of service projects, regular meetings, rush meetings, pledging ceremony, initiation ceremony, banquet, etc., which the chapter intends to carry out in the ensuing period.
2. Yes. A Chapter Calendar is important. It gives members and advisors opportunity to plan ahead to participate in chapter activities.
3. It helps provide for advance planning of projects and other events. It sets forth a schedule of chapter operation. It cannot always be followed explicitly as circumstances may make changes necessary, but it is a guide and a helpful schedule.
4. A calendar is set up by the Executive Committee and offered for vote of the chapter, using past activities as a basis and adding other events.
5. It is recommended the calendar be prepared for one semester or one quarter; however, some traditional projects can be scheduled a year ahead.
6. Yes. Other projects which come up after the calendar has been prepared can be inserted by action of the chapter.
7. Yes. One of the values of the calendar is to give each member and pledge access to it. Sufficient copies should be prepared by mimeograph or other process.

BULLETIN BOARD

INSIGNIA

Alpha Phi Omega pins and keys are still available at pre-war prices, and our jeweler has continued to maintain our high standard of quality.

Orders should be placed early for delivery before the close of the Spring term. Each order should be made out on an official order blank.

To help insure prompt delivery of insignia, be sure each member for whom an order is sent is a registered member of your chapter. Each order is checked before shipment to make sure the recipient is in good standing.

Order blanks are available from the National Office.

PROJECTS

Here are some suggested projects for the Spring months:

An egg hunt for children is always an enjoyable and beneficial project at Eastertime, for children of an orphan's home or other group.

The sale of Easter Seals will help the National Society for Crippled Children.

The Ugly Man Contest is a very popular APO project for raising money for a benevolent cause.

Chapter assistance at a Scout Camporee can be very useful.

Campus clean-up and beautification is another good project for Spring.

EXTENSION

At the recent National Convention the delegates were enthusiastic about prospects for extending Alpha Phi Omega to additional colleges and universities. Numerous delegates indicated there were neighboring colleges in which they could give assistance toward forming chapters. Such personal contacts offer the very best way to build our fraternity.

Is there another accredited college near yours in which your chapter could help form a new chapter?

You will enjoy helping spread AΦΩ to another college. Try it!

REGISTRATIONS

Convention legislation, previously reported to all chapters, established a new regulation requiring that in the future active registrations must be sent to the National Office before the ceremony is held so identification cards can be received in time to be presented in the ritual. This new plan will benefit your chapter. It enables you to put registrations on a business-like basis and add to the impressiveness of the ritual by having credentials ready to give to each new member.

Plan ahead. Set the date for your next ceremony so applications can be sent to the office in advance.