

Alpha Phi Omega's

TORCH AND TREFOIL



It's a Wise Chapter . . .



. . . that follows these guide-posts to steady growth and achievement:

First, continue to give first attention to war-service projects—activities which are helpful to the war effort and will directly speed victory.

Second, proceed with campus projects in service to the student body and faculty, and render all possible cooperation to the local Scout council.

Third, be sure all chapter meetings are snappy and interesting.

Fourth, put plenty of fun into the chapter program by including parties, dances and outings for members, pledges and guests.

Fifth, continue a strong rushing program to insure a steady flow of new members into the fraternity. (Rushing NOW to increase your chapter manpower before the end of this term is highly important. Men initiated this spring will have much to do with the success of your chapter during the summer and next fall.)

Sixth, use the committee system to get things done with the least amount of time.

Seventh, maintain a full advisory committee consisting of five or more faculty advisors and two or more Scouting advisors.

Eighth, plan now to keep the chapter activities going continuously during the forthcoming summer and begin outlining fall objectives.

Ninth, publish a newsletter for the brothers who have gone into active service with the armed forces, or use other means of keeping those brothers informed of the chapter's progress. They are eager for this news!

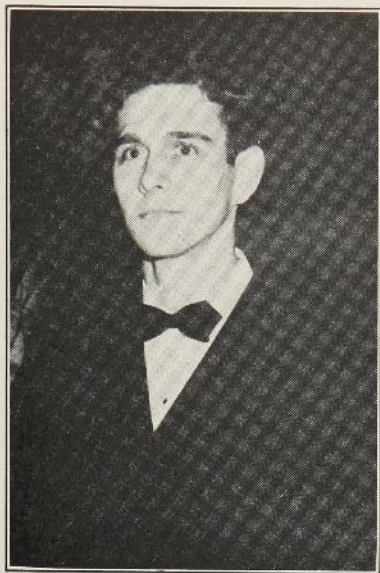
Tenth, keep in close contact with the national office and make full use of the printed materials and other aids which are made available by the national executive board.

(Measure your chapter by this ten-point standard, and determine to strengthen any weak points and maintain full efficiency in the months ahead.)

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MAN OF THE MONTH



Joe W. McDade

A two-term president of Beta Phi Chapter, Brother Joe's leadership has greatly popularized and advanced the work of Alpha Phi Omega on the campus of Southwestern Louisiana Institute. During his presidency two very successful sessions of the "original" Victory Ball were held, making a fine increase in the veterans' educational scholarship fund being built up by the chapter.

Joe is president of the SLI chapter of Sigma Pi Alpha and also serves on the student council and as associate editor of the "Vermilion," college weekly. Under his leadership an exchange of letters from brothers in the service was established and all letters the chapter receives from service brothers are reproduced and sent out to all other brothers, an activity which is highly appreciated by the fellows "out yonder."

He is an active participant in intra-mural track and baseball.

He was initiated into Alpha Phi Omega December 5, 1942, and served as alumni secretary before being elected to the presidency in May, 1943.

In June, Joe will enter training at Loyola University in New Orleans to become a Navy dentist.

The TORCH AND TREFOIL congratulates Brother Joe McDade upon his outstanding record of leadership and service in Beta Phi Chapter.

TORCH and TREFOIL

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An Open Letter to All Members
from the National President

My dear Brothers:

I earnestly call your attention to the interesting chapter news appearing in this issue. A wide variety of worthwhile projects are reported, and steady membership growth is in evidence. The courageous manner in which our chapters are forging ahead despite wartime difficulties spells a strong and aggressive future for Alpha Phi Omega. Our program of Leadership, Friendship and Service is achieving lasting success, and our present activities will be a sound foundation for future expansion.

You will be happy to know that a group of men at Drury College, Springfield, Missouri, have made application for a new chapter of our fraternity. When officially approved and chartered, this will be our 100th chapter. Think of it—a fraternity of 100 chapters built in the short period of eighteen years, yes and through the depths of depression, recession and war. This strong and rapid growth is a real tribute to the values of our brotherhood.

I commend to all chapters the ten-point analysis on the front page of this issue. I hope your chapter will use it as a check-chart, and study point-by-point just how you can improve your activities for the remainder of this spring term, for the summer term and for next fall.

All power to your chapter as you "carry on"!

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

National President.

CLIMAXING DEPAUW'S 1944 BRIDGE TOURNAMENT



Snappier than usual was this year's bridge tournament at DePauw University, an annual event sponsored by Alpha Upsilon Chapter of APO. The above picture, taken in the campus hang-out, shows (left to right), Vernon Pitcher, projects chairman of the chapter; Chuck Kneupples and Al Emery, winners of the tournament; and Bill North, chapter president. The contest arouses campus-wide interest each year.

The Biggest and Best Gremlin

By

Lt. Thomas V. Waber

*First Overseas Processing Squadron, AACS
Former Publicity Chairman of Beta Beta Chapter*

Brother Tom served very effectively as head of the publicity committee of Beta Beta Chapter while attending Michigan State College, and is a fine example of the interested alumni of our fraternity who are now serving around the globe.

There are nostalgic hours that an "oldtimer" comes across, now and then, while daydreaming of past years with the finest fraternity ever conceived. And the urge to say something comes along, too, some few words that will express our conviction that bonds formed in Alpha Phi Omega are indissoluble. So will you excuse an alumnus his rambling sentiments and give a patient stare at all this?

First, a personal note. My job deals with airways communication—the pilot's friend and guide around the world—his American buddy across thousands of strange miles. It goes without saying that radio is perhaps the most exciting and fascinating phase of modern communications, but in our group here we have a doubly proud crew because we are teamed up with the world's most capable fliers . . . a long line of heroes (heroes not on occasion but men whose grit and skill are one hundred percent at every lifting of the landing gear.) They daily challenge two enemies—an army of the elements that battle for sky supremacy as well as hostile aircraft and salvos of rocket flak. Our privilege is to guide them off the runways, keep them supplied with all essential information while aloft, point out "home" to them at the mission's end.

My interest in this field is a natural outgrowth of a broadcasting background during college days and afterwards till my draft number said, "Now take your turn." Actually (and you may arch your eyebrows if you please), my brothers, Scouting and Alpha Phi Omega led me into the radio profession. It had never received serious consideration from this would-be journalist until my chapter, Alpha Alpha at the University of Illinois, decided to dramatize Scouting through the



The Author

medium of radio plays. The radio gremlin captured me.

Speaking of the radio gremlin, say, there's another sly fellow who swung his lasso simultaneously. He has three aliases—Alpha, Phi and Omega. Before paying tribute to His Nibs, though, a word about Scouting relative to military life.

As many of you suspect and most of us in the Army know, the woodlore we learned as boys is of the greatest tangible benefit. There are intangibles such as initiative, leadership, sound moral fibre, and so on, but they're self-evident. Interestingly enough, it's my observation that those ignorant of campcraft have a tendency to give up—grumbling about the inconveniences, almost sulking until they catch up in ingenuity and confidence with their ex-Scout compatriots. Being unafraid of nature is important—unafraid from the standpoint of knowing that her ways will see you through a crisis.

In a larger sense, going at cross-purposes to natural law, which is as honestly open-faced as the sun itself, is a cause of war. Food for thought, anyway. But here, let's get back to Alpha Phi Omega.

I had intended to immerse you in my own APO philosophy but, after all, each of us prefers to bask in his own theories. All right, go ahead and bask. I'll just skip to the point of confluence of our whole fraternity.

To you who are privileged to continue useful studies as civilians or as specialized Army and Navy trainees, this common ground isn't washed away by the miles and years. You'll discover from month to month in Torch and Trefoil that APO's in the service or elsewhere are living up to their pledge.

We scan those pages for reasons distinctively our own . . . to discover how the newcomers in the chapters are keeping the program going ingeniously and strongly. Never before have so few been able to do so much for so many in the field of unselfish service.

We don't scoff at the efforts of Joe College A. D. 1944, nor long for the good old days, whenever they may have been. Why? Because no projects have been so discouragingly difficult as yours today. There's the problem of budgeting time. And it is a matter of budgeting. Don't let any moaner say that your chapter is too busy with individual problems to render service during wartime. You can shame that fellow by asking how he thinks we manage to wage a war at all . . . or write articles in the midst of a night and day schedule.

We have confidence in you . . . once Alpha Phi Omega's gremlin ropes you in, well, no use trying to escape feeling the same lifetime pride that we do in being his servant. Right now, while aircraft sustain the battle, while we sustain the pilots, won't you sustain our hopes for a bright fraternal future? Keep up the king-size effort on your many helpful projects—prove to every member who is away in the service and to the nation as a whole that, war or peace, Alpha Phi Omega is still the most determinedly successful band of two-fisted fellows ever established.

BETA ETA CHAPTER FINGERPRINTS THE SORORITY GIRLS AT UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI



Bill Walker, president of Beta Eta Chapter of APO, is shown here at work taking the fingerprints of girls of the Kappa Alpha Theta house at the University of Missouri. (Nice work if you can get it!) This was the first of a series of visits to sorority houses to record prints for the civilian FBI files at Washington. The project was started at the request of civilian defense officials.

GAMMA NU CHAPTER GIVES BOOKS FOR SOLDIERS



Books gathered during the campus-wide and city-wide drive conducted by Gamma Nu Chapter at the University of Idaho are shown here being loaded into an Army truck to be put to GI use. In the foreground (in civvies) is Brother Dick Lavine, chapter president. Brother Bob Eikum was chairman of the project.

PROMOTE THE SALE OF WAR BONDS AND
STAMPS ON YOUR CAMPUS. LET'S BACK
OUR BROTHERS WITH BULLETS.

DePauw University's President Compliments Alpha Phi Omega

"I was pleased to be chosen recently as an honorary member of Alpha Phi Omega. I have always deeply appreciated the constructive attitude the fraternity has taken toward community life at DePauw. This has been one of our most constructive and helpful organizations, and I can understand why now that I have been initiated into the ideals of the fraternity. We have always had a strong chapter of Alpha Phi Omega on the DePauw campus and I am glad to be a part of it."

—Dr. Clyde E. Wildman, President,
DePauw University

WE POINT WITH PRIDE

Dean Amos W. Ford, senior faculty advisor of Gamma Tau Chapter at Louisiana Tech, has recently been awarded the Silver Beaver for distinguished service to boyhood through the Boy Scouts of America.

Brother Roland Liebenow of Beta Theta Chapter, University of Wisconsin, has been elected to Phi Kappa Phi, national scholastic honorary organization.

Pvt. George Roth from Gamma Iota Chapter is editor of "The Field Jacket", the bi-weekly publication of civilian and ASTP students at Randolph-Macon College.

Brothers elected to the 1944 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities" include Bob Stillinger, Idaho, Prince Brigham and George Colom, Miami, and Donald E. Thomas and Donald E. Brewer, Purdue.

Brother Charles Ohms of Gamma Nu Chapter is editor of the Idaho Engineer this semester.

Brother Bruce Duke of Gamma Beta Chapter is now the Junior class president of San Jose State College.

SPRING TIME IS T-SHIRT TIME

T-Shirts bearing the crest of APO are again available and may be ordered from the Bailey and Himes Company, Champaign, Illinois. The price is \$7.20 a dozen. Sizes are small, medium and large.

THE HUMOR CORNER



Captain, may I send these German souvenirs back to the folks?



MICHIGAN STATE

"After several months of inactivity caused by the departure of most of our members last spring, Beta Beta Chapter is again 'awake' and is proceeding on an active basis here at Michigan State. We have pledged seven new men, all swell fellows, who are to be initiated into active membership March 7. One of the pledges has already been assigned chairmanship of our annual use-the-walks campaign, another pledge is making plans to aid the local Scouts in swimming and life-saving. Much of the success of our reorganization is due to the efforts of our former Senior Faculty Advisor, Dr. Harry S. Barnett, whose advice and determination helped us through a very trying period. Our new Senior Faculty Advisor, Prof. Lewis, is a great help to us now."

—Lester Shelden, Secretary.

GEORGIA TECH

"Our meeting on March 9 to proceed with the reorganization of Gamma Zeta Chapter was very successful, and we plan to pledge about twenty new men in the next two weeks."

—Fred Dietz, AS, USNR, Secretary.

SAN DIEGO STATE

"We have found that the special folder entitled 'Wartime Membership in Alpha Phi Omega' with its statement by President Barile is valuable in our contacts with prospective pledges. As soon as our new men are pledged, we hope to get a blood donors campaign under way."

—George Hayler, President.

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

"We have three main projects under way at the present time, two for service and one for our own pleasure. The first is a paper salvage drive, the second the production of a campus map under direction of our vice-president, John Von Berg, and the third is a chapter dance to be held at the local Scout cabin."

—Frank Mahan, Jr., President.

CENTRAL MISSOURI STC

"On Sunday afternoon, March 12, eight new members were initiated into Beta Kappa Chapter at a special meeting held in the Administration Building of the college. Our college president, George W. Diemer, participated in the ceremony along with Dr. William F. Knox, senior faculty advisor; Dr. Lester I. Tavel, national executive board member; Sidney B. North, national secretary and Brothers Dick Gredell and Larry Jaben of Kansas City University. At the beginning of our new term March 6 we distributed survey cards to the new Navy trainees and have located sixty-five new men who expressed an interest in joining our fraternity."

—Warren Stark, AS, USNR, President.

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

Our chapter has started a new project at the request of the University War Council, that of collecting waste paper. We have placed it on a competitive basis, with the various rooming houses, fraternities and sororities competing for recognition. We expect the campaign to be a great success."

—John Blumenfeld, Corres. Secretary.

ALABAMA TECH

"Our chapter held a fine dance March 18 at Scout Lodge. At present our membership numbers 16 actives and 17 pledges. We are continuing to work on our bicycle trail."

—Ara John Nigolian, Corres. Secretary.

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

"Our work in conducting the recent sweetheart election required 16 men per hour for five hours on two mornings. We made a success of this project with only 55 members available to work on it. We initiated 21 new members in February."

—Grover C. Kenyan, AS, USNR, Secretary.

BETA MU CHAPTER BROTHER RECEIVES AIR MEDAL



Captain Paul G. Jameson

Serving in the seventh air force, Brother Paul G. Jameson of William Jewell College has received the Air Medal for exceptionally meritorious service in five combat missions in the Southwest Pacific. He is also holder of the Purple Heart for wounds received in the Aleutians. He was president of Beta Mu Chapter of Alpha Phi Omega in 1941 and enlisted for air training in January, 1942. We extend congratulations to Paul upon his outstanding contribution toward victory.

TEXAS TECH

"Our new president, Marshall Rhea, I believe will carry Beta Sigma on to a more successful chapter than it has ever been in the past. He is a hard working, likeable, driving and conscientious brother. I have extreme confidence in his ability. Supported and advised by Dean James G. Allen, Beta Sigma's greatest asset, I feel confident that Beta Sigma will continue to grow under Brother Rhea's leadership. In my opinion the entire success that Beta Sigma has obtained on Texas Tech's campus has been largely due to the untiring and unselfish devotion of Dean Allen to Alpha Phi Omega and to the young men who associate themselves with it."

—J. Fike Godfrey, Past President.

WESTMINSTER COLLEGE

"Beta Xi's flag pole project is rapidly nearing completion. We expect to raise the pole on Saturday, March 18. Brother Harold Brill conceived the idea of purchasing and erecting the pole and to him is due most of the credit for this project. We have started our drive for new pledges from the ranks of the new V-12 trainees that entered Westminster this semester and are expecting to pledge about twenty men."

—Fred Nordengren, AS, USNR, President.

CCNY

"Gamma Delta's service program is off to a big start this term and we will handle the Dean's reception for freshmen on February 26. We have also made plans for conducting the Red Cross War Fund Drive on the campus in conjunction with the national campaign. We have a big pledge drive under way after making a poll of the freshmen who are eligible for membership. Our rush smoker is to be held March 10 and we expect a good turn out."

—Stanley Ferber, Treasurer.

NORTH TEXAS STATE

"Our recent rush smoker went off in fine order and we have sent pledge bids to twenty men. They constitute the cream of the male enrollment of the campus, and with these new men added to our chapter manpower we should really make progress this spring. We have several projects in mind including a student blood bank and cleaning the trophies of the college."

—Conner Harrington, President.

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

"Alpha Alpha Chapter has resumed its broadcasting activities with a bimonthly edition of 'The Scouting Bulletin of the Air' in the interest of the local Scout council. Also we recently directed some seventy Scouts in charge of ushering at the Illinois State Basketball tournament attended by about eight thousand fans."

—Willis E. Snow, President.

QUEENS COLLEGE

"We have a fine group of pledges and things look bright for a good year here. Brother Joel Smith is making an excellent president, getting results in an efficient and popular way."

—Dr. Henry S. Miller,
Senior Faculty Advisor.

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI TEACHERS

The all-school election to fill vacancies created in student offices at the end of the winter semester will be conducted by Alpha Phi Omega, national service fraternity, March 24.

—News item from the
"Capaha Arrow."

BROOKLYN COLLEGE

"As always, Gamma Iota Chapter has conducted the annual Red Cross drive on the campus of Brooklyn College. This year the drive was the most successful ever. We are now in the midst of pledging activities and have a good number of men who have shown their desire to affiliate. This month several of our brothers will leave for the Armed Forces, but those who are staying behind are striving to make our chapter better than ever so the brothers in the service will have a truly great chapter when they come home."

Edw. J. Kliegman, Treasurer.

SANTA BARBARA STATE

"After several months of inactivity in Psi Chapter our faculty sponsor, Professor Clyde Keener, and I have decided the chapter should be reorganized so when the brothers in the armed forces return they will find a smooth-running organization. There are quite a few fellows on the campus who are former Scouts and we plan to call a meeting very soon."

—Robert C. Smitheram, Jr.,
Acting President.

BROOKLYN COLLEGE

"Every brother of Gamma Iota Chapter is helping with the Brooklyn College War Activities and is instrumental in the success of every project."

—Ira Wollen, Director of War Activities,
Brooklyn College.

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

"The projects that we have planned for the next three weeks include management of the intra-mural fite-nite program, the annual sweetheart election for the Texas Round-up, the spring election of student officers, in addition to our regular ushering and guide service. These projects are overlapping and are taxing our manpower to the limit. We are expecting to get about 30 pledges lined up to help on the elections."

—Grover C. Kenyan, AS, USNR,
Secretary.

PURDUE UNIVERSITY

"Alpha Gamma Chapter is now making plans for a complete survey of the Navy V-12 personnel on the Purdue campus as a means of locating eligible new men for membership. Approximately 1000 of the survey cards furnished by our national office will be distributed."

—Richard Brill, Secretary.

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

"Phi Chapter held a pledging ceremony March 22 for four new men, all outstanding fellows."

—Roger Williams, Jr.,
Vice President.

INDIANA STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE

"On March 22 a meeting of sixteen men was held to reorganize Beta Lambda Chapter which had been inactive for several months. We expect to double that number at our next meeting. The first project we are undertaking is to secure blood donors on the campus for the Red Cross Mobile Unit which will be in Terre Haute early in April."

—Dan Orcuiler, AS, USNR,
Reorganization Chairman.

MISSOURI SCHOOL OF MINES

"We are getting our 'Keep Off the Grass' campaign under steam, and following the Easter season we intend to assist the Methodist minister here in organizing a new Scout Troop."

—Glenn E. Dean, Secretary.

SAN DIEGO STATE

"Four new men were pledged in Alpha Delta Chapter on March 22."

—Walter H. Schneider, Secretary.

MILWAUKEE STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE

"Our members recently put over a very successful war bond rally on the campus."

George Stagg, President.

WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

"An enthusiastic reorganization meeting was held in Alpha Phi Chapter March 22 in which the members, pledges and advisors present voted unanimously to continue the chapter on an active basis. New officers were elected and definite assignments were made regarding rushing and projects. The new officers who have officially taken over their responsibilities include Richard Halteman, president; George Kawakami, vice president; and George Trigg, secretary-treasurer. The new senior faculty advisor, Mr. Kettlekamp, has started his job in a sound and enthusiastic manner. He is thoroughly familiar with the work of APO, having been a member of this chapter while a student on the campus several years ago. With the work of the new officers and the cooperation of the new advisor, it appears that Alpha Phi Chapter has a bright future."

—Donald M. Higgins, Scouting Advisor.

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS COLLEGE

"Our chapter has adopted the 'continuous pledging' plan as a means of steadily building up our membership this spring. We have set a goal of reaching nine new pledges which would give us a total manpower of twenty-five men. An extensive plan for our Red Cross drive has been formulated and we feel it will be highly successful."

—Lewis Rusoff, President.

TWO LOUISIANA BROTHERS ARE KILLED IN TRAINING CRASHES



James H. Fortson

Brother "Jerry" was a charter member and first secretary of Gamma Upsilon Chapter of APO at Tulane University. His work contributed greatly to the founding of his chapter. He was killed last January 16 in a plane crash when returning from a night training mission at Ellington Field, Houston, Texas. He was to have received his pilot's wings on February 5. This worthy brother knew the meaning of true service and put it into practice in a very strong and effective way.



George A. Gray

Brother George was finishing his basic training as a pilot in the Army Air Corps at Malden Air Base, Malden, Missouri, when he was killed in a crash which occurred February 20. He first became affiliated with APO as a charter member of Gamma Tau Chapter at Louisiana Tech, and later transferred to Louisiana State University where he became president of Alpha Epsilon Chapter. His enthusiasm for unselfish service will be a lasting inspiration to all who knew him.

KIRKSVILLE COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHY

"Excellent response was received at our rush meeting on February 24 and we are now assured of reaching our goal of thirteen new men this spring to give us a total membership in Alpha Omega Chapter of forty men. This will be 25% of the entire enrollment of the school. We recently installed two coke machines for the convenience of the students and also operate a candy, peanut and cigarette machine. The profits from these will be used to further the work of our chapter. Last semester we purchased some leaded gloves and aprons, for the x-ray department in addition to conducting regular physical examinations for Scouts, ushering at school functions, sponsoring Red Cross activities and selling student loan fund stamps."

—*Sherman Sparks, President.*

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI TEACHERS

"In view of the turn-over of men in the Navy V-12 program here, our chapter decided at our regular executive meeting February 13 to conduct a special rush program to insure continued maintenance of our activities on the campus. We are arranging a complete survey of all men on the campus using the special cards from the national office."

—*William R. Marsh, Secretary.*

PARK COLLEGE

"We have established three regulations for pledging of V-12 men in Iota Chapter this spring. First, the candidates must have at least one more semester in college after the present semester is completed. Second, they must have qualities which indicate they will stay in the V-12 program. Third, they must have a deep interest in the work of Alpha Phi Omega. A full staff of committees have been appointed as described in the Pledge Manual and we have made up a calendar of our project, pledging and social programs for this term."

—*Gordon Stewart, AS, USNR, President.*

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

"Five new men were initiated into active membership in Beta Iota Chapter on March 24 and four additional new men have been pledged. We are now securing a new meeting room which should be a real asset to our organization."

—*Chet Kaminester, President.*

CENTRAL MISSOURI STATE

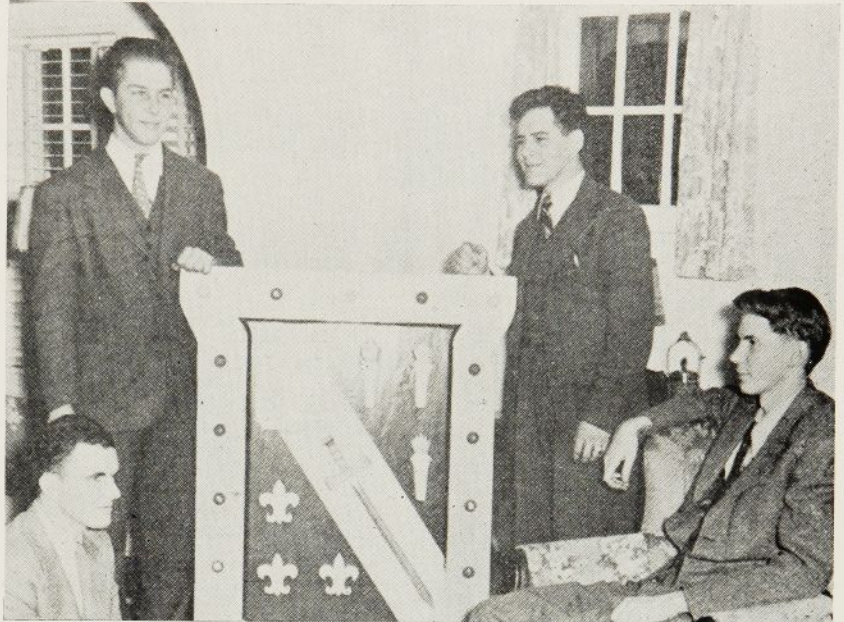
"A dance to earn money for the Red Cross war fund was recently sponsored by Beta Kappa Chapter and the proceeds donated to the current campaign."

—*Warren Stark, AS, USNR, President.*

UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI

"Projects now underway in Alpha Pi Chapter include publication of the student directory, distributing handbooks to freshmen, construction of concrete benches for student use on the campus, and keeping care of the bulletin boards which is one of our oldest projects. Our plans for the future include control of posters in the elections at the end of this trimester, and doing something about the out-dated faculty directory in the rotunda. Other minor matters we are discussing include more landscaping, and publicizing the scientific work going on at the university."

—*Herbert Horton, President.*

THESE BROTHERS LEAD BETA MU CHAPTER TO VICTORY IN WAR BOND CONTEST

In a student contest at Southwest Missouri State Teachers College in connection with the fourth war loan drive, Alpha Phi Omega members secured total pledges amounting to \$254,925 to top all organizations. Leaders in the drive, shown above left to right, were Leland Wetzel, past president; Leonard Ernstman, president; Wayne Bradley, vice president; and Byron Maine, secretary. Pretty Miss Martha Lou Gillespie, the chapter's candidate for bond queen, was crowned by Professor James W. Shannon, senior faculty advisor, during the intermission at the bond campaign dance. The shield shown in the picture is part of the insignia used by Beta Mu Chapter and was made by Brother Ernest Dehoney, charter member, who gave his life in the early part of the war while serving at sea in the Naval air force.

THE MARCH OF DIMES AT KANSAS CITY UNIVERSITY

Alpha Eta Chapter sponsored the March of Dimes at KCU last January as a contribution to the national infantile paralysis fund. Shown in this picture are (left to right) Brothers Larry Jaben, Jack School and Suds Mouri starting the drive. The cans on the table are labeled for use by the various campus organizations.

Remember, *Increased Manpower and Increased Service* are the "success twins" in Alpha Phi Omega.



T/3 Glenn Turner (Lambda)
On Duty in New Guinea

Writes:

"I can honestly say that the training I received while in Alpha Phi Omega was the best I have ever had and is helping me in these present days. In the year I served as president of one of our oldest chapters I learned a lot of things that I am now able to put into practice. Cooperation is the key to success in whatever projects we undertake whether in the Army or civilian life."

Pfc. Louis J. Torres (Beta Gamma)
ASTP, City College of New York

Writes:

"For the past few months I have been receiving TORCH AND TREFOIL through my home and have enjoyed reading it. It keeps alive many memories of college days which in turn remind me of the many opportunities to practice Scouting and APO principles even though the world is not now normal."

Pfc. Dave Jacobs (Alpha Alpha)
A.A.F. Flexible Gunnery School
Yuma, Arizona

Writes:

"I just received the latest TORCH AND TREFOIL from home today and it reminded me of something I have wanted to do for quite some time. I would like to apply for active life membership in APO. I am quite a distance from old Illinois but am still interested in the welfare of our fraternity."

A/C R. G. Anderson (Beta Theta)
Lubbock Army Air Field

Writes:

"This air force is a nifty outfit."

Cpl. H. Mac Moore (Gamma Zeta)
Camp Crowder, Missouri

Writes:

"I think of Alpha Phi Omega a lot and am keeping in contact with several of the fellows who were in Gamma Zeta Chapter last year. Jim Sturrock and Charles Shepherd have been commissioned in the Army and Bill Kouns in the Navy. Rupert Barnett is in the ASTP at Nebraska University while Bill Bennett is still with the TVA in Tennessee. I am now in the Central Signal Corps School here in Camp Crowder and hope to be ready to go overseas soon."

Ens. Roy Shapiro, USNR, (Upsilon)
Hollywood, Florida

Writes:

"I find Navy life most interesting and will heartily recommend it to all interested parties. Best wishes to all our brothers in APO."

Pvt. Gene L. Norman (Alpha Alpha)
Fort Bragg, North Carolina

Writes:

"One of the most pleasant surprises that has come to this G. I. in quite some time was the receiving of the February issue of TORCH AND TREFOIL at this post. I am glad to see that the good work of APO is being carried high on all chapter fronts. I have met many brothers from various chapters since entering the service and hope to meet many more. I am interested in life membership as I know APO will be bigger and better after the war."

C. J. Mullen, Jr., H. A. 1/c (Phi)
U.S.N.T.S.

Sampson, New York

Writes:

"I really appreciate the TORCH AND TREFOIL which I am receiving here at Sampson via home, while in basic training. It means a lot to us fellows in the service because it keeps us in contact with the activities of our chapters and fraternity brothers."

Pfc. George H. Jones (Alpha Eta)
Army Air Base
Salt Lake City, Utah

Writes:

"Received my copy of the TORCH AND TREFOIL the other day and enjoyed it very much. Of course I'll be glad when I can get back to Kansas City and start working again actively in APO. From the looks of reports in our magazine the men of Alpha Eta Chapter are now scattered all over the globe."

Pfc. Claude J. Rayburn (Beta Epsilon)
In the South Pacific

Writes:

"I have just received my November TORCH AND TREFOIL and was very glad to get it and hear of the chapter activities. It is fine that the fraternity is still going strong."

Sgt. Joseph Plonski (Gamma Omicron)
Camp Mackall, North Carolina

Writes:

"The battle of today may be one of blood and steel, but the battle of democratic education, of ideas and ideals, is the one that will, in the end, mean lasting victory or defeat."

Lt. Robert C. Hull (Lambda)
In England

Writes:

"May I take this opportunity to wish continued progress in the fine work which Alpha Phi Omega is doing."

Pvt. E. S. Carman (Gamma Beta)
Camp Laguna, Arizona

Writes:

"The latest TORCH AND TREFOIL just reached me after being forwarded from Arkansas. It's sure swell to hear about what the fellows are doing and that practically all of the chapters are carrying on despite the manpower situation. News of some of the Brothers from Gamma Beta that you may not have heard: Tom Hosley is in Midshipman School at Columbia University, New York. Dean Thompson is in the Naval Air Corps program at Norman, Oklahoma, as is Ed Hadley, who has just been transferred from Kerreville, Texas. Loren Smith has about a week of Field Artillery O.C.S. left at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma. Warren Hageman is just finishing his second term in ASPT at Golden, Colorado. Bruce Duke, the only remaining member at San Jose, is junior class president. These are the brothers I have heard from lately."

Pvt. Robert F. Jesness (Gamma Psi)
Camp Cooke, California

Writes:

"After finishing Army Administration School at Washington and Jefferson College I have been assigned to this post. How is APO getting along?"

Pfc. A. H. Gladden (Gamma Upsilon)

Writes:

"After a month in the hospital with scarlet fever I am feeling much better now and hope to get out soon. Hope everything is moving along OK in APO."

Robert T. Peake, AS, V-12
(Alpha Eta and Iota)

Charleston Navy Yard

Writes:

"I am working in the supply department here and like the new set-up fine. However, Charleston is a rather queer place. The homes are interesting because they are built wall-to-wall and up next to the sidewalk with no front yards. The downtown section consists of one main street about a mile long. The Navy yard offers lots of amusement and recreation including movies, bowling alleys, gymnasium, indoor and outdoor swimming pools and dancing facilities. The weather is wonderful."

Clinton M. DeWolfe, AS, USNR
(Beta Sigma)

Arlington, Texas

Writes:

"I have recently arrived here in the V-12 program and regret I cannot continue for the present an active part in the greatest and fastest growing fraternity."